

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 | 3 PM–9 PM

# “Measure Their History”

## ANTONY POLONSKY’S The Jews in Poland and Russia



SHERMAN HALL | HASSENFELD CONFERENCE CENTER | BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY | WALTHAM, MA

### ANTONY POLONSKY’S

three-volume *magnum opus* provides a comprehensive political, social, economic, and religious survey of the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe from 1350 to the present. To mark its publication, this symposium will consider the impact of Professor Polonsky’s work on the field of Eastern European Jewish Studies. An afternoon panel will feature distinguished scholars David Engel of New York University, Monika Adamczyk-Garbowska of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, and Adam Teller of Brown University. The evening program will feature a keynote address by Ruth Franklin, book critic and senior editor at *The New Republic* and author of the recently published and critically acclaimed *A Thousand Darknesses: Lies and Truth in Holocaust Fiction*. A short film tribute to Professor Polonsky will close the evening.



### Monday, September 19th Keynote, 6:45 pm

*This Is Where We Used to Live:  
American Jews Revisit Poland*

### RUTH FRANKLIN

Literary Critic and Senior  
Editor at *The New Republic*



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Hassenfeld Conference Center  
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

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# THE JEWS IN POLAND AND RUSSIA VOLUME I

# 1350



**ANTONY POLONSKY** is Albert Abramson Professor of Holocaust Studies in the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies department at Brandeis University and the 2008-2009 Ina Levine Invitational Scholar at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Until 1991, he was Professor of International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is chair of the editorial board of *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*; author of *Politics in Independent Poland* (1972), *The Little Dictators* (1975), and *The Great Powers and the Polish Question* (1976); co-author of *A History of Modern Poland* (1980) and *The Beginnings of Communist Rule in Poland* (1981); and co-editor of *Contemporary Jewish Writing in Poland: An Anthology* (2001) and *The Neighbors Respond: The Controversy Over the Jedwabne Massacre in Poland* (2004). His most recent work is *The Jews in Poland and Russia*, of which volumes 1 (1350-1881) and 2 (1881-1914) were published by Oxford University Press in 2010, with volume 3 forthcoming this year. He has been awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland and the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of Independent Lithuania.

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3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

#### Panel Discussion

PANEL MODERATOR: EUGENE SHEPPARD, BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

*Polin and the Revival of Polish-Jewish History: Past Achievements and Future Prospects*

ADAM TELLER, BROWN UNIVERSITY

*Polonsky and Polin in Poland:*

*Building Bridges in Polish Jewish Studies*

MONIKA ADAMCZYK-GARBOWSKA,

MARIA CURIE-SKŁODOWSKA UNIVERSITY

*From Dubnow to Polonsky:*

*Synthesizing the History of Russo-Polish Jewry*

DAVID ENGEL, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

#### Dinner Break

6:45 PM

#### Welcome

PRESIDENT FREDERICK M. LAWRENCE, BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

#### Introduction

SYLVIA FUKS FRIED, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,

TAUBER INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF EUROPEAN JEWRY

#### Keynote

RUTH FRANKLIN,

*This Is Where We Used to Live:*

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#### Film Tribute

PRESENTED BY SHARON PUCKER RIVO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,

NATIONAL CENTER FOR JEWISH FILM AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

**ADAM TELLER** is Associate Professor of History and Judaic Studies at Brown University. His most recent book is *Money, Power, and Influence: The Jews on the Radziwill Estates in Eighteenth-Century Lithuania* (Jerusalem 2005). In 2010, he co-edited *Polin* volume 22, which focused on the history of the Jews in pre-modern Poland.

**MONIKA ADAMCZYK-GARBOWSKA** is Head of the Center for Jewish Studies at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin. Her most recent work is *The Aftermath of the Holocaust: Poland 1944-2010* (2011, with Feliks Tych). She is the recipient of the 2004 Jan Karski and Pola Nireńska Award for research in the field of Yiddish, and served as the 2006-2007 Ina Levine Invitational Scholar at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

**DAVID ENGEL** is Greenberg Professor of Holocaust Studies, Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, and Professor of History at New York University. Since 1985 he has been the editor of the journal *Gal-Ed: On the History and Culture of Polish Jews*. He is the author, most recently, of *Historians of the Jews and the Holocaust* (2010). Professor Engel is also a member of the Academic Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

**RUTH FRANKLIN** is a literary critic and a senior editor at *The New Republic*. Her freelance book reviews also appear in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Review of Books*, and *The New York Times Book Review*, among other publications. Her first book, *A Thousand Darknests: Lies and Truth in Holocaust Fiction*, was published in November 2010 by Oxford University Press.

**EUGENE R. SHEPPARD** is Associate Professor of Modern Jewish History and Thought, and Associate Director of the Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry. His current project explores the ways in which German Jewish intellectuals grappled with issues of loyalty from the 1930s through the 1950s. He is co-editor of the *Nachlass* of Simon Rawidowicz and a managing editor of the forthcoming *Brandeis Library of Modern Jewish Thought*.

**SYLVIA FUKS FRIED** is Executive Director of the Tauber Institute. She serves as Associate Editor of the Tauber Institute Series and Director of Publications at the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University.

**SHARON PUCKER RIVO** is the Co-Founder and Executive Director and of The National Center for Jewish Film. She is on the faculty of the department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis and lectures widely on the history of Jews in cinema, a field she helped pioneer.

#### Conference Organizing Committee:

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**Eugene Sheppard**, Associate Professor in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies