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The 30th Annual Conference is pleased to acknowledge the support of the
Offices of the President and Provost.

Special thanks to Amnesty International, Millersville University Chapter and the
Millersville University History Club.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday's program will be held in the Lehr Room, Gordinier Conference Center.
All Thursday and Friday sessions will be held in the venues indicated.

Wednesday, April 14

5-6:30 p.m. Information and Contacts Second Floor, Gordinier Center

7-7:20 p.m. Opening of the Conference

Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University

Welcoming Remarks

John N. Short

Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Millersville University

Invocation

7:20-9 p.m. The Aristides de Sousa Mendes Lecture

Introduction: Why Aristides de Sousa Mendes?

Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University

The Lecture

Babi Yar: The Holocaust in Soviet and Russian Literature and the Arts

Yevgeny Yevtushenko, University of Tulsa

The book exhibit organized by the Library of Social Sciences will be open during the Conference. Please stop by the Audubon Room and browse. All books are on sale at special, discounted prices.

Thursday, April 15

9-10:15 a.m. The Reynold Koppel Lecture Lehr Room, Gordinier

Introduction: Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University

Genocide by Bullet: The First Phase of the Holocaust

Peter Black, Senior Historian, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Session 1:

The Holocaust & Changing Theological Narratives Old Main Room

Chair: Joseph P. Huffman, Messiah College

Bonhoeffer and the Jews: The Essay of 1933

Michael Dickerman, Richard Stockton College

A Christian Post-Modern Hebrew Scholar Rethinks Biblical Choseness

Stephanie Day Powell, Drew University

*Voluntary Covenant: A Critique of Irving Greenberg's Post-Shoah
Conception of Covenant*

Amy W. Beth Jones, Drew University

Session 2:

The Balkans, Africa and Genocide: Narratives Matisse Room

Chair: Robert Bookmiller, Millersville University

The Greek Genocide (1908-1923) and the American Sources

Theofanis Malkidis, Democritus University of Thrace

Genocide in Cyprus, 1963-1974: Changing Narratives or Realized Reality?

J. D. Bowers, Northern Illinois University

The Role of Music and Music Education in Genocide: Three Case Studies

Amanda Byrd, Teachers College, Columbia University

Session 3:

Rethinking Narratives and Sources on the Holocaust I Kline Room

Chair: Jeffery S. Prushankin, Millersville University

*The Testimonies of Jewish Holocaust Survivors: Characterizing the Narratives of
Resistance and Resilience by Self and Other*

Judith Kaplan-Weinger, Northeastern Illinois University

Yonit Hoffman, Independent Scholar

*Rethinking Treblinka: Critical Analysis of the Sources Concerning the Treblinka
Extermination Camp*

Tomáš Vojta, Charles University, Prague

Session 4:

Rethinking Narratives & Sources on the Holocaust II University Room

Chair: Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University

How 'Collective' is War's Collective Memory?

Ruth Linn, University of Haifa

Homosexuals and the Holocaust: Liberating Stories through Film and Popular Media to Change the Narratives of Today

Mixon Ware and David Anderson, Eastern Kentucky University

Holocaust Denial and Heroization of Nazi Criminals in the Former Soviet Union

Igor Kotler, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom and Tolerance, Livingston, NJ

12:30-1:45 p.m. Conference Luncheon and PresentationLehr Room

Hitler and America

Klaus Fischer, Allen Hancock College, California

2-3:45 p.m. Plenum Session - Panel

Anti-Semitism, Jewish Resistance and the War on

Fascism in History and Collective Memory. University Room

Chair: Antony Polonsky, Brandeis University

Comment: Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University

After Babi Yar: The Influence of Nazi Propaganda on the Rise of Anti-Semitism in Kiev during World War II and in the Post-War Years (1941-1947)

Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

Lithuanian Archives: Jewish Partisans and the Soviet Anti-Nazi Resistance

Šarūnas Liekis, Mykolas Romeris University and Vilnius Yiddish Institute

Resisting Genocide: Bisesero (Rwanda), Srebrenica (Bosnia), and the Bielskys in Poland Compared

Paul R. Bartrop, Deakin University and Bialik College, Australia

4-6 p.m. The Miriam Fischel Lecture and ProgramLehr Room

The Story of Jewish Defiance: A Special Presentation and Discussion

Introduction: Jack R. Fischel, Millersville University

Defenders or Protectors of the Jews? The Portrayal of Adam Czerniaków and the Warsaw Jewish Police in Three Feature Films

Lawrence Baron, San Diego State University, Jewish Studies Program

Memories of Resistance: the Bielsky Brothers

Zvi Bielsky, New York

Film: JERUSALEM IN THE WOODS

7-8:45 p.m. Evening programLehr Room

Only a Girl

Light Keeper Productions:

David Mulholland, Greg Montgomery, Jen Faith Brown

The remarkable true story of Holocaust rescuer, Irene Gut Opdyke told through narrative, visited memories, film images and original music.

Friday, April 16

9-10:15 a.m.

Plenum – Soviet Jewish Literature and the HolocaustLehr Room

Chair: Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

Art from Agony: Vasily Grossman and the Holocaust

John Garrard, University of Arizona

Carol Garrard, Independent Scholar

'You're forgetful—don't you dare forget':

Jewish-Russian Poets Bearing Witness to the Holocaust

Maxim D. Shroyer, Boston College

10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.

Special Plenum, Sponsored by

Millersville University Honors CollegeLehr Room

Nazi Germany and Persecution of Persons with Disabilities

Chair: Dennis Downey, Millersville University

Giving a Face to a Faceless Crime: the 'Euthanasia' Program and the Persecution of Persons with Disabilities in Nazi Germany

Patricia Heberer, Senior Historian, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

CONFERENCE IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CONFERENCE BOOK EXHIBIT

Audubon Room, Gordinier Hall

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