Rokhl Oyerbakh: The Bridge Between Wartime and Postwar Testimony

Program

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019

Event: Film Screening of *Unzere Kinder*, 1948, 35mm Archival Print
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Whitney Humanities Center

Introduction by Sharon Pucker Rivo, Executive Director, National Center for Jewish Film, Brandeis University

Talkback with Samuel Kassow, Charles H. Northam Professor of History, Trinity College; David Roskies, Sol and Evelyn Henkind Chair in Yiddish Literature and Culture, Professor of Jewish literature, Jewish Theological Seminary; Karolina Szymaniak, Assistant Professor at the Department of Jewish Studies/University of Wrocław.

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Monday, November 4th, 2019

Event: Rokhl Oyerbakh: The Bridge Between Wartime and Postwar Testimony
Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Location: Sterling Memorial Library, Lecture Hall

9:00 Coffee

9:20 Introduction by Stephen Naron, Director, Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies

10:30-12:30 Panel I: Prewar and Wartime

Professor Dr. Efrat Gal-ed, Jewish Studies, Department of Yiddish Culture, Language and Literature, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Paper: *Il n'y a pas d'amour heureux* – Itzik Manger and Rokhl Oyerbakh.

Karolina Szymaniak, Assistant Professor at the Department of Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław. Paper: *Rokhl Oyerbakh – the Making of a Public Intellectual*.

David Roskies, Sol and Evelyn Henkind Chair in Yiddish Literature and Culture, Professor of Jewish literature, Jewish Theological Seminary. Paper: *Rokhl Auerbach's Great Lament*.

Respondent: Dr. Avinoam Patt, Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies, Director, Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, University of Connecticut.

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:30 Panel II: Postwar

Leora Bilsky, Professor at the Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, and Director of the Minerva Center for Human Rights, Tel Aviv University. Paper: *Rokhl Oyerbakh and the Eichmann Trial*.

Dr. Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee College Akko, Shaanan College Haifa. Paper: ‘Here Every Day is Eichmann’, *Rokhl Oyerbakh and the early days of Yad Vashem*.

Samuel Moyn, Henry R. Luce Professor of Jurisprudence at Yale Law School and Professor of History at Yale University. Paper: *Oyerbakh and the Treblinka Affair (1966)*.

Respondent: Laura Jockusch, Albert Abramson Assistant Professor of Holocaust Studies, Brandeis University.

3:30 Roundtable: Havi Dreifuss, Professor in Jewish history, Tel Aviv University; Glenn Dynner, Chair of Religion Department, Sarah Lawrence College; Dr. Lisa M. Leff, Director of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; Sven-Erik Rose, Professor of German and of Comparative Literature, University of California, Davis.

4:30 Conference Closing and Reception