“Jews in Bulgaria – Bulgarians in Israel”

Monday, 30 April 2018 (15 Iyar, 5778)
Bar-Ilan University
Feldman Auditorium (Building 301)

09:30–10:00  Registration and Refreshments

10:00–11:30  Opening Session
Chair: Dr. Shimon Ohayon, Director of the Dahan Center
Greetings:
Prof. Amnon Albeck, Vice-Rector, Bar-Ilan University
Dr. Dimitar Mihaylov, Bulgarian Ambassador to Israel
Arch. Itzhak Lipovetzky, Association for Israel Bulgarian friendship and cooperation
Lectures:
Prof. Rina Lapidus, Bar-Ilan University
Jews in Bulgaria prior to the Communist Era
Prof. Rumyana Marinova-Christidi, Sofia University
The Jews in Communist Bulgaria

11:30-12:00  Break

12:00-13:30  Second Session: Bulgaria in the 20th century
Chair: Prof. Dov Schwartz, Bar-Ilan University
Dr. Orly C. Meron, Bar-Ilan University
The Jewish-owned Economy in Bulgaria between the World Wars
Dr. Shlomo Shealtiel, Independent researcher
The Jews of Bulgaria 1939-1949: Between the Threat of Annihilation and National Revival
Adv. Aron Pappo, Independent researcher & Publiclist
Bulgarian Jewry during the Holocaust
Dr. Joseph Conforti, University of Haifa
Early Stages of the Zionist Movement in Bulgaria (1896-1918)

13:30-14:30  Lunch break

14:30-16:00  Third Session: Ladino
Chair: Prof. Susie Gross, Bar-Ilan University
Prof. Ora (Rodrigue) Schwarzwald, Bar-Ilan University
The Ladino Haggadah from Sofia 1935
Dr. Mira Cohen Starkman, Bar-Ilan University
Pediatric Medical Literature in Ladino as a Reflection of Social Conflicts among Jews in Bulgaria in the Early 20th Century

16:00-16:30  Break

16:30–18:00  Fourth Session: Archeology and art
Chair: Prof. Joshua Alcoloumbre, Bar-Ilan University
Prof. Emmanuel Moutafov, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences & Prof. Ziv Bat Zion, Haifa University
Bulgarian Pilgrimage and Characteristics of Artistic Development in Christian Orthodox Art in the Holy Land (15th – 19th centuries)
Prof. Fani Gargova, University of Vienna
The Central Synagogue of Sofia and the Modernization of Sofia’s Jews
Prof. Veselka Toncheva, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
The Jews in Bulgaria in the Studies of Bulgarian Ethnomusicologist Nikolay Kaufman
Dr. Michael Halévy, Institute for the History of the Jews in Germany
Bulgarian Jewish Literature as Published in the Juzmo Manuscripts

18:00–19:30  Fifth Session: My Bulgarian story
Chair: Prof. Shmuel Refael, Bar-Ilan University
Ms. Malka Adler, Bar-Ilan University
My Bulgarian Journey
Mr. Yaacov Elad, Salti Institute, Bar-Ilan University
The Jews from Bulgaria in Jaffa – a Community that Built Itself on its Own
Ms. Riva Solomon, Independent Researcher
“The Disgrace of the 20th Century – Zack Levy’s Protest through his Daughter’s Purim Costume at the WIZO Women’s Purim Party in Plovdiv
Dr. Moshe Mossek, SALVADOR – Bulgarian Jewish Heritage
The Mass Immigration from Bulgaria – A Story of Success

19:30-20:30  Artistic Program
Quartet Ermena
And the piper player Kustsdin Atanasov
From the Philip Kutev ensemble, Bulgaria

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