13:00–14:30 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

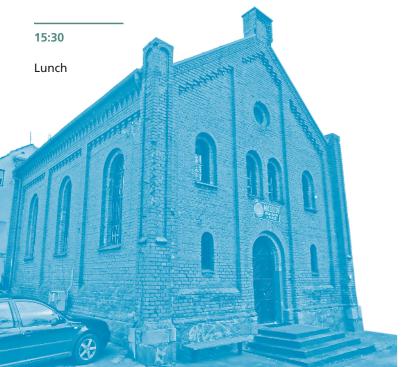
Approaches of the Scientific Community and Decision Makers to Hungarian Jewish Built Heritage after 1945. A Case Study of Two Orthodox Synagogues in Mád and Tállya.

**Eugeny Kotlyar** 

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

15:00 Summary

Ruth Leiserowitz, Ulrich Knufinke







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## **Tuesday, 12 September**

German Historical Institute Warsaw

18:00–20:00
25th Lelewel Debate:
The Orphaned Synagogue in the Urban Space.
Why Do We Recall Them?

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

# Wednesday, 13 September

POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews

9:00-9:30
Welcome and Introduction

Zygmunt Stępiński, POLIN Ruth Leiserowitz, DHI / Ulrich Knufinke, SPP Kamila Lenartowicz, Bet Tfila – Research Unit for Jewish Architecture in Europe, TU Braunschweig

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-Csortán Synagogues in the Contemporary Hungarian Countryside

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

Coffee break

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

14:30–16:30 Individuals and Local Institutions

Chair: Alexandra Klei

Zuzanna Światowy
Restoring Memory or Searching for a New Identity?
Synagogues of Lower Silesia in the Post-German
Territories after 1945

Renata Hanynets
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
Reconstruction of the Great Synagogue in Boskovice.
The Influence of the Polish-Jewish Painters of the 17th and 18th Centuries on its Painted Decoration

Coffee break

17:00–18:30
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 Žąsytienė
The Imbalance Between 'Our' and 'Other' Heritage:
Jewish Heritage Inclusion in Local Identity. Švėkšna's Case

Reception



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9:00–10:30 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 Timişoara, 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

11:00–12:30 Synagogues as Inherited Objects

Chair: Katrin Keßler

Ulrike Huhn

The Yeshiva of Volozhin and the Quest for Jewish Heritage in Belarus and Ukraine by Jewish Intellectuals from Leningrad in the 1980s

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