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Dear friends and colleagues,

We are pleased to present the second newsletter of the Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry at Tel-Aviv University. This newsletter covers the Center's activities from fall 2012 until January 2014. During the past year and a half the Kantor Center has been extremely active. We continued to realize the goals set in our Mission Statement, and broaden and strengthen the cooperation with a wide range of colleagues and institutes both in Israel and abroad.

Our newsletter offers the complete activities' list initiated and carried out by the Center. Therefore let us highlight a few of the major ones that represent the three main areas of our work: Demography and the quest for identity among Jewish European communities; legislation against discrimination; and the monitoring and analyzing of antisemitism worldwide.

– A semester-long seminar on “Disappearing and Developing Jewish Identities”; a conference on “The Role of Israel in the Shaping of Contemporary Jewish Identity”, a three-day conference on “German Jewry Today”, and a collection of the papers presented, both in cooperation with the Potsdam University; and research applications focusing on migration and demography – all explored this field of research.

– Two volumes of the “Legislating for Equality” series are already in print, Europe (2012) and the Americas (2013), and two more volumes are on their way. The first two volumes were presented in a festive evening at TAU in the presence of distinguished personalities, supported by **Dr. Josef Bollag**. UNESCO's Director General, **Mme. Irina Bokova**, kindly sent a special letter for the occasion.

Laws and legislation against antisemitism and Holocaust Denial were compiled and printed in a

booklet, prepared especially for Dr. Kantor's 60th birthday, and has already proven to be quite helpful in improving the current legal situation.

– The monitoring and the analyzing of antisemitism resulted in a press conference held a day before Holocaust Memorial Day, marked in Israel in 2013; in topical briefs; and in materials sent to parliamentarians on a regular basis. In addition, a report of trends was presented to the Israeli government on the International Holocaust Memorial Day: the year 2013 proved to be not an easy one in regards to antisemitic expressions and incidents.

We, the Center's staff, carry out this work with a sense of deep commitment. Our objectives are to provide an academic address to those dealing with issues central to the Jewish people in general, and to European communities in particular; to make an important research contribution to Tel Aviv University, as well as to the academic community in Israel and abroad; and to foster the excellent working relations that exist among us.

On the eve of the Center's fourth year of activity, we look back with modest satisfaction, and forward, with hope and gratitude. We wish to thank all those who have lent us a helping hand: TAU President **Prof. Yoseph Klafter**, Rector **Prof. Aron Shai** and Dean of Humanities, **Prof. Eyal Zisser**; **Dr. Axel Stawski** for having generously supported our biennial international seminar.

UNESCO Director General **Ms. Irina Bokova**; members of our Board, and of the academic and legal boards that include two Supreme Court judges, **Justice Daphne Barak-Erez** and **Justice Elyakim Rubinstein**; **Ms. Orna Cohen**, TAU's spokeswoman; **Ms. Liora Shani**, head of the events department of Beit Hatfutsot - Museum of the Jewish People; **Ms. Raya Kalenova** and her daughter **Ariella**, who run the EJC office in Brussels; and the friends who contributed to the “Antisemitism per country research” (for a list see p. 5); and our many partners, colleagues and supporters in Israel and abroad.

Special thanks go to **Dr. Moshe Kantor**, President of the European Jewish Congress, and **Adv. Arie Zuckerman**, Secretary General of the European Jewish Fund, for their ongoing trust and support.

With warm wishes,

Dina Porat

Mission Statement

Contemporary European Jewry represents a fascinating and dynamic phenomenon, necessitating in-depth academic research in order to become better acquainted with its communities, and with various aspects of Jewish life in Europe.

The Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry, inaugurated in May 2010 at Tel Aviv University, provides an academic framework for the interdisciplinary research of European Jewry from the end of World War II until the present day.

The Center offers a platform for the diverse needs of researchers, students, governmental and civil service

personnel, professionals, activists, and the public at large, both in Israel and abroad, and cooperates with European Jewish communities and their leaders.

