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PROGRAMME



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at the Congress House,
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PROGRAMME

MONDAY, AUGUST 28th

Session I

Contributions, 9-00 - 10-40:

1. **Prof. Velvl Greene** (Israel)
"Body and Soul: Jewish Medical Ethics in Secular Israel": 25 m.
2. **Prof. Shimon Glick** (Israel)
"Jewish Contribution to Medical Ethics towards the 21st Century": 15 m.
3. **Dr. Toby Gurvich** (Latvia)
"Maimonid's Medical Ethics in Contemporary Medicine": 15 m.
4. **Mr. Peter Kalms** (UK)
"The Challenge of Wealth. The Jewish perspective": 15 m.
5. **Prof. Ruvim Ferber** (Latvia)
"The Symmetry of Jewish Tradition and Today's Choice": 15 m.
6. **Prof. Herman Branover** (Israel)
"Convergence of Modern Science with the World Outlook of Torah": 15 m.

Discussion, 10-40 - 11-10
Coffee break, 11-10 - 11-30

Session II

Contributions, 11-30 - 13-10:

1. **Dr. Miron Chernenko** (Russia)
"The Problems of Jewry in a Changing World: a cinematographic aspect": 25 m.
2. **Dr. Alexander Stepansky** (Russia)
"The Culture of Russian Jewry at the Turn of the Century": 15 m.
3. **Ms. Shoshana Heltzer** (Israel)
"Comparison of the Destiny of Yiddish and Hebrew Languages in the 20th Century": 15 m.
4. **Dr. Ella Slivkin** (Israel)
"The New Russian Jewish Encyclopedia - the most important Jewish publication in Russian of the 20th century": 15 m.
5. **Mr. Igor Burov** (Russia)
"The Russian Language Jewish Encyclopedia as the First Experience in Creating a Regional Jewish Encyclopedia (goals, structure, prospects)": 15 m.
6. **Mr. Zinovy Stolyar** (Moldova)
"Jewish Music in PostSoviet Moldova: folklore, creativity, performance": 15 m.

Discussion, 13-10 - 13-40

Lunch, 13-40 - 15-00

Session III

Contributions, 15-00 - 16-15:

1. **Prof. Velvl Greene** (Israel)
"Epidemiology of Assimilation in Small Jewish Communities": 15 m.
2. **Dr. Alexander Sinelnikov** (Russia)
"Socio-demographic Prospects of PostSoviet Jewry in the Context of Jewish Diaspora": 15 m.
3. **Mr. Anatoly Fridman** (Latvia)
"A Jewish School in Small Communities of PostSoviet States (an example of Riga)": 15 m.
4. **Dr. Marc Grubarg** (Russia)
"St. Petersburg Jewish Community in the 21st Century: an attempt of prophecy": 15 m.
5. **Dr. Yakov Kopansky** (Moldova)
"The Renaissance of Jewish National Culture as an Aspect of Democratization of Spiritual Life in CIS Countries: Example of Moldova": 15 m.

Discussion, 16-15 - 16-45

Yakov Kopansky
(Moldova)

Plenary Session

Official opening of the Conference, 18-00 - 18-45

Plenary lectures, 19-00 - 20-00:

Prof. Maija Kūle (Latvia)

"The Importance of the 20th Century Jewish Philosophy in a Contemporary Changing World": 30 m.

Rabbi Prof. Norman Lamm (USA)

"A Jewish Religious View of Extraterrestrial Life": 30 m.

Panel discussion, 20-20 - 21-30:

"Integration Processes and National Originality: the Jewish experience"
(H. Branover - chair, I. Arad, Y. Kaniel, A. Stepansky, D. Furman,
A. Kletskin)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Session IV

Contributions, 9-00 - 10-30:

1. Rabbi Prof. Norman Lamm (USA)

"The Concept of 'Kelal Yisrael' and the Question of Jewish Unity": 25 m.

