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ROKHL OYERBAKH: THE BRIDGE  
BETWEEN WARTIME AND POSTWAR  
TESTIMONY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019  
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LECTURE HALL



9:00 COFFEE

9:20 INTRODUCTION

STEPHEN NARON, *Director, Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, Yale University*

9:30–10:30 KEYNOTE

“We Fulfilled Our Mission”: The Legacy of Rokhl Oyerbakh

SAMUEL KASSOW, *Charles H. Northam Professor of History, Trinity College*

10:30–12:30

PANEL I: PREWAR AND WARTIME

“Il n’y a pas d’amour heureux”—Itzik Manger and Rokhl Oyerbakh

EFRAT GAL-ED, *Jewish Studies, Department of Yiddish Culture, Language and Literature, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf*

Rokhl Oyerbakh – the Making of a Public Intellectual

KAROLINA SZYMANIAK, *Assistant Professor, Department of Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław*

Rokhl Auerbach’s Great Lament

DAVID ROSKIES, *Sol and Evelyn Henkind Chair in Yiddish Literature and Culture; and Professor of Jewish Literature, Jewish Theological Seminary*

Respondent: AVINOAM PATT, *Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies; and Director, Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, University of Connecticut*

12:30–1:30 LUNCH

1:30–3:30 PANEL II: POSTWAR

Rokhl Oyerbakh and the Eichmann Trial

LEORA BILSKY, *Professor, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law; and Director, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Tel Aviv University*

“Here Every Day Is Eichmann”: Rokhl Oyerbakh and the Early Days of Yad Vashem

BOAZ COHEN, *Western Galilee College Akko; and Shaanan College Haifa*

Oyerbakh and the Treblinka Affair (1966)

SAMUEL MOYN, *Henry R. Luce Professor of Jurisprudence and Professor of History, Yale University*

Respondent: LAURA JOCKUSCH, *Albert Abramson Associate Professor of Holocaust Studies, Brandeis University*

3:30 ROUNDTABLE

HAVI DREIFUSS, *Professor in Jewish History, Tel Aviv University*

GLENN DYNNER, *Professor and Chair of Religion Department, Sarah Lawrence College*

LISA M. LEFF, *Director, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum*

SVEN-ERIK ROSE, *Associate Professor of German and Comparative Literature, University of California, Davis*

4:30 CLOSING AND RECEPTION