The Center initiates, encourages and coordinates research projects, conferences, seminars and publications in the following areas:

- Historical and sociological processes and their ramifications on issues such as identity, education, demography and communal organization of European Jewry;
- Mutual contacts between European Jewish communities and their leaders vis-à-vis local societies, and with other minority and religious groups, in the political and cultural context;
- Preserving national memory, Jewish identity and the Jewish communal legacy, and analyzing their implications for the present.
- Worldwide legislation and enforcement in the promotion of minority rights, non-discrimination, and against racism, hate crimes, hate speech, antisemitism, and Holocaust denial;
- Finally, enhancing the diverse work of the Moshe Kantor Database for the Study of Antisemitism and Racism (that cooperates with the Ze'ev Vered Desk for the Study of Tolerance and Intolerance in the Middle East, within the Stephan Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism), and holding an annual press conference presenting the situation of antisemitism worldwide.



Prof. Dina Porat and Dr. Moshe Kantor



Photo of the Old Jewish Town Hall clocks in Prague. The clock with Hebrew letters signifies the Jewish time, while the clock above it has Roman numerals and signifies the general time – of which the Jewish time is a part.

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Staff and Board

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The Kantor Center works in cooperation with **Dr. Esther Webman**, head of the Zeev Vered Desk for the Study of Tolerance and Intolerance in the Middle East.

Interns and Volunteers

- **Idit Deutch**, law student
- **Ran Aharon Levi**, doctoral student
- **Fanny Englard**
- **Yemima Silverman**
- **Nesia Hordes**

Visiting Interns

Since January 2011 the Kantor Center has hosted over twenty interns from western and central Europe. The interns engage in the study and monitoring of antisemitism and racism, under the guidance of **Sarah Rembiszewski**. Many of them are students active in the struggle against bigotry and discrimination in their home countries.

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Antisemitism and the Jewish People – per Country Contributors

- **The NaDaV Foundation** (Jewish Peoplehood)
- **In memory of the late Joan and Jaime Constantiner** (Mexico)
- **The Ganan-Gertner Fund** (Ukraine)
- **Dr. Edward Komberg** (Holocaust denial)
- **The Jacob and Vladislava Moskovich Fund** (Poland)
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- **Mrs. Celia and Mr. Jack Michonik** (Latin America)
- **Mrs. Anna and Mr. Sigi Siegreich** (Australia)
- **Mrs. Ruta Zandman and the late Dr. Felix Zandman** (USA)
- **The Yitzhak Artzi Fund**, initiated by the late Dan David (Romania)
- **Mr. Alan Silberstein** (Legislation against Antisemitism)

Ph.D./Post-Doctoral Scholarship Students – 2012/2014

- **Sina Arnold**, Doctoral Student, Technische Universität Berlin
- **Edna Herlinger**, Doctoral Student, University of Frankfurt/Main
- **Doris Maja Krüger**, Doctoral Student, Free University of Berlin
- **Antonia Nicola Schmidt**, Doctoral Student, University of Potsdam
- **Ilka Schroeder**, Doctoral Student, Technische Universität Berlin
- **Kim Robin Stoller**, Doctoral Student, University of Munich
- **Julia Eksner**, Postdoc, Free University of Berlin
- **Isabel Enzenbach**, Postdoc, Technische Universität Berlin
- **Günther Jikeli**, Postdoc, Technische Universität Berlin

The PhD fellows and doctoral students provided the Center's staff with lectures presenting their research projects, followed by a lively discussion among the participants.



Visit of the staff and PHD students from Germany to Yad Vashem

Seminars

Jews and Judaism in Europe: Disappearing and Developing Identities

For the third consecutive year, the Kantor Center held an interdisciplinary and international seminar series, in cooperation with Beit Hatfutsot, dealing with various aspects of Jewish life and Jewish identities in Europe. The seminars are coordinated by **Dr. Haim Fireberg**.

