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Beyond Internal Paradigms New Perspectives on the Jewish Labor Bund

During the last decade a new generation of researchers from all over the world focused on the history of the Jewish Workers Bund. This generation leaves behind the concentration on internal developments of a party's history and continues to search for interactions and relations.

It stands for a change towards the history of transfers, comparative approaches and the question for a transnational understanding of the Bund. The workshop seeks to nurture dialogue among those who have embarked on study of the Bund in recent years and more experienced scholars by encouraging reconsideration of existing works, and by sparking discussion and debate on the both the utility and the significance of the methodologies, approaches, and sources now in use.

The workshop will take place at the
Jewish Historical Institute, ul. Tłomackie 3/5, Warsaw
May 31 – June 3, 2012

and is open for registered academic audience. Sessions will be held in English.

The associated public lectures are open for the broader public.

These public lectures will be held in English and simultaneously translated into Polish.

For registration send your name, degree and current academic affiliation to secretary@jhi.pl

We welcome audience from all academic backgrounds, including M.A. students and upwards.

The workshop is organized by Freie Universität Berlin and bundism.net in kind cooperation with the Rosa-Luxemburg-Foundation, Warsaw and the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw.

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BEYOND INTERNAL PARADIGMS

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH LABOR BUND

A Workshop for Graduate Students and Junior Scholars, 31.5 – 3.6., Warszawa, Poland
Jewish Historical Institute, ul Tłomackie 3/5, Warszawa

THURSDAY, 31 MAY

- 17:30: opening of registration desk at the Jewish Historical Institute
19:00 **Welcome Address** by the organizers,
19:30 **Keynote Lecture** Ezra Mendelsohn: The History of the Bund Now and Then

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE

- 9:00-9:30 **Opening of the conference**
Gertrud Pickhan (Freie Universität, Berlin), Jack Jacobs (City University New York)
- 9:45-11:00 **PANEL I: PROGRAM MATTERS AND SOCIAL PRACTICES**
- Frank Wolff (IMIS, Osnabrück University): From Vilna to New York and Buenos Aires. The Bundist Doykeyt in the Age of Great Migrations
 - Roni Gechtman (Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax): A Solution that Would Benefit Only the Jews? The Bund's National Program and the East European Nationalities
 - Commentary: Ezra Mendelsohn (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
- 11:15-12:30 **PANEL II: BUNDISM AND EDUCATIONAL WORK**
- Magdalena Kozłowska (Jagiellonian University, Kraków): "In Sunshine and Joy"? - the Story of Medem Sanatorium in Miedzeszyn
 - Yuu Nishimura (Kyoto University): Bundist Educational Activities: Creating "New Culture" and "New People"
 - Commentary: Gertrud Pickhan
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30-16:00 **PANEL III: THE BUND AND THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE**
- Rachel Feinmark (Univ. of Chicago): When 'here' is 'over there': The Jewish Labor Committee, the Bund, and the Preservation of the Jewish Labor Movement in Europe
 - Constance Pâris de Bollardièrre (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris): The Jewish Labor Committee and the Bundist movement in France, 1944-1949
 - Commentary: Jack Jacobs
- 15:45-16:15 coffee break
- 18:00-19:20 **PUBLIC FILM SCREENING:** *Bunda'im* (2012) by Eran Torbiner
Discussion with Eran Torbiner (director) and Yaad Biran
- 19:30 **PUBLIC LECTURE:** Jack Jacobs: The Bund in Vilna in the Inter-War Years

SATURDAY, 2 JUNE

9:30-11:30 PANEL IV: BUNDIST BIOGRAPHIES AS A RESOURCE FOR THE HISTORY OF THE BUND

- Michał Trębacz, (University of Łódź): An archetypal bundist – Israel Lichtenstein, the leader of Łódź’s Bund organization
- Jordana de Bloeme (York University, Toronto): Khayim Shloyme Kazdan and “International Yiddishism”
- Silvia Hansman (IWO, Buenos Aires): Pages from a life history: the radicalization process of Anne Rosenthal
- Commentary: Gertrud Pickhan

11:45–13:00 PANEL V: LOCAL HISTORIES OR CENTRAL ISSUES?

- Sandrine Mayoraz (Basel University): The Jewish Labor Bund in Switzerland
- Agnieszka Wierzcholska (Freie Universität, Berlin): “A Socialist Conscience and a Jewish Heart” – Bund, PPS, and Yiddishkayt from a Microhistorical Perspective
- Commentary: Ezra Mendelsohn

13:00-14:30 lunch break

14:30-16:00 PANEL VI: BUNDIST HISTORY AFTER 1945

- Martyna Rusiniak-Karwat (Warsaw University): The Relationships of Bundists in Poland and Abroad in the Post-War Era: Poland and the United States
- David Slucki (Monash University): The Jewish Labor Bund after 1945: A Reappraisal
- Commentary: Feliks Tych (JHI, Warszawa)

16:00-16:30 coffee break

16:30: RESEARCH ON THE BUND: DIFFERENT GENERATIONS - DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES?

- A Round Table Discussion with Gertrud Pickhan, Jack Jacobs, Ezra Mendelsohn, Feliks Tych, (Introduction: Frank Wolff)

19:00 PUBLIC LECTURE: Feliks Tych: Rosa Luxemburg’s standpoint towards the Bund

SUNDAY, 3 JUNE

10:00-11:30 PUBLIC LECTURE: Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (New York University):
Rising from the Rubble: Creating the Museum of the History of Polish Jews.
An Illustrated Program

11:30 Visit of the monument of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

12:30 Optional: Visit of the Jewish cemetery to pay respect to the fallen Bundists