

The Bente Kahan Foundation (Wrocław), The Jewish Association Czulent (Kraków) and Bet Debora (Berlin)

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**8<sup>th</sup> International Bet Debora Conference  
of European Jewish Women, Activists,  
Academics and Rabbis**

## **CREATING ALTERNATIVES FOR JEWISH WOMEN IN EUROPE**

**1 – 4 September, 2016  
in Wrocław/Breslau (Poland/Polen)  
European Capital of Culture 2016**

The White Stork Synagogue  
and "Kamienica Pod Aniołami"

Language of the conference: English



# ***Creating Alternatives for Jewish Women in Europe***

**1-4 September 2016**

**Wrocław, Poland**

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Czulent Jewish Association (Kraków)

## **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/Wrocław** city walk in English with Anna Nienartowicz, Jewish Studies Department, University of Wrocław, 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 Wiłkoszewska-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/Wrocław**

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**

Monika Krajewska: Image and Word in Jewish Art. Papercut 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 Ziółkowska-Herberg: 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: Jaldá 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 Vilicic: 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 Jaldá 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 Jaldá 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

Lara Daemmig & Eleonore Lappin-Eppel: Bet Debora Journal 2016 “Engendering Jewish Politics”

**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](mailto:alternatives@fbk.org.pl).

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

**Joan Roth:** *Jewish Women: A World of Tradition & Change* photographs

**Irina Shihova:** *We will Survive: The Jewish History of Moldova in Images, Maps and Pictures*

**Zuza Ziółkowska-Hercberg:** *Volunteers for Freedom* with Bożena Keff