During 2012/2013, the seminar lecturers presented topics pertaining to the Jewish communities' quest to preserve and shape a modern Jewish identity. The following lectures were given during 2012-2013:

- **Dr. Laurence Weinbaum** (World Jewish Congress), *Jewish Culture without Jews – Krakow, Poland as a Case Study*

- **Prof. Mordechai Altshuler** (Emeritus – Hebrew University), *“Nevertheless” – the Synagogue and the Existence of Jewish Life in the Soviet Union*
- **Dr. Zeev Hanin** (Bar Ilan University and Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption), *From the Caucasus to the Waltz: The Forging of a New Jewish Diaspora in Vienna*
- **Prof. Minna Rosen** (Haifa University), *Balkan and Turkish Jewry Following the 21st Century Dissolution of Empires and Political Blocs*
- **Prof. Michael Corinaldi** (Netanya Academic College) – *The Jewish Identity of Marranos and Other Concealed Jews*

Conferences and Symposiums

From Rejection to Acceptance - to Be Jewish in 21st Century Germany, February 2012

The international conference on German Jewry, in cooperation with the Moses Mendelssohn Centre and Beit Hatfutsot, took place on 10-12 February, 2012 at Beit Hatfutsot, Tel Aviv University. The sessions were devoted to the following topics: The achievements and challenges of the Jewish community in Germany today;

consequences of Jewish demographic changes; Jewish identities; Jewish culture and sub-cultures; German-Israeli relationship; antisemitism and attitudes towards 'the other'.

Prof. Julius H. Schoeps (MMZ, Potsdam University), **H.E. Mr. Andreas Michaelis**, German Ambassador to Israel, and **Dr. Zsuzsa Breier** (The Hessian Secretary of State for European Affairs) were among the event's many distinguished speakers.

Annual Press Conference on Antisemitism Worldwide, April 2013

The annual press conference was held at Tel Aviv University on 7 April 2013, in cooperation with the European Jewish Congress. **Dr. Moshe Kantor** opened the event. **Dr. Roni Stauber** and **Dr. Haim Fireberg** presented the latest statistics and figures, noting that the year 2012 was marked by “a considerable escalation in the level of violent and vandalistic acts against Jewish individuals, sites and private property. In-your-face harassment, directed mainly against visible Jews, continues to be a troubling phenomenon, particularly in Western Europe, North America and Australia. The rise in numbers of violent and vandalistic acts follows two years in which the figures declined considerably after the peak of 2009.”

The Antisemitism Worldwide annual reports may be downloaded via the Kantor Center website.

Annual Memorial Day Conferences, April 2013: Evening commemorating 70 Years since the Arrival of the “Tehran Children” & Conference following Yad Vashem’s “Collecting the Pieces”



The evening symposium on the Tehran Children was held on 8 April 2013, in cooperation with the Alfred P. Slaner Chair in Antisemitism and Racism, Beit Hatfutsot and Yad Vashem. The film “The Children’s Odyssey” was screened, to a packed auditorium, followed by a panel discussion hosted by historian **Neomi Izhar**, and participants including **Haim Erez** (Ret. Major General), **Lydia Granot**, **Rachel Gera** and **Alex Giladi**.

The conference was held on 9 April 2013, in

cooperation with Beit Hatfutsot and Yad Vashem. The conference presented Yad Vashem’s national campaign to save personal belongings from the period of the Holocaust, as well as Beit Hatfutsot’s databases and film reservoirs pertaining to pre-Holocaust World Jewry.

The Alfred P. Slaner Chair is sponsored by **Ruta Zandman and the late Dr. Felix Zandman**.



A picture from the invitation to the 70th Anniversary of the Tehran Children conference

The Roots of Antisemitism and its Contemporary Manifestations, April 2013



A weekend seminar was held on the weekend of 19-20 April, at Kibbutz *Maale Hachamisha*, and featured lectures on various aspects of the contemporary



manifestations of Antisemitism. Prof. Dina Porat was the seminar’s academic advisor, and the Kantor Center researchers delivered all the lectures.

