

## Thursday, 14 September

POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews

9:00–11:00

### Current Happenings in Preserving and Presenting Synagogues

Chair: Ruth Leiserowitz

Ruth Ellen Gruber

#### Jewish Built Heritage: From Dark Tourism to Destination Culture

Andrea Corsale

#### Experiences and Perspectives of Jewish Heritage Conservation and Promotion in Oradea and Timișoara, Western Romania

Anna Klimovich, Alena Kuzmiankova, Volya Pavlova-Sokolova  
**Heritage Acceptance or Cultural Appropriation: Source of Jewish Heritage Safety and Development in Belarusian Small Cities**

Coffee break

11:30–13:00

### Synagogues as Inherited Objects

Chair: Katrin Keßler

Bronya Tritschler

#### From Immigrant Community to Private Property: Ownership and Cultural Memory of Abandoned Synagogues in the UK

Valeria Rainoldi

#### Venetian Synagogues in Israel and Venetian Synagogues in Italy: Two Different Strategies for Preserving the Jewish Cultural Heritage

Kamila Lenartowicz

#### Jewish Heritage of the Former East Prussia

Coffee break

13:30–15:00

### Different or Same Patterns?

Chair: Rafał Witkowski

Naida-Michal Brandl / Anita Fiket

#### What Happened to Them? Synagogue in Croatia after the Second World War

Júlia Csejdy

#### Approaches of the Scientific Community and Decision Makers to Hungarian Jewish Built Heritage after 1945. A Case Study of Two Orthodox Synagogues in Mád and Tállya.

Eugeny Kotlyar

#### Synagogues in Ukraine's Independence Epoch: Rediscovery and Renovation of the Architectural Heritage

Lunch break

15:30–16:00

### Summary

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# Jewish or Common Heritage?

## (Dis-)appropriation of Synagogue Architecture in East-Central Europe since 1945

### Conference

12–14 September 2023

German Historical Institute Warsaw

POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews

## Tuesday, 12 September

German Historical Institute

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18:00–20:00

25th Lelewel Debate:

**The Orphaned Synagogue in the Urban Space.  
Why Do We Recall Them?**

Eleonora Bergman, Jerzy Kichler, Vladimir Levin,  
Stsiapan Stureika, Diána Vonnák  
Moderation: Christhardt Henschel

## Wednesday, 13 September

POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews

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9:00–9:30

Welcome and Introduction

Zygmunt Stępiński, POLIN  
Ruth Leiserowitz, DHI / Ulrich Knufinke, ev. SPP  
Kamila Lenartowicz

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9:30–11:00

National and International Institutions

Chair: Ulrich Knufinke

Piotr Puchta  
**Struggle to Preserve Material Jewish Heritage Sites  
in Poland. Challenges and Prospects**

Melinda Harlov-Csorján  
**Synagogues in the Contemporary Hungarian Countryside**

Samuel Gruber  
**The Re-Discovery of Jewish Built Heritage in Central  
and Eastern Europe, 1988–2006**

Coffee break

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11:30–13:00

From State Socialism until the Transformation Era

Chair: Aleksandra Jakubczak-Gabay

Aleksandra Paradowska  
**Synagogues in the Memory of Contemporary  
Local Communities in the Wielkopolska Region**

Kinga Migalska  
**The Meaning of Objects. Judaic Exhibitions Organized  
in Synagogues in Poland (1945–1989)**

Christhardt Henschel  
**Burden and Asset. Jewish Built Heritage  
and State Authorities in the PRL (1968–1989)**

Lunch break

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14:30–16:00

Individuals and Local Institutions

Chair: Alexandra Klei

Zuzanna Świątowy  
**Case Study**

Renata Hanynits  
**Former Jankel Jancer Shul Synagogue in Lviv.  
Rebuilding Jewish Heritage and Community Life  
after 1991**

Magdalena Abraham-Diefenbach  
**The Synagogue in Międzyrzecz. A History of the Various  
Attempts to Protect the Monument**

Arno Pařik  
**The Influence of the Polish Jewish Painters  
of the 17th and 18th cent. on its Painted Decoration**

Coffee break

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16:30–18:00

Secular Functions of Synagogues in Aims of Preservation

Chair: Mirko Przystawik

Emil Majuk  
**Gates of Heaven, Houses of Congregation, Places  
of Memory and Oblivion. Post-war Fate and Local  
Meanings of Former Synagogue Buildings  
on the Border of Poland, Ukraine and Belarus**

Tobiáš Smolík  
**„Schul“ as a Learning Space: A Second Chance  
for Czech Provincial Jewish Heritage Sites?**

Monika Źąsytienė  
**The Imbalance Between ‘Our’ and ‘Other’ Heritage:  
Jewish Heritage Inclusion in Local Identity. Sveksna’s Case**

Reception

