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# FESTAKT

## ZUM 50-jährigen JUBILÄUM DER TOURO UNIVERSITY

Half a century for academic research and teaching.  
Ceremony for the 50th Anniversary of Touro University

Prof. Simcha Fishbane Ph.