

## **Workshops 2017**

### **R. Kalonymos Shapira: New Directions in Scholarship, June 26-29, 2017**

Organizers:

- POLIN Museum
- Emory University
- Zefat Academic College
- Herzog College

The subject of the workshop will be the legacy of Rabbi Kalonymos Shapira who authored some of the most important theoretical works in Hasidism and, between the wars, ran the largest Hasidic academy for young men in Warsaw. The organizers aim to gather a leading group of interdisciplinary researchers (historians, anthropologists, and religious studies scholars) from Poland, Canada, USA and Israel. The workshop participants will apply the newly available critical texts both to re-evaluate Rabbi Shapira's wartime writings and, for the first time, to examine systematically their relationship to his pre-war publications on the education of children, training of emotions and social challenges facing Jews in pre-war Poland.

### **Victims of the Holocaust and Nazi Crimes: New Resources for Polish and East European Scholars, September 4-8, 2017**

Organizers:

- The Institute of National Remembrance (IPN)
- The International Tracing Service (ITS)
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies (USHMM)

This research workshop is a continuation of the inaugural Warsaw-based *Seminar on the International Tracing Service Digital Archive for Polish Scholars* launched in September 2016. This research workshop seeks to provide Polish and east European scholars with research opportunities in the holdings of the ITS digital archive and other IPN holdings related to World War II, as well as resources holdings accessible at POLIN, including genealogical databases at its Resource Center.

### **'Space' as a category in the research of the history of the Jews in Poland (16th – 19th centuries), September 11 – 13, 2017**

Organizers:

- POLIN Museum
- German Historical Institute in Warsaw
- The Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences

The aim of the project is to show how the category of space formed by Henri Lefebvre can be used in research on the history of the Jews in Poland from the 16th to the early 19th century. Following Lefebvre's criteria the workshop will be divided into 3 sections in which the participants will examine different aspects of space: spatial practices, representation of spaces,

lived spaces as a response to space and its representation in symbols. The participating scholars will represent diverse fields and so the encounter of several perspectives and viewpoints will help to develop new methodological approaches.

**The Heritage and Legacy of Ludwik Lejzer Zamenhof: Between Judaism and Esperanto, December 13 -15, 2017**

Organizers:

- POLIN Museum
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Turin
- Humboldt University in Berlin

The workshop participants will focus on the examination of the legacy of Ludwik Lejzer Zamenhof, the inventor of the international language – Esperanto and the creator of a mode of communication carried by universal humanitarianism. The project will debate the question of the extent to which this unique potential of Esperanto can be attributed to the Jewish traditions of thought. The aim of the event is to put together experts in the field of Esperanto Studies, Yiddishkeit and Judaism in order to clarify both Zamenhof’s heritage and his legacy along three axes: linguistics, philosophy, and culture. The workshop will undertake an appropriately wide historical contextualization.