Legislating for Equality and Non-Discrimination, Celebrating Human Rights Day, December 2013

The symposium was held on 12 December 2013, in celebration of International Human Rights Day and the launching of the publication “Legislating for Equality – a Multinational Collection of Non-Discrimination Norms”. **Prof. Joseph Klafter**, TAU President, **Adv. Arie Zuckerman**, Secretary General, European Jewish Fund, offered greetings. **Prof. Daphne Barak-Erez**, Honorable Supreme Court Justice, delivered the keynote lecture on “The Three Branches of Equality: Promoting Equality through Legislation”. **Prof. Dina Porat** was the chairperson.

Ministry of Justice, **Mrs. Tzipi Livni**, was scheduled to speak during the event, but cancelled due to a last-minute visit from US Secretary of State John Kerry.

The event was supported by **Dr. iur. Josef Bollag**, Switzerland.



Prof. Joseph Klafter



Adv. Arie Zuckerman



Prof. Daphne Barak-Erez, Supreme Court Justice



Message from Mme. Bokova

Israel and Jewish Peoplehood, December 2013

The Kantor Center organized a symposium, which took place on 24 December 2013, at Beit Hatfutsot. The conference was devoted to “Israel and Jewish Peoplehood: The Role of Israel in the Shaping of Contemporary Jewish Identity”, and was co-sponsored by Beit Hatfutsot and the Nadav Foundation. The sessions discussed topics such as “past and present of Jewish peoplehood”, “Israeli Jewishness”, “the interaction among Israel and the Diaspora” and “the future of Jewish identity”.



Dr. Haim Fireberg

Supporting and Cooperating with Other Institutes and Centers

Wiener Lectures Series

The Wiener Lecture Series, organized and coordinated by **Dr. Roni Stauber**, are conducted in cooperation with the Minerva Institute for German History and the Sourasky Central Library.

A. The Nazi Regime between Ideology and its Implementation, 2012-2013



Dr. Roni Stauber

The 2012-2013 lectures, marking the 80th Anniversary of the Rise of the Nazi Party to Power in Germany. Among the lecturers were **Prof. Shulamit Volkov**, **Dr. Jurgen Matthaus**, **Prof. Yehuda Bauer** and **Prof. Moshe Zimmerman**.

B. World War I and its Impact - on the 100th Anniversary of the Outbreak of the Great War, 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 lectures are devoted to World War I and its impact, and among the noted lectures are **Prof. Shlomo Avineri**, **Prof. Shulamit Volkov** and **Prof. Moshe Zimmerman**.



Prof. Shlomo Avineri, TAU Rector Prof. Aron Shai, Dr. Roni Stauber

Holocaust Education among Arabs and Muslims – Challenges and Hopes, January 2013

On 29 January, the Zeev Vered Desk for the Study of Tolerance and Intolerance in the Middle East, headed by **Dr. Esther Webman**, together with the Center and the Stephen Roth Institute, held the Zeev Vered third annual symposium.



Speakers: Nazier Magally (Nazareth), Dr. Esther Webman and Abdellah Benhssi (Morocco)

Honoring the Memory of Pope John XXIII – The Shoah, the Jewish People and the State of Israel, April 2013

The international conference was held on 29 April, in cooperation with the Center in *Mishkenot Shaananim*, Jerusalem, and covered topics such as: “Roncalli and the Shoah”, “Roncalli and the Establishment of the State of Israel”, “John XXIII, Vatican II and Nostra Aetate”, and “The Legacy of John XXIII for Catholic-Jewish Relations – Europe & the World”.

The Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism, May 2013

On 28-30 May 2013 the Center’s staff participated in the 4th International Conference of the Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism, organized by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prof. Dina Porat and Adv. Talia Naamat co-chaired the “Law, Legislation and Enforcement Group”.

The 16th World Congress of Jewish Studies, August 2013



During the congress, which took place in Jerusalem on 29 July – 1 August, the Center held a plenary session on “Antisemitism in Recent Decades: Research, Ideology and Politics”. The session included **Prof. Dina Porat**, **Dr. Haim Fireberg**, **Dr. Roni Stauber**, **Dr. Raphael Vago**, and **Dr. Esther Webman**.

