

Association of Holocaust Organizations Conference

June 8-11, 2024

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

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**Museum of Jewish Heritage- A Living Memorial to
the Holocaust**

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research
15 West 16th Street
New York, NY 10011-6301

MJH-A living Memorial to the Holocaust
36 Battery Pl
New York, NY 10280

Hotel- Millenium Downtown New York
55 Church Street
New York, NY 10007

Saturday, June 8, 6:30-8:30 PM

**Shmooze Session- Millenium Downtown New York
Drink and light hors d' oeuvres**

**Sunday June 9, 2024 Museum of Jewish Heritage-A
Living Memorial to the Holocaust**

9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own
Registration (Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the
Holocaust)

10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. First time Attendee Orientation
Chair: Susan Myers, President AHO

11:00-12:00 a.m. Focus Groups: Participants choose one session

Session A:

Meeting of Museum and Center Directors

Session B:

State Commissions and Councils

Session C:

University/College Centers

Session D:

Education/Program Directors

Session E:

Individual Members

12:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Lunch – Events Hall

Welcome by: Eric Adams, Mayor of New York City

Session 1: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Edmond J. Safra Hall
Jewish Genealogy

Presenters:

Avraham Groll, Vice President JewishGen

Karen Franklin, Consulting Director Peter and Mary Kalikow Center

Session 2: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Edmond J. Safra Hall
Responses to Antisemitism

Panel Presenters:

Kelley Szany, Vice President of Education and Exhibitions Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

Dr. Robert Williams, Finci-Viterbi Executive Director Chair USC Shoah Foundation

Dr. Mehnaz Afridi, Director of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Interfaith Education Center Manhattan College

Dr. Mallory Bubar, Director of Education and Outreach Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

Session 3: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Exhibitions Visit

Walk-Through MJH: *The Holocaust: What Hate Can Do or Courage to Act: Rescue in Denmark*

Session 4: 4:00-4:30 Holocaust Museum/NJTF Theater Initiative update

Presenter: Arnold Mittelman, President National Jewish Theater Foundation, Founding Director NJTF Holocaust Theater International Initiative at University of Miami, Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies

**Session 5: 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Edmond J. Safra Hall
New Approaches to Survivor Testimony**

Presenters: Josh Mack, Vice President of Marketing Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust
Dr. Paul Radensky, Senior Director of Education and Visitor Services Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust and USC Shoah representative (TBD)

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. AHO - (Pre-Reg Guests), Advanced Training for Rising Holocaust Organizational Professionals / Conference Hotel

Monday, June 10, 2024 YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

Session 6: 9:00-9:40a.m. Introduction to the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

YIVO's history and current activities

Presenter: Jonathan Brent CEO of YIVO

Session 7: 9:45am -10:45am YIVO Archives

Exhibition of materials in the YIVO archive and explanation on how to use the archives both electronic and in person.

Presenter: Dr Stefanie Halpern Director of the YIVO Archives

10:45am- 11am Coffee break and mingle.

Session 8: 11:00-12:00p.m. *Yitshok Rudashevski: A 13-year-old's Account of Life and Death at the Vilna Ghetto.* The newly launched second exhibition of the YIVO Online museum.

Presenter: Alexandra Zapruder, scholar
Karolina Ziulkoski. Chief Curator of the YIVO Online museum

12:00pm- 1:15pm Lunch, Annual AHO Meeting

Session 9: 1:15pm – 2:00pm *Yahad - In Unum Investigation Into The Ponary Massacre*

The Ponary Massacre is one of the most emblematic sites of the so-called Holocaust by bullets, mass shootings of the Jewish populations perpetrated by the Germans and their collaborators during World War II.

Presenter: Ewa Schaller Senior Program Officer Yahad - In Unum

2:00-2:15p.m. Coffee break

Session 10: 2:15 -2:45p.m. The YIVO Media and Learning Center

Alex Weiser Director of Public Programs and Director of the YIVO Media and Learning Center and Susannah Trubman Educator of the YIVO Learning and Media Center

2:45 to 3:00p.m. Coffee Break

Session 11: 3:00 – 4:15p.m. A Second Era of Underestimation: On Hamas, Islamist Antisemitism, and the Aftereffects of Nazism and the Holocaust

Presenter: Jeffrey Herf, Distinguished University Professor, Emeritus Department of History University of Maryland

Session 12: 4:15-4:30p.m. Wrap up practical resources and take aways from YIVO and final Q&A.

Presenter: Shelly Freeman Chief of Staff of YIVO

Tectonic Theater Project:

HERE THERE ARE BLUEBERRIES

An album of never-before-seen World War II-era photograph arrives at the desk of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum archivist Rebecca Erbelding. As Rebecca and her team of historians begin to unravel the shocking story behind the images, the album soon makes headlines around the world. In Germany, a businessman sees the album online and recognizes his own grandfather in the photos. He begins a journey of discovery that will take him into the lives of other Nazi Descendants-in a reckoning of his family's past and his country's history.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

Session 13: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Edmond J. Safra Hall

Use of Technology in Holocaust Education: Advantages and Risks

Session 14: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Edmond J. Safra Hall

Claims Conference Speakers Bureau Initiative

Presenters: Gregory Schneider, Executive Vice President Claims Conference and Jamie Schaefer-Wilson Chief Communications Officer, Claims Conference