

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.

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

9:30-10:30 Keynote. **Samuel Kassow**, Charles H. Northam Professor of History, Trinity College. *Paper: 'We Fulfilled Our Mission': The Legacy of Rokhl Oyerbakh.*

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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