



International Institute for Holocaust Research Yad Vashem



Jewish Life During the Holocaust *New Approaches to and Aspects of Jewish Social Life*

International Summer Workshop for Holocaust Scholars **6-17 July 2008**

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The International Institute for Holocaust Research – Yad Vashem will launch a new program of international summer research workshops for postdoctoral graduates and senior scholars. The first workshop will take place from 6 to 17 July 2008 on *Jewish Life During the Holocaust: New Approaches to and Aspects of Jewish Social Life*. Future summer workshop themes include: *The Holocaust in Real Time in the Media*; *The Nemesis of the Third Reich and Its Impact on the Final Solution*; *The Impact of the Collapse of the Soviet Bloc and the Subsequent Opening of Archives for Holocaust Research*; *Institutions and Local Governments in the Occupied Countries and in Nazi Satellite States*; and *The Attitudes of the Various Underground Movements Toward the Jews*.

The purpose of these workshops is to encourage and promote new research on specific topics, which until now have either been neglected or need reexamination. This program is designed in the framework of individual lectures presented throughout the week. Each lecture will be followed by a period of discussion between the participants of the workshop.

The International Institute for Holocaust Research decided to initiate this new program with a workshop on Jewish Life during the Holocaust since many aspects of everyday Jewish life and social history throughout the period of the Holocaust need to be reexamined. In addition, Holocaust historiography has typically dealt with Jews as objects of the events rather than as subjects. To examine them as subjects would

impart a wider and richer understanding of the period and Jewish existence during the Holocaust.

The themes to be discussed include: Jewish social, religious, intellectual, political, and cultural life; the individual and community leadership responses to Nazi persecution; attitudes and actions of political parties and Jewish youth movements; changing modes within Jewish communities; secular and religious leadership patterns; the real-time understanding of the situation and expectations as expressed in diaries, responsa, homilies, personal, administrative and underground correspondence, and the press.

The workshop sessions will take place during the morning hours Sunday-Thursday. During the afternoons, the participants will have the opportunity to work on their own research project. Special events will be scheduled on selected evenings throughout the two weeks.

For those participants from abroad, the Institute will reimburse the cost of an economy-class roundtrip air ticket to and from Israel, and will provide meals and hotel accommodation during the workshop. Israeli participants should contact the Institute for details.

QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Institute invites academics with a Ph.D. degree who are working in the field of Jewish life during the Holocaust to submit their candidacy. Ten researchers will be selected to participate in the workshop.

All application materials must be submitted in either Hebrew or English and received by the Institute no later than 1 November 2007. Incomplete applications will not be considered after this date. Late applications will not be accepted.

An application consists of:

- A completed application form, which can be downloaded from the Yad Vashem website.
- A curriculum vitae.
- A one-page description of the individual's specific topic, including its key issues and scope connecting to the main theme of the workshop, the research methodology, and archival sources consulted.

Please send submissions to Eliot Nidam-Orvieto. The Institute will notify the candidate of its decision by December 2007.

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Summer Workshop Application Form

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Personal Information

Prof. Dr.

Last Name

First Name

Place of Birth

Date of Birth

Sex Male Female

Country of Citizenship _____

Passport number _____

Addresses – Home and Affiliate

Home Address

Tel. No.

Fax No.

Email Address

Current Position

Name of Institutional Affiliation



Address of Affiliate

Tel. No.

Fax No.

Area of Expertise

Present Research Specialization

Workshop Presentation

Title of Presentation

Applicants may submit the application in English or Hebrew. A complete application consists of the following:

- A completed application form
- A curriculum vitae
- A one-page minimum presentation proposal

Please send all workshop application material by 1 November 2007 to:

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