Autonomous Histories and Studies of the Holocaust, November 2013



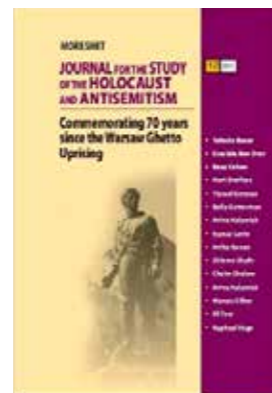
Dr. Raphael Vago

An international conference was held on 3-5 November on “Autonomous Histories and Studies of the Holocaust” in cooperation with the Wiener Library, Minerva Institute for German History, the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (Israel).

La Presence de la Shoah et d'Israel dans la Pensee Contemporaine, October 2013

The Kantor Center supported the international conference hosted by the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center, held on 29-31 October 2013. The conference was organized in cooperation with **Prof. Michel Gad Wolkowicz** from Paris. Prof. Porat was also part of the conference's steering committee

Symposium Launching Yalkut Moreshet's Edition Commemorating “70 Years since the Ghetto Warsaw Uprising”, December 2013



The symposium was held on 18 December 2013 to launch the double editions (English and Hebrew) of Yalkut Moreshet which include new research on the Jewish resistance movement in general and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in particular. The event was dedicated to the late **Prof. Israel Guttman**, who passed away a few months before the event. Guttman was among the fighters in Warsaw Ghetto and later became the chief historian of Yad Vashem. The Center and the Alfred P. Slaner Chair support the publication of the Yalkut.

Upcoming Events

The Dreyfus Affair – Contemporary Lessons, March 2014



An international conference will be held on 11 March 2014, in cooperation with TAU's Department of French Studies, the Kantor Center, the French Embassy in Israel, and the Sorbonne University. The conference is also supported by the Fondation pour la Memoire de la Shoah.

The conference will complement and coincide with the exhibition “The Dreyfus Affair: an Open Case” at Beit Hatfutsot, which opens on 10 March, 2014. The conference will re-examine the notion of “engagement” as it is reflected in and after the trial, through the choices and actions of major and minor players; and the consequences and influences in art and politics, national and international fields, learned in France and Israel.

Marking the 70th Anniversary of the German Invasion to Hungary

A symposium will be held on 19 March 2014 at the Cymbalista Synagogue and Jewish Heritage Center, marking the 70th Anniversary of the German Invasion to Hungary and the resistance of Jewish youth movements.

The Ambassador of Hungary in Israel, H.E. Andor Nagy, and the Chairman of Yad Vashem, Mr. Avner Shalev, among others, will speak and participate in the event.

Jewish Communities in Central Europe, October 2015

The conference, devoted to issues pertaining to the Jewish communities in Central Europe, will be held in Prague in 2015, in cooperation with the Charles Prague University.

Research Projects, Proposals and Publications

On Jewish and Non-Jewish Immigration, Identity Definitions and Social Adaptations in Europe since 1960

The proposed research objectives are to examine the social, cultural, demographic, economic and political processes that led to the integration of Jewish immigrant groups into the general social fabric in several European countries from the 1960s until today. Lastly, a comparative study may offer the Jewish experience as a useful case-study and paradigm for broader integration processes in Europe.

This proposal serves as a matrix for future grant applications.

Aging Process of Jewish Populations in Europe and New Jewish Poverty in Europe

The Center plans to undertake comparative research on Jewish populations' aging and on new poverty niches in the periphery of European communities. The necessary surveys will be carried out in cooperation with the local Jewish communities and with regional Jewish organizations.

Jewish and Israeli Immigrants in European Capitals: Acculturation, Ethnic Identity and Trans-nationalism

A comparative study on the patterns of social, economic and cultural integration processes among Jewish groups. The research is conducted by **Prof. Lilach Lev-Ari**, **Dr. Haim Fireberg** and **Adrian Gruszniowski** (MA)

EJC's European Jewish Congress's "Working Together for a Brighter Future" Book

Adrian Gruszniowski, researcher at the Kantor Center, reviewed and edited the texts provided by the

various Jewish communities. The materials were then compiled in the European Jewish Congress's book presenting all the European Jewish communities.

Jewish-Muslim Relations in Contemporary Europe: Identity, Integration and Coexistence

This research focuses on the manner in which Jews and Muslims in Scandinavia, Germany and the UK have created a balance between integration into European society on the one hand and safeguarding their distinct identities on the other. The research also examines their mutual relations in this process.

The research is conducted by **Dr. Mikael Shinkman**, research fellow at the Kantor Center.

Moshe Kantor Database for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism

The database's activities are coordinated by **Sarah Rembiszewski**, and the staff engages in the following:

- Monitors antisemitism and racism worldwide and operates an extensive database;
- Prepares an annual report and analysis on antisemitism and racism worldwide traditionally presented at an annual press conference before Holocaust Memorial Day;
- Undertakes research projects related to aspects of antisemitic and racist manifestations;
- **Irena Cantorovich** is the coordinator of a bi-monthly bulletin highlighting events, conferences, new books, articles and debates on antisemitism, racism and Holocaust denial and other activities of the Center.

Antisemitism Worldwide, 2013 – Main Trends

The Kantor Center submitted to the Ministry of Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs its initial analysis on the situation of worldwide antisemitism in 2013.

On 26 January 2014, during a special Government session commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day, in which **Prof. Dina Porat** took part, **Minister Naftali Bennett** presented the Center's findings to the Government.

Position Papers on Antisemitism and Racism

Dr. Mikael Shinkman coordinates a forum published on a bi-monthly basis for short studies on current issues pertaining to antisemitism, racism and related themes. The papers are authored by the Center's research fellows, as well as experts in these fields worldwide. The papers are posted on the Center's website and circulated to the Center's subscribers.

Legislating for Equality, Vol. II: Americas A Multinational Collection of Non-Discrimination Norms, edited by Talia Naamat, Nina Osin and Dina Porat



The Center's team completed the second volume of the publication *Legislating for Equality – a Multinational Collection of Non-Discrimination Norms*, published in June 2013 by Brill Publishing House, under the imprint of Martinus Nijhoff Publishers. The publication was endorsed by UNESCO, and the Director General, **Ms. Irina Bokova**, provided a foreword.

Publication of *Volume III: Africa* is planned for 2014, and *Volume IV: Asia and Oceania* for 2015.

Sending Materials to the UN'S Special Rapporteur

On 30 May 2013 the Center sent an abstract of the annual report on antisemitism and the Europe volume of *Legislating for Equality* to the United Nations' Special Rapporteur on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, in preparation of the Secretary General's annual report.

Sending Materials to Parliamentarians

The Kantor Center Database updates the parliamentarians worldwide on a quarterly basis, about antisemitic incidents, in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee and the Inter-Parliamentary Coalition Combating Antisemitism.

German Jewry Today – Collection of Essays

The Center will publish a collection of essays, together with Potsdam University, on German Jewry Today, based on the papers presented during the conference on Contemporary German Jewry held in Tel Aviv University in 2013.

Booklet on Laws Prohibiting Holocaust Denial and Antisemitism

As distinctive legislation against antisemitism is the exception in the corpus of laws and conventions against discrimination and/or racism of most countries and often considered as controversial, the Kantor Center decided to publish the booklet "Legislating against Antisemitism and Holocaust denial" as an updated reference for researchers and decision makers. The booklet was prepared by **Adv. Talia Naamat** and **Ms. Idit Deutch**. It may be downloaded via the Kantor Center website.



Staff News

- **Prof. Dina Porat** was awarded the 2012 Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Medal on 6 December 2012, along with Prof. Haim Avni, and Max Grunberg and the City of Eilat. Prof. Porat was also included in The Marker Magazine's List in 2013 of Fifty Sharpest Minds of Israeli Academia.

