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International Conference

## The Holocaust as the Paradigm of Psychic Trauma in the 20th Century

January 23 to 25, 2007  
Tel Aviv University  
Drachlis Hall (496),  
Gilman Building

## Tuesday, January 23, 2007

10:00-12:00

Greetings:

**Harald Kindermann**, German Ambassador to Israel

**Tobie Nathan**, Cultural Counselor, French Embassy in Israel

**Ehud Toledano**, Director, Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University

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Opening Lectures:

**José Brunner**, Tel Aviv

*Trauma as the Paradigm of the Holocaust*

**Nathalie Zajde**, Paris

*The Holocaust as the Paradigm of Trauma*

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14:00-17:30 (with break)

First Session:

**Uniqueness and Universality:**

***The Ethical and Clinical Heritage of the Holocaust***

Chair: **Dina Porat**, Tel Aviv

**Jörn Rüsen**, Essen

*Humanism in Response to the Holocaust: Destruction or Innovation?*

**Catherine Grandsard**, Paris

*Uniqueness vs. Universality of the Holocaust: Implications for Psychotherapy*

**Henry Szor**, Bat Yam/Tel Aviv

*Word and Silence in the Therapy of Holocaust Survivors: Changing Perspectives*

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For abstracts of presentations

and further details on participants, see

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## Wednesday, January 24, 2007

9:00-13:00 (with break)

Second Session:

***The Birth of the Survivor:***

***From the Survivor Syndrome to the Child Survivor***

Chair: **Zahava Solomon**, Tel Aviv

**Ben Shephard**, Oxford

*Psychiatry's Response to the Holocaust, 1945–1950*

**Allan Young**, Montreal

*Historical Transformations in the Concepts “Trauma Survivor” and “Holocaust Trauma”*

**Rakefet Zalashik**, New York

*Differentiation of Trauma: The Child Survivor Category*

**Ruth Leys**, Baltimore

*From Guilt to Shame: Auschwitz and After*

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14:30-18:30 (with break)

Third Session:

***The Curse of the Holocaust:***

***On the Transgenerational Transmission of Trauma***

Chair: **Rivka Yahav**, Haifa

**Natan Kellermann**, Jerusalem

*Transmitted Holocaust Trauma: Curse or Legacy?*

**Yolanda Gampel**, Tel Aviv

*Rethinking Transmission: The Undetermined “Radioactive Identification”*

**Carol Kidron**, Haifa/Jerusalem

*Embodied Memories of the Holocaust: The Silent Presence of a Difficult Past*

**Yael Danieli**, New York

*What Must We Know for the Future*

## Thursday, January 25, 2007

9:00-13:00 (with break)

Fourth Session:

***The Holocaust Survivor Comes of Age:***

***Contemporary Theories and Practices***

Chair: **Yoram Barak**, Tel Aviv

**Eliezer Witztum**, Be'er Sheva / **Ruth Malkinson**, Tel Aviv

*Grief and Loss among Holocaust Survivors: Changing Concepts and Contemporary Theory*

**Jacob Lomranz**, Tel Aviv

*Aintegration: Implications for Comprehending Holocaust Survivors and Other Traumatized Persons*

**Dov Shmotkin**, Tel Aviv

*The Study of Trauma-Related Perspective of Time: The Incorporation of Trauma into Life Stories of Holocaust Survivors*

**Hans J. Markowitsch**, Bielefeld

*Changes of Self and Memory across Time*

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14:30-19:00 (with break)

Greetings:

**Jean-Michel Casa**, French Ambassador to Israel

Fifth Session:

***Survivors and Their Descendants:***

***Examining Psychosocial Theories and Practices Today***

Chair: **Nathalie Zajde**, Paris

**François Heilbronn**, Paris

*How Artifacts, Archives and Sites of Memory Induce a Mourning Process among Shoah Victims and Survivors' Children*

**Jürgen Müller-Hohagen**, Munich/Dachau

*Stammering the Unspeakable: Communicative Gaps – Contradictions – Encounters*

**Emilie Hermant**, Paris

*Observing Survivors from the Backstage of an NGO: A Psychosocial Assignment in Post-tsunami Sri Lanka*

**David Becker**, Berlin

*Lessons Not Learned: Victims of Organized Violence, International Aid Efforts, and the De-development of the Trauma Discourse*