

International  
conference

**JEWS OF EAST-CENTRAL  
EUROPE AFTER  
THE CATASTROPHE:**

The Multiplicity of Experiences,  
1945–1956

MARCH 27 – 28, 2023, LVIV

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**Organizer:** Ukrainian Association for Jewish Studies

**Venue:** Center for Urban History of East Central Europe,  
6 Bohomoltsia Street

# MARCH 27

**11:00** Registration & welcome coffee

**12:00** **OPENING WORDS**

**Vitaly Chernoiivanenko** (*Ukrainian Association for Jewish Studies,  
Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine*)

**Elisabeth Hollender** (*European Association for Jewish Studies*)

**Maryana Mazurak** (*Center for Urban History of East Central Europe*)

**12:30–13:30** **KEYNOTE LECTURE I**

**Tamás Stark** (*Institute of History, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary*)  
Holocaust Memorialization at the Crossroads

**13:30** Lunch

**15:00–17:00** **PANEL I**

Chair: **Frank Grüner**

**Natalia Aleksion** (*University of Florida, USA*)

Sex, Gratitude, and White Lies: Jewish and Non-Jewish Relationships  
in the Aftermath of the Holocaust

**Carol Mann** (*Université Paris 8, France*)

Idealism Betrayed: Communist Jewish Women Facing Post-War  
Antisemitism in the Eastern Bloc

**Marta Havryshko** (*Basel University, Switzerland*)

Rape and Justice: Female Holocaust Survivors in War Crimes Trials  
in Soviet Ukraine

**17:00** Coffee break

**17:30–19:30** **PANEL 2**

Chair: **Carol Mann**

**Brian Horowitz** (*Tulane University, USA*)

Saul Borovoi's Return to Odessa from Central-Asian Evacuation:  
The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

**Jan Miklas-Frankowski** (*University of Gdańsk, Poland*)

The Life of Polish Jews after the Catastrophe in Mordechai Tsanin's  
"Of Stones and Ruins"

**Eliyana Adler** (*Pennsylvania State University, USA*)

"I have come back to the place of suffering": Narratives of Return in Post-War  
Polish Jewish Memorial Books

**19:30** Dinner

# MARCH 28

10:00

## KEYNOTE LECTURE II

**Frank Grüner** (*University of Bielefeld, Germany*)

Negotiating 'Soviet Jewishness' after the Holocaust: Remembrance, Reconstruction, and De-/Normalization in Times of Hope and Uncertainty

11:00

Coffee break

11:30–13:30

## PANEL 3

Chair:

**Tamás Stark**

**Attila Novák** (*National University for Public Service, Hungary*)

Smuggled to Freedom? Orthodox Jewish Rescue Networks in Communist Hungary (1949–1956)

**Heléna Huhák** (*Research Centre for the Humanities, Excellent Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary*)

Fantasy on the Future: Representation of Post-War Hungary in the Diary of Margit Holländer

**András Szécsényi** (*Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security, Hungary*)

Lost in Europe. Experiences of Hungarian Jewish Survivors of Bergen-Belsen after the Liberation (1945–1947)

13:30

Lunch

14:30–16:30

## PANEL 4

Chair:

**Vitaly Chernoiivanenko**

**Serhiy Hirik** (*State Research Institution "Encyclopedia Press", National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine*)

Ukrainian Architects in the Context of the Post-War Antisemitic Campaign

**Mikhail Mitsel** (*American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, USA*)

The Activity of 'the Joint' in Mukachevo in 1944–1945 and the Soviet Attitude Toward It in 1953

**Gabriel Finder** (*University of Virginia, USA*)

Honor Court: Jews in Poland Take Stock after the Holocaust

16:30

Coffee break

17:00–19:00

## YOUNG RESEARCHERS' SEMINAR

Chair:

**Serhiy Hirik**

**Alicja Podbielska** (*Emory University, USA*)

"She rescued me; now it's my duty to save her": Post-Liberation Relationships Between Jewish Survivors and Their Polish Helpers

**Tetiana Shyshkina** (*Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, Germany*)

Judaica in the Newspapers "Litaratura i Mastatstvo" (BSSR), "Literatura i Mystetstvo", "Literaturna Hazeta", and "Radianske Mystetstvo" (UkrSSR)

**Uliana Kyrchiv** (*Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukraine*)

Galician Jew Between Warsaw and Paris: Dynamics of Piotr Rawicz's Relations with the PRL

**Krystian Propola** (*University of Rzeszów, Poland*)

Cultivating the Memory of the Fate of Soviet Jews During World War II in the First Post-War Years in Light of Contemporary Russian-Language Jewish Media

**19:00–19:30**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Chairs:

**Vitaly Chernoiivanenko, Serhiy Hirik**

All participants are welcome to speak

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