2. Dr. Yedidya Itzhaki (Israel)

"Changing in Jewish Identity as Reflected in Modern Hebrew Literature": 25 m.

3. Prof. Yehoshua Kaniel (Israel)

"The Holy Land or the Land of Israel? The process of secularization of the Land at the turn of 19th and 20th Centuries": 25 m.

4. Dr. Abram Kletskin (Latvia)

"Diaspora: a regularity or anachronism?": 15 m.

Discussion, 10-30 - 11-00

Coffee break, 11-00 - 11-30

Session V

Contribution, 11-30 - 13-00:

1. Dr. Elga Freiberga (Latvia)

"The Other: Emanuel Levinas on the ethic dimension of philosophy": 15 m.

2. Dr. Victor Malakhov (Ukraine)

"Jews between Postmodernism and Fundamentalism (an experience in fundamental dialogics)": 15 m.

3. Dr. Alexander Kantor (Russia)

"The New 'Ego' and Social Status of Jews in Russia at the Turn of the Century": 15 m.

4. Dr. Dmitry Furman (Russia)

"Consciousness of Contemporary Russian Jews": 15 m.

5. Mr. Arkady Levin (Russia)

"The Influence of the Third Wave of Emigration to Israel (1989 - 1992) on the Change in Self-consciousness of Russian Jews": 15 m.

6. Ms. Svetlana Kovalchuk (Latvia)

"Jewish Philosophy in the Latvia of 1920s-30s (M. Schatz-Anin, M. Weintrob, M. Laserson)": 15 m.

Discussion, 13-00 - 13-30

Lunch, 13-30 - 15-00

Session VI

Contributions, 15-00 - 16-40:

1. Dr. Itzhak Arad (Israel)

"The Holocaust in the Occupied Territories of the Soviet Union in View of the Documents of the Recently Opened Archives": 25 m.

2. Prof. Aivars Stranga (Latvia)

"Jewish Communities in Baltic States in 1918 - 1940. Historical experience. Legal aspects": 15 m.

3. Prof. Leo Dribin (Latvia)

"Relations between Latvians and Jews as Reflected in the Latvian Press": 15 m.

4. Rabbi Natan Barkan (Latvia)

"Some Aspects of the Influence of the Holocaust on the Present and Future of the Jewish People": 15 m.

5. Mr. Boris Volkovich (Latvia)

"The Jewish Community of Daugavpils: historical traditions and modern times": 15 m.

6. Dr. Naftali Lowenthal (UK)

"Communicating Jewish Spirituality to Women and Girls in Riga 1937 - 1941: a model for today?": 15 m.

Discussion, 16-40 - 17-10

Coffee break, 17-10 - 17-30

Session VII

Contributions, 17-30 - 18-45:

1. **Ms. Tsilya Laut** (Estonia)
"The Jewish Community of Estonia": 15 m.
2. **Mr. Moshe Aron** (Latvia)
"History and Present State of Jewish Religious Community of Riga": 15 m.
3. **Mr. Zalman Katz** (Latvia)
"The Prospects for the Jewish Community in Latvia. The experience of sociology research": 15 m.
4. **Dr. Gregory Krupnikov** (Latvia)
"Jewish Community Survival Problem in PostCommunist States": 15 m.
5. **Dr. Izraelis Lempertas** (Lithuania)
"An Attempt at Predicting the Prospect of Lithuanian Jewish Community Survival": 15 m.

Discussion, 18-45 - 19-15

Post-deadline contributions, 19-15 - 20-10:

1. **Mr. Michael Leinwand** (Israel)
"Jewish Music": 25 m.
2. **Dr. Rita Genzeleva** (Israel)
"Dynamics of the National Consiousness of a Russian-Jewish Writer: Vasillii Grossmann": 15 m.
3. **Dr. Elias Alexandru** (Romania)
"Some Problems of the Jewish Families of the East European Countries and the Challenge in the Changing World of the End of the 20th Century": 15 m.

