

International Conference

# German Jews in the Middle East

יהודים גרמנים במחוז התייכון

Jerusalem | Monday-Wednesday,  
February 10-12, 2014

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**Monday, February 10, 2014** Venue: **Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, 14 Ibn Gabirol Street**

15:45-17:15

## Jews as the Orient

Chair and Opening Remarks: **Meir M. Bar-Asher** (Jerusalem), **Kathrin Wittler** (Berlin)

Orients in Contest: *The Role of German Jews in Nineteenth-Century Orientalism*

**Eli Bar-Chen** (Tel Aviv)

*From Wilhelm Dohm to Hannah Arendt: The Jews of the Muslim World as the Jewish Project of Modernity*

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יום שני, יי' באדר א' תשע"ד. 10.2.14.  
יד יצחק בן-צבי, רח' אבן גבירול 14

בחסות המשרד לאזרחים ותיקים  
עברית. תרגום סימולטני לאנגלית

17:30 קבלת פנים

### ישיבת ראש וראשי דובריו:

פרופ' שמואל פינור, י"ר מכון ליאו בק ירושלים /  
אוניברסיטת בר-אילן

18:00 דברי ברכה

פרופ' ראוון עמית, דיקן הפקולטה למדעי הרוח,  
האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים

פרופ' מאיר מ' בר-אשר, ראש מכון צבי לחקר קהילות  
ישראל במצרים

ד"ר מרים רורוף, מנהלת המכון לחקר יהדות גרמניה,  
המבוגר

ד"ר עופר אשכנזי, המנהל הנוכחי של מרכז קבנרט  
להיסטוריה גרמנית, האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים

**דין**  
מוחמד אסד: מיהודי אוסטרו-הונגרי לשגריר פקסייטני  
מנחה: מושיע דוד ויצטום (ירושלים)  
בהתהבות: מר חנן חריף (ירושלים),  
מר עידן הררי (beer-sheva),  
ד"ר דן Tamir (ירושלים)

**קונצרט**  
מייצירותם של בנו ברדי, פאול בן-חיים, אבל ארליך,  
חנן יעקובי  
נתאי צרי ויורם יונגרמן – כינורות; גדי עבדי – ווילה;  
אליה טובי – צ'לו  
בהפקת המכון למוסיקה ישראלית

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Monday, February 10, 2014

**Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, 14 Ibn Gabirol Street**

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Hebrew. English Simultaneous Translation

17:30 Reception

### Chair and Opening Remarks:

**Prof. Shmuel Feiner**, Chairman of The Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem / Bar Ilan University

18:00 Greetings

**Prof. Reuven Amitai**, Dean of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Prof. Meir M. Bar-Asher**, Chairman of The Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East

**Dr. Miriam Ruerup**, Director of the Institute for the History of the German Jews, Hamburg

**Dr. Ofer Ashkenazi**, Interim Director of The Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### Discussion

**Muhammad Asad: From an Austro-Hungarian Jew to Pakistani Ambassador**

Moderator: **Mr. David Witzthum** (Jerusalem)

Discussants: **Mr. Hanan Harif** (Jerusalem)

**Mr. Ido Harari** (Beer-Sheva), **Dr. Dan Tamir** (Jerusalem)

### Concert

**Works of Benno Bardi, Paul Ben-Haim, Abel Ehrlich, Hanoch Jacoby**

Nitai Zori and Yoram Youngerman - Violins;

Gadi Abadi - Viola; Ella Toovy - Cello

Produced by the Institute for Israeli Music



## Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Venue: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem,  
Mount Scopus, Beit Maiersdorf

10:00-11:30

### Perspectives of the Orient

Chair: Michael Glatzer  
(Jerusalem)

Noah Gerber  
(Jerusalem)

German-Jewish Philology  
Encounters the Jews  
of the Middle East: The  
Path of Shlomo Dov  
Goitein

Sebastian Schirmeister  
(Hamburg / Jerusalem)  
Orientalism Revised and  
Revisited:  
M. Y. Ben-Gavriél and the  
Pan-Asian Ideal

12:00-13:15

### The Image of the Jews of the Orient

Chair: Moshe Zimmermann  
(Jerusalem)

Natalie Naimark-Goldberg  
(Ramat-Gan)

Ostjuden and "Oriental Jews" in the Eyes of a German Jewish Woman:  
Bertha Pappenheim's Anti-White Slavery Mission in Turkey

Amos Morris-Reich  
(Haifa)

Lerski's Photographs of Yemenites

14:30-15:45

### Shelter in the Middle East

Chair: Doerte Bischoff  
(Hamburg)

Atina Grossmann  
(New-York)

Shelter and Adventure?  
The Experience of German Jewish Refugees in Iran

Rakefet Zalashik  
(Potsdam)  
Jewish German Medical Refugees and their Impact in Turkey:  
Scientific Continuity and Habitual Adjustments

16:15-17:30

### Contacts with Middle Eastern Jewish Communities

Chair: Reuven Amitai  
(Jerusalem)

Guy Bracha  
(Ramat-Gan)

The Germans are Coming! The Jewish Community of Beirut Facing the Question of Jewish Immigration from Germany

Yossi Brill (Tel Aviv)  
Between the Palm Tree and the Swastika: The Reflection of the East in the Story of Maximilian Trenner

## Wednesday, February 12, 2014

Venue: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem,  
Mount Scopus, Beit Maiersdorf

9:30-11:00

### Intellectual Life in Istanbul and Cairo

Chair: Benny Ziffer  
(Tel Aviv)

Irit Youngerman  
(Jerusalem)

Different Shades of East:  
Composers Benno Bardi and Hanoch Jacoby in Egypt, Turkey and Palestine

Ruchama Johnston-Bloom (London)  
Weimar in Cairo:  
Orientalism and Cultural Critique in Interwar Egypt

11:30-12:15

### Ashkenazi Istanbul: The Untold Story

Conversation between Supreme Court Justice [emerita] Dalia Dorner and Journalist Benny Ziffer

Yossi Ben-Artzi  
(Haifa)

Cyprus: A Destination for Emigration and Settlement in the Eyes of German Jews, 1898-1938

15:00-16:15

### Diplomacy and Politics

Chair: Anja Siegemund  
(Jerusalem)

Dan Tamir  
(Jerusalem)

When Ibn Saud and Jabolinsky Came Together: Wolfgang von Weisl's Vision for a "New Middle East"

Dror Zeigerman  
(Jerusalem)

Germany's Involvement in Early Zionist - Arab Nationalist Negotiations:  
The Case of Samuel Hochberg

16:30-17:30

### Concluding Discussion

Andreas Braemer  
(Hamburg)

Yossi Ben-Artzi (Haifa)  
Atina Grossmann  
(New York)

## Organizing Committee

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