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You are cordially invited to an
International Conference on
The Future of Holocaust Testimonies II

On Tuesday March 20th, 2012 09:30 – 16:45

In the Auditorium of the Western Galilee College, Akko Israel

Convened by the Holocaust Studies Program of the Western Galilee College, the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education (established by Steven Spielberg) and the Ghetto Fighters' House Museum.

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The conference will be held in Hebrew and English with simultaneous translation

09:30 – 10:00 Greetings:

Mr. Rani Falk, CEO, Western Galilee College
Mr. Eran El-Bar, Director of Partnership 2Gether Western Galilee
Dr. Anat Livne, Executive Director, Ghetto Fighters' House Museum
Representative, the US Embassy in Israel
Dr. Boaz Cohen, Chair, Holocaust Studies Program, Western Galilee College

14:00 – 14:30

Dr. Dan Leshem, Presentation: **USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education**

10:00 – 12:00 Panel: Testimony, History and Identity

Chair: **Dr. Itzhak Cytrin**, Western Galilee College
Dr. Miriam Offer, Western Galilee College
Testimonies of Jewish Physicians from, during and after the Holocaust: Their Characteristics and Unique Contribution to Holocaust Research
Dr. Katarzyna Person, Yad Vashem, Israel
Reading the Testimony of the Warsaw Ghetto Jewish Police
Dr. Galia Glasner Heled, Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies Jerusalem, Israel
Survivor' or 'Israeli' - Narratives of Israeli Holocaust Survivors
Mr. Scott Miller, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, USA, *A Journey from the Collective to the Personal: The Personalization of Haredi Survivor Testimony*

14:30 – 16:30

Panel: Testimonies in Art and Education

Chair: **Dr. Yvonne Kozlovsky Golan**, University of Haifa, Israel
Dr. Rachel Berger, Talpiot College of Education, Israel, *"In These Pages Flames the Breath of a Petrifying Truth": Art as Holocaust Testimony*
Prof. Martin Lücke, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany, *Virtual Testimony: An Educational Challenge*
Dr. Naama Shik, Yad Vashem, Israel, *Educational Testimonies – Life Journey*
Ms. Miri Peleg, University of Haifa, Israel, *'Testimony Theater': Holocaust Child Survivors' Testimonial Experience with Youth on One Stage*

12:00 – 12:30

Conferring of the **Guardian of Holocaust Memory Award on Rabbi Israel Meir Lau**, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv - Yafo and Chair of Yad Vashem

12:30 - 13:00

Mr. Lekë Rezniqui, Kosovo-Israel Friendship Association, *Rescue by Albanians outside Sovereign Albania during the Holocaust*

13:00 – 14:00 Break

Exhibition: School for Life

The exhibition in the conference lobby tells the story of a unique educational project for young Holocaust survivors: The Jewish Vocational School 'Masada' in Darmstadt in Germany. Established by Samuel Batalion under the auspices of Betar, the school offered its students the opportunity to learn a profession, Hebrew and Jewish History and ultimately prepare them for their immigration to Eretz Israel.

The exhibition was established by Ms. Dror-Batalion of the Bucerius Institute at the University of Haifa in cooperation with teacher Ms. Renate Dreesen and pupils from the Heinrich-Emanuel-Merck-School in Darmstadt.

Workshop for Researchers

(By invitation only)

Monday, March 19th, 2012

Venue: Western Galilee College Campus

09:30 - 10:30 **Greetings:**

Prof. Gideon Fishman, President, Western Galilee College

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Boaz Cohen, Chair, Holocaust Studies Program
The Voice of the Victim

Dr. Dan Leshem, Associate Director of Research, USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education
Listening to and Working with Testimony

10:30 – 12:00 **Panel: Children's Testimonies**

Chair: **Dr. Eliyana Adler**, University of Maryland, USA

Dr. Rita Horvath, Yad Vashem and Bar Ilan University, Israel
Testimonial Structures and their Theoretical Significance

Ms. Esther Farbstein, Michlalah College for Women, Jerusalem, Israel
The Boys' Barracks in Auschwitz - Testimonies of Orthodox Survivors as a Source for Research

Dr. Beate Müller, Newcastle University, UK
Let it not be Forgotten: Child Holocaust Testimonies from the Hebrew School in Polish Bytom

12:00 – 13:00 **Break**

13:00 – 15:00 **Panel: Theory**

Chair: **Dr. Haim Sperber**, Western Galilee College

Prof. Adam Seipp, Texas A&M University, USA
Stories, Survivors and Sources: Digital Archives and the Future of Testimonies

Ms. Alina Bothe, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Virtual Testimony – A Theoretical Approach

Dr. Noah Shenker, McMaster University, Canada
Formations of Memory: A Comparative Study of the Archival Mediations of Audiovisual Holocaust Testimonies

15:00 – 15:30 **Break**

15:30 – 17:00 **Panel: Re-reading Diaries and Biographies**

Chair: **Prof. Rakhmiel Peltz**, Drexel University, USA

Prof. David Patterson, University of Texas at Dallas, USA
The Holocaust Diary's Testimony to the Nazi Assault on Meaning

Dr. Alan Rosen, Independent Researcher, Israel
The Languages of Time: Translating Calendar Dates in Wartime Holocaust Testimony

Prof. Stephenie Young, Salem State University, USA
Loss and Translation: Reading George Perec's W, or The Memory of Childhood Testimony

Wednesday, March 21st, 2012

Venue: Ghetto Fighters' House Museum

08:30 – 10:15 **Greetings:**

Dr. Anat Livne, Executive Director, Ghetto Fighters' House Museum

Tour of Ghetto Fighters' House Museum

10:15 – 10:30 **Break**

10:30 – 12:30 **Panel: Testimony in Situ and Context**

Chair **Ms. Sippy Adi Naveh**, Director, Continuing Education Department, Ghetto Fighters' House Museum

Dr. Kinga Frojimovics, Yad Vashem, Israel
"Lucky I made it to the building of the Embassy at Vadász Street" Testimonies given during the Holocaust in Budapest

Dr. Eliyana Adler, University of Maryland, USA
On the Banks of the Bug: Exploring the Borders of Holocaust Testimony

Dr. Lisa Costello, Georgia Southern University, USA
Local Testimonies: How Regional Holocaust Museums in the United States Impact the Future of Holocaust Memory

Prof. John Michael, University of Linz, Austria
Memory Culture in Austria: Personal Testimonies of Concentration Camp Victims and their Presentation

12:30 – 13:30 **Break**

13:30 – 14:00 **Ms. Anat Bratman-Elhalel**, Director of Archives, Ghetto Fighters' House Museum: *Archive Presentation*

14:00 – 16:00 **Panel: Testimony and the Next Generations**

Chair: **Dr. Miriam Offer**, Western Galilee College

Dr. Nancy Isserman, Council for Relationships, Philadelphia, USA
Stories That Reveal "Characteristics of Survival"

Mr. David Szél, University of Pécs, Hungary
Attitudes Toward Jewish Identity: Survivors and 3rd Generation

Ms. Susan Legere, Boston College, USA
Narratives of Injustice: Measuring the Impact of Witness Testimony in the Classroom

Ms. Megan Lewis, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, USA
Leafing out the Family Tree: Genealogists' Use of Holocaust Testimony

16:00 – 17:00 **Closing Session**