THE JEWISH NATIONAL MOVEMENT IN THE USSR

ONLINE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

21-23 DECEMBER, 2020 | 19:00 - 21:00

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MARKING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
“OPERATION WEDDING”

Steering Committee:
Havi Dreifuss, Simha Goldin, Ze’ev Khanin, Boris Maftsir, Boris Morozov, Dan Tadmor

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Five of the convicted in the Leningrad trials before they left for Israel, Moscow, Russia (USSR), 1979

From left: Arye Khanokh, Wolf Zalmanson, Boris Penson, Anatoly Altman, Hillel Butman

The Oster Visual Documentation Center, Beit Hatfutsot, courtesy of Yona and Natan Schwartzman
21 December, 2020

Opening
Simha Goldin
Director of the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center, Tel Aviv University

Isaac Herzog
Chairman of the Executive of The Jewish Agency for Israel & Member of the Board, Beit Hatfutsot

Soviet Authorities, Jews, and the Jewish National Movement in the USSR before and after World War II

Moderator: Velvl Chernin (EAJC)

Topics for Discussion:
- “Classical” Russian Zionism in the USSR in 1920s-1940s: Destiny and Heritage
- State Anti-Semitism and Zionist Activity in the USSR in the 1950s and the First Half of the 1960s
- Zionist Activity in the Soviet Union, 1948 - 1967
- Identity, Ideology and Community Structures in the Zionist Movement of the Late USSR

Presenters: Boris Morozov (TAU); Gennady Kostyrchenko (RAS); Yaacov Ro’i (TAU); Ze’ev Khanin (MoAI & BIU)

Visual presentation: Haim Ghiuzeli (Beit Hatfutsot)
Personal items of the prisoner of Zion Zvi Preigerzon, which are part the Museum’s new permanent display

22 December, 2020

Despite Common Sense: Testimonies on the Jewish Underground in Leningrad and Riga and “Operation Wedding”

Moderator: Izabella Tabarovsky (Wilson Center)

Participants: Eduard Kuznetsov; Josef Mendelevich; Sylva Zalmanson; Israel Zalmanson; Elie Valk; Anatoly Goldfeld; Boris Penson; Arie Hanoch; Wolf Zalmanson

Visual presentation: Haim Ghiuzeli (Beit Hatfutsot)
Collection of photographs by Joseph Schneider, a prisoner of Zion

23 December, 2020

Soviet Jewry, the USSR Zionist Movement, and “Operation Wedding”: Responses from Israel and the West

Moderator: Semion Goldin (HUJI)

Topics for Discussion:
- Israel and Soviet Jewry in 1948-1953
- Zeh hakatan gadol yihyeh: The Emergence and Evolution of a Jewish Movement in the Late USSR

Presenters: Yacov Livne (MFA); Zvi Gitelman (UM); Nati Cantorovich (NATIV)

Visual presentation: Haim Ghiuzeli (Beit Hatfutsot)
Interview with Constance Smukler, one of the pillars of the Jewish-American struggle for the release of prisoners of Zion