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CREATING ALTERNATIVES FOR JEWISH WOMEN IN EUROPE

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The White Stork Synagogue and "Kamienica Pod Aniołami"

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THURSDAY, 1 September

11:00-15:00 Registration – "Kamienica Pod Aniołami" Hotel, ul. Kazimierza Wielkiego 31-33

12:00-13:30 The Jewish Women of Breslau/Wroclaw city walk in English with Anna Nienartowicz, Jewish Studies Department, University of Wroclaw, and special guest Sandi Wisenberg, who will read excerpts from Rosa Luxemburg’s writings in front of the prison.
Meeting point – “Kamienica Pod Aniołami” lobby 11:45

12:00-14:00 The Historic Jewish Cemetery Tour with Renata Wilkoszewska-Krakowska, director of the Museum of Cemetery Art, in Polish with consecutive English translation.
Meeting point: "Kamienica Pod Aniołami" lobby, 11:30

14:00-15:00 everyone is invited to join us in the “Kamienica Pod Aniołami” lobby

15:15-15:30 Conference Opening by Bente Kahan
White Stork Synagogue main hall – Włodkowica 5a

15:30-16:30 Jewish Revival in Poland
White Stork Synagogue main hall
Moderator: Edyta Gawron
Personal narratives from Danielle Chaimovitz, Bente Kahan, Piotr Kwapisiewicz, Marcin Wodziński

16:30-17:00 Break in the synagogue

17:00-18:30 Jewish Women in Breslau/Wroclaw
Little Synagogue (shul) – entry through the White Stork Synagogue
moderator Małgorzata Stolarska-Fronia
Agata Rybińska:Unknown and Forgotten Women. Traces of Rabbis’ Wives in Breslau
Małgorzata Stolarska-Fronia:Double Forgotten – Jewish Women Artists from Breslau
17:00-18:30 New Roles and Spaces for Women in Judaism
"Kamienica Pod Aniołami" conference room B
Moderator: Kathy Ehrensperger
Hartmut Bomhoff: “The Woman in the House of God” (1926) Revisited
Hadassah Stichnothe: Josefa Metz and Meta Samson: Two “New Jewish Women” in Nazi Germany
Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz: Contestation and Opportunity: Two New Orthodox Jewish Women's Communal Rituals

17:00-18:30 Art Presentations 1
„Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room A
Marion Kahneman: Texts as Found Objects
Gabriela von Seltmann: Ginczarka – Firebird
Tanya Ury: Personal Affects – Going into the Archive

18:30-20:00 Dinner  Please see food map. “Kamienica Pod Aniołami” requires advance reservation during registration. Participants pay their own meals with the exception of shabat dinner, sponsored by the Bente Kahan Foundation, in the White Stork Synagogue. All registered participants and speakers are warmly welcome.

18:30-20:00 Presentation of the Happy Hippy Jew Bus
The White Stork Synagogue courtyard
Jalda Rebling & Anna Adam

20:30 Presentation
Ania Ciszewska aka Betty Q burlesque: “Nudity empowers some, modesty others”
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room

21:00 Concert
Bente Kahan: Songs about Women
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room

21:30 Meet and greet wine reception – Please bring a wine from your home region for tasting!
Lara Daemmig and Tanja Berg present the Bet Debora network
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” lobby
FRIDAY, 2 September

8:30-9:00 Egalitarian Shacharit with Ulrike Offenberg
“Kamienica pod Aniołami” conference room

9:30-11:30 Polish Jewish Women and Leadership: Then and Now – Panel Discussion
White Stork Synagogue, main hall
moderator: Anna Makówka-Kwapisiewicz, Jewish Association Czulent
Anna Azari, Ambassador of Israel to Poland
Anna Chipczyńska, head of the Warsaw Jewish community
Agnieszka Graff, feminist and writer
Bożena Keff, feminist and writer
Kazimiera Szczuka, literary critic

9:30-12:00 Workshop
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room B

9:30-12:00 Movie screening
Jalda Rebling & Anna Adam: Movie screening – “Anna and Jalda”
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room A

11.00-12.30 Jewish Women in Breslau/Wroclaw and Galicia
Little Synagogue (shul) – entry through the White Stork Synagogue
Moderator: Eleonore Lappin-Eppel
Eleonore Lappin-Eppel: Karla Wolff, A Portrait
Rabbi James Baaden: Edith Stein: Her Story
Angelique Leszczawska-Schwerk: “Mowa ta wywarła potężne wrażenie” (this speech made a tremendous impression): Róża Pomeranc-Melcer (1880-1934): Feminist, Zionist and Politician

12:30-13:30 Lunch – see food map. Meals at “Kamienica Pod Aniołami” must be reserved in advance.