Prof. Porat participated in the International Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremonies in 2013 and 2014 held by the European Parliament and the EJC, together with other Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, at the European Parliament HQ, Brussels.

She was also invited to Riga, Latvia, to speak on "Wallenberg: the Making of a Hero: Circumstances and Personality," at a conference organized by the Swedish, Hungarian and Israeli embassies; and to the University of Latvia to speak on "Who is a Righteous of the Nations?" Both events, were held in the framework of Wallenberg's 100th birthday.

On 4 March 2013, Prof. Porat participated in an event at the municipality of Vienna, Austria, dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the *Anschluss* and the 60th anniversary of Yad Vashem. The event was attended by the presidents of Austria and the Austrian Parliament.



President of Austria (far left, lower row), and the President of the Austrian Parliament (third from right, lower row)

On 29 January 2014 Prof. Porat also attended a conference commemorating International Holocaust Memorial Day, held by the Catholic University of Murcia (South of Spain), and included an exhibition on "The Life of Anne Frank". She gave a lecture on "The Causes of Antisemitism Today".



Inaugurating the Anne Frank Exhibition

- **Dr. Roni Stauber** participated in an international symposium in Yad Vashem on October 2012, marking the publication of the book "The Destruction of the European Jews" by Raul Hilberg. Dr. Stauber gave a lecture on "The Relations between Raoul Hilberg and Phillip Friedman".
- On November 2012, **Dr. Haim Fireberg** participated in a conference organized by the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies in Yarnton Manor, Oxford. The conference asked to formulate a research project on the role of European Jewry in the global Jewish community, in order to provide a scholarly understanding of contemporary Jewish life.

- **Dr. Esther Webman** participated in a conference on "Migration Trends of Jewish People" in Istanbul on 1-4 December 2013, hosted by KADIR HAS University. Dr. Webman's lecture was titled "Patterns of Migration: The Experience of Jews from Arab Lands".
- **Prof. Dina Porat** and **Adrian Gruszniewski** participated in JDC International Center for Community Development's 1st European Think Lab, in Oxford, on 29 September 2013. Prof. Porat provided a lecture on "Analyzing Antisemitism in 2012".
- In December 2013 **Dr. Haim Fireberg** and **Adrian Gruszniewski** participated in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs meeting on the FRA's survey on Antisemitism results, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **Adv. Talia Naamat** was this year's recipient of the Raoul Wallenberg Annual Prize in Human Rights and Holocaust Studies. The event was held on 16 January 2014 at Tel Aviv University. The Swedish Ambassador in Israel **H.E. Carl Magnus Nesser**, **Prof. Raanan Rein**, Vice President of TAU, spoke during the event which was sponsored by Swedish Friends of TAU.



Left to right: H.E. Mr. Carl Magnus Nesser, Prof. Raanan Rein, Ms. Talia Naamat and Prof. Dina Porat

Rosh Hashana at Fanny's, September 2013

When it was suggested to take our Rosh Hashana festivities to Fanny, who was unable to join us for the occasion at the Kantor Center, we were only too eager and thankful for this initiative, as we could not imagine our traditional little party without her.

Fanny England, of the Organisation of former Nazi Prisoners, has been part of, and has actively supported, our work from the very beginning. Since then she has been an inspiration to us and to all those who have the chance to meet her, to learn from her and to assist her in her fight against anti-Semitism, for fostering the memory of the Holocaust and for the existence of the Jewish state. Fanny holds an intensive correspondence with heads of states abroad, especially in Germany, and is frequently asked to be interviewed on TV and radio.

