Spirit and Matter: Images of Hasidic Culture in Poland

International Conference and Exhibitions Bracha – A Blessing: Back to Polish Shtetls; Hasidim – Family Book

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 | 22 Heshvan 5780

Building 410, 3rd floor, room 312

10:00-10:45 Greetings [Leiber Gallery, Building 410, ground floor]
Mrs. Joanna Hofman, Director, The Polish Institute in Tel Aviv
Prof. Ilia Rodov, Head of the Department of Jewish Art, Bar-Ilan University

11:00-13:00 First Session: Polish Hasidism: Then and Now
Chair: Dr. Zvi Orgad
Prof. Marcin Wodzinski, University of Wrocław, Spirit, Matter, and Numbers: Quantitative Perspective on Hasidism
Mgr. Magdalena Zatorska, Warsaw University, Local Responses to the Recent Development of Hasidic Pilgrimages to Poland and Ukraine
Dr. Uriel Gellman, Bar-Ilan University, Gravitation to Holy Graves: The Practise of Prostration in Hasidism

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Second Session: Polish Hasidism: Material and Visual
Chair: Prof. Moshe Rosman
Prof. Maya Balakirsky Katz, Bar-Ilan University, Hasidic Holocaust Memory and Photography
Prof. Michał Galas, Jagiellonian University, Exhibitions on Hasidism in Poland in 2005-2019. What We Can Learn From?
Dr. Batsheva Goldman-Ida, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Images of Hasids in 19th Century Ritual Art

16:00-17:30 Keynote
Prof. Rachel Elior, Hebrew University, On Being and Nothingness in the Life of Polish Hasids

17:45-18:30 Opening of the Exhibition and Gallery Talk [Leiber Gallery]
Ms. Agnieszka Traczewska, Photography Exhibitions Bracha – A Blessing: Back to Polish Shtetls Hasidim – Family Book

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