SIXTH PANEL
**Jewish Transnational Encounters**
14.30–15.45
Chair: Katrin Steffen (Hamburg)
David Shneer (Boulder)
 *Maintaining Collective Identity After Fascism:*
 *East Germany's Jews, Their Transnational Networks,*
 *and East German Anti-Fascism*
Eliyana R. Adler (State College/Warsaw)
 *Strange Bedfellows: The Soviet Red Cross, Polish*
 *Jewish Refugees, and the American Joint Distribution*
 *Committee*

15.45–16.15: Coffee

CONCLUDING ROUND TABLE
16.15–17.45
Chair: Kamil Kijek (Wrocław/Prague)
Audrey Kichelewski (Strasbourg)
Elissa Bemporad (New York)
Arkadi Zeltser (Jerusalem)

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# New Approaches to the History of the Jews under Communism

## TUESDAY, 23 MAY

20.00 –20.30
Oleg Zhidkov (Jerusalem)
*The Jewish Movement in the USSR: New Sources*
*and Perspectives (Video Testimonies)*

## WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY

9.00 Welcome

FIRST PANEL
**Jewish Life, Religious Practise and Folklore**
**under Soviet Communism I**
9.15–11.00
Chair: Elissa Bemporad (New York)
Valery Dymshits (St Petersburg)
*The Boundaries of Illegal: Religious Practices*
*and Shadow Economy in Soviet Jewish Life*
Victoria Gerasimova (Omsk)
*The Jewish Community of Omsk under the Soviets,*
*from 1940 to the 1960s: Between Tradition and Survival*
Diana Dumitru (Chişinău)
*'It is Better to Live in Romania Than in the Soviet*
*Union': How Bessarabian Jews Tried and Frequently*
*Failed to Become Soviet Citizens during Late Stalinism*

11.00–11.15 Coffee break

SECOND PANEL
**Literature and Jewish Identity**
11.15–13.00
Chair: Joanna Nalewajko-Kulikov (Warsaw)
Daria Vakhrushova (Düsseldorf)
*'The Utopia of Yiddish Literature after the Revolution*
Magdalena Ruta (Krakow)
*'Nusekh Poyln and the 'New Jewish Man':*

*The Image of the Jewish Communist*
*in Yiddish Literature of Post-war Poland*
Gennady Estraikh (New York)
*Soviet Yiddish Cultural Diplomacy,*
*from the 1950s to 1991*

13.00–14.00 Lunch

THIRD PANEL
**Paths of Integration/Disintegration into**
**the Communist Political System and Society**
14.00–15.45
Chair: Michal Kopeček (Prague)
Galina Zelenina (Moscow)
*'Po Kurskoi, Kazanskoi zheleznoi doroge': Jewish*
*Private Life in the Moscow Oblast between Leisure,*
*Underground Religion, and National Revival*
Agata Maksimowska (Warsaw)
*Being Jewish in Soviet Birobidzhan*
Kateřina Čapková (Prague)
*Centre and Periphery: Jewish Experience*
*in Communist Czechoslovakia*

15.45–16.15 Coffee

ROUND TABLE
**The Diversity of Jewish Experiences**
**under Communism**
16.15–18.00
Chair: Marcos Silber (Haifa)
Zvi Gitelman (Ann Arbor)
Joanna Nalewajko-Kulikov (Warsaw)
Bożena Szaynok (Wrocław)
Andrea Pető (Budapest)

18.00 Dinner

20.00–21.30 Guided tour of the Prague Castle

## THURSDAY, 25 MAY

FOURTH PANEL
**Jewish Identities and Ways of Life**
**under Communism**
9.00–10.45
Chair: Stephan Stach (Prague)
Anna Shternshis (Toronto)
*'I was not like everyone else': Soviet Jewish Doctors*
*Remember the Doctors' Plot of 1953*
Anna Koch (Southampton)
*After Auschwitz you must take your origin seriously':*
*Perceptions of Jewishness among Communists*
*of Jewish Origin in the Emerging German*
*Democratic Republic*
Kata Bohus (Frankfurt am Main)
*The Opposition of the Opposition: New Jewish*
*Identities in the Samizdat of Late Communist Hungary*

10.45–11.15 Coffee

FIFTH PANEL
**Jewish Life, Religious Practise and Folklore**
**under Soviet Communism II**
11.15–13.00
Chair: Ilana Miller (Chicago/Prague)
Ella Stiniguță (Cluj-Napoca)
*Mountain Jews and the Challenges of Ritual Life*
*in the Soviet Caucasus*
Mikhail Mitsel (New York)
*Jewish Religious Communities in Ukraine, 1945–81*
Karīna Barkane (Riga)
*Beyond Assimilation: Jewish Religious Communities*
*in the Latvian SSR*

13.00–14.30: Lunch