Inaugurating the New Offices of the Moshe Kantor Database, November 2013

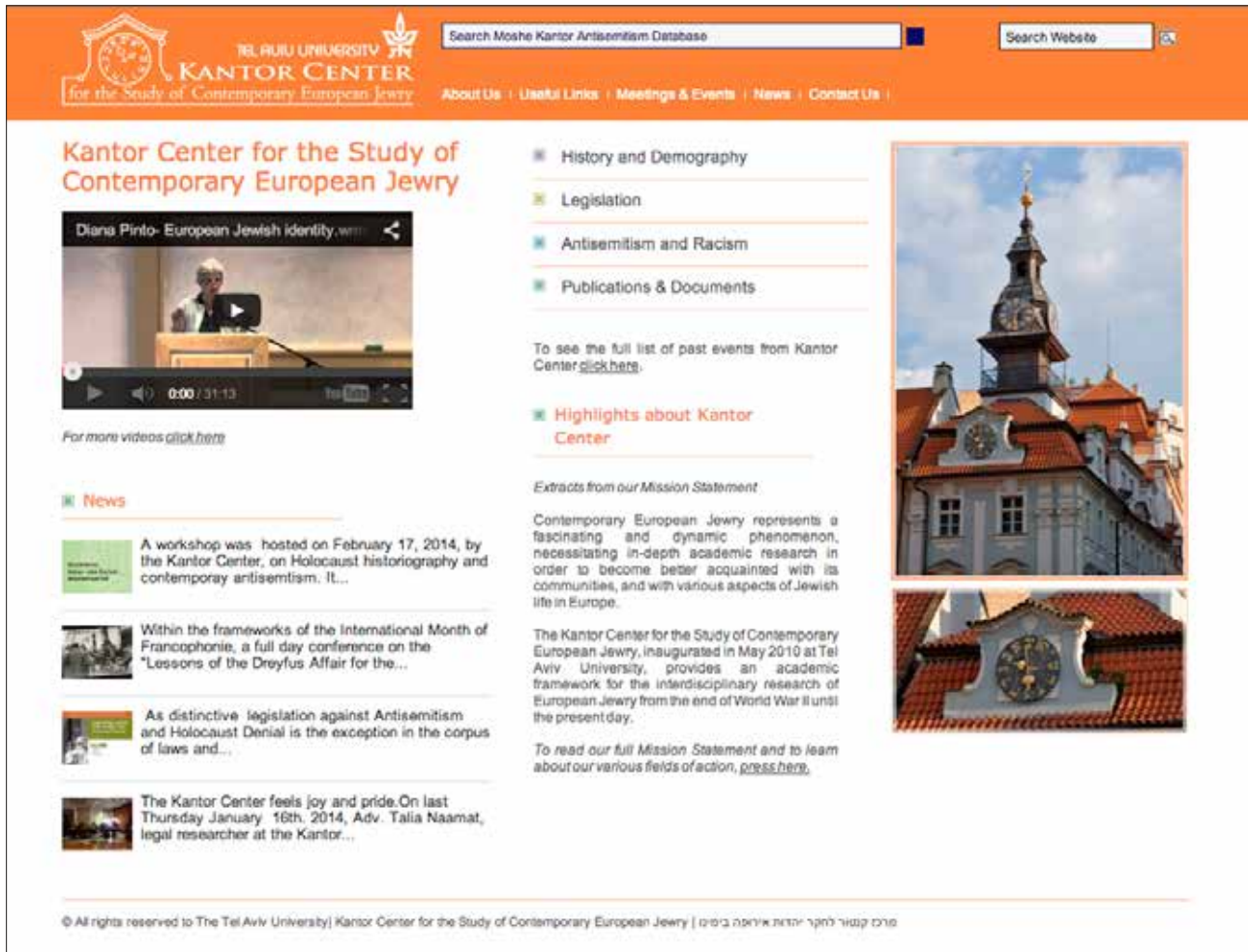
On 27 November 2013, the Center inaugurated the Moshe Kantor Database's new office on the third floor of the Gilman building at Tel Aviv University.



Sarah Rembiszewski and Dr. Mikael Shainkman (top)
Adrian Gruszniewski and Irena Cantorovich (right)
Ronit Greenfeld and Lidia Lerner (left)

Website

The Kantor Center's website reflects and supports its wide range of activities. It offers a portal to the interested academic community and the public at large, as well as to Jewish communities worldwide, on demography, legislation and the study of antisemitism. It aims to be technically advanced, as well as freely accessible and user-friendly.



The Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry

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