14:00-16:00 Workshop
Marian Ziss: Mentoring workshop B
„Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room

14:00-16:00 Art Presentations 2
White Stork Synagogue second balcony
Joan Roth: Jewish Women: A World of Tradition & Change photographs
Zuza Ziolkowska-Hercberg: Volunteers for Freedom, with Bożena Keff
14:00-16:00 Workshop
Ewa Alfred: Biolog theatre workshop
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room A

16:30-18:00 Presentation of the Happy Hippy Jew Bus
The White Stork Synagogue courtyard
Jalda Rebling & Anna Adam

16:30-18:00 Jewish Women Growing up under Communist Rule – roundtable
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room B
Moderator: Jalda Rebling
Lara Daemmig
Marion Kahneman
Tanya Reytan

16:30-18:00 Saving the Past – Preparing the Future
"Kamienica Pod Aniołami" conference room A
Moderator: dr Katarzyna Liszka
Gail Reimer: The Future of the Past: A Look at the First Two Decades of The Jewish Women’s Archive
Dragana Stojanovic & Sonja Villic: Portraits and Memories of the Jewish Community in Serbia: Women Now and Then
Aleksandra Wilczura: Female Face of the “Jewish Revival in Poland”: Biographies of Polish-born Jewish Activists in Newly Democratic Poland after 1988

19:30 Egalitarian Kabbalat Shabbat Service – with Chazan Jalda Rebling in the “Kamienica Pod Aniołami"

19:30 Orthodox Kabbalat Shabbat Service – with R. David Basok and the Jewish community Small Synagogue (shul) – entry through the White Stork Synagogue

20:45 Shabbat Dinner (milchig kosher) catered by the kosher Jewish community kitchen in the White Stork Synagogue main hall. All registered conference participants and speakers are invited. Sponsored by the Bente Kahan Foundation.
SATURDAY, 3 September (no technical equipment on Shabbat)

9:30-12.00 Egalitarian Shacharit prayer with Rabbi Barbara Borts „Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room, followed by kiddush

9:30-12:00 Orthodox Shacharit prayer – with R. David Basok and the Jewish community in the Little Synagogue (shul), followed by kiddush

9:30-10:30 Ulrike Offenberg God-less Torah Study: Finding Ourselves in the Biblical Text Second balcony of the White Stork Synagogue

12:15-13:30 Lunch: please see food map. Meals in the Kamienica Pod Aniołami must be reserved in advance.

14:30-16:00 Religious Feminism
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room A
Moderator: Sharon Shenhav
Dr Katarzyna Liszka: Post-Holocaust Jewish Feminist Theology
Mimi Sheffer: Cantor + Woman = Feminist?
Sharon Shenhav: Inter-religious Dialogue on Marriage and Divorce

14:30-16:00 Feminist Text Study
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room B
Moderator: Gail Reimer
Chazan Jalda Rebling: Shirat HaYam – Song of the Sea
Miranda Crowdus: On the Liturgical Periphery: Music, Gender, Power, and Cross-Cultural Negotiations in Women’s Rosh Chodesh Services

16:00-16:30 Coffee break
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami”

16:30-18:00 Religion, Feminism, Politics – New Roles, New Contributions
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room B
Rabbi Barbara Borts: Kol Isha: The Voice of Women Rabbis in Contemporary Jewish Life

16:30-18:30
“Miracle in Cracow” – a film by Diana Groo followed by a discussion with the filmmaker in the designated Shabbat-free room of the “Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room A

18:30 Dinner – Please see food map. Meals at the „Kamienica Pod Aniołami” must be reserved in advance.

20:20 Havdalah with Rabbi David Basok and Mimi Sheffer in the Jewish community cafeteria
21:00 The Yellow Ticket – Alicia Svigals, klezmer violinist, and Marilyn Lerner, pianist, will perform their original score to the 1918 silent film starring Pola Negri. White Stork Synagogue main hall. All conference participants are invited.

SUNDAY, 4 September

9:00-9:30 Egalitarian Shacharit with Chazan Jalda Rebling Rosh Hodesh Elul (Hallel) „Kamienica Pod Aniołami“ conference room

10:00-11:30 Women in Arts, Dance and Music
“Kamienica Pod Aniołami” conference room A
Martina Bitunjac: Female Jewish Artists in Yugoslavia in the interwar Period
Ruth Herzka: Jewish Women in the Arts
Gail Reimer: Judith Berg and the Language of Dance
Anna Rozenfeld: “With a Yiddish Song on Her Lips:” Dina Blumenfeld

10:00-11:30 Women in Politics
Little Synagogue (shul) – entry through the White Stork Synagogue
Hannah Peaceman: Tikkun HaOlam as a Political Attitude: Philosophical Grounds for Feminist Change
Tanya Reytan: The Jewish Response to the “Double Genocide” Discourse

10:00 – 11:30 Jewish Survival – Jewish Renewal
"Kamienica Pod Aniołami" conference room B
Alina Marincean: Post-war Alternatives for Jewish Women from Maramures, Romania
Irina Shihova: We will Survive: The Jewish History of Moldova in Images, Maps and Pictures
Peninah Zilberman, president Fundatia Tarbut Sighet: Jewish Romanian Women: Post-communism/Revolution Times

10:00-11:30 Sports and Health – New Roles for Jewish Women
White Stork Synagogue second balcony
Sarah Egger: In the Tracks of Fritzy Loewy
Gunda Trepp: “Bye, bye, Cancer! Welcome, Life!”

12:00 Conference closing remarks
White Stork Synagogue main hall

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15:00-18:00 Alicia Svigals klezmer instrumental workshop in English – open to all in the White Stork Synagogue. Bring your own instrument. Admission is free. Please sign up in advance at alternatives@fbk.org.pl.

Exhibits on display in the White Stork Synagogue throughout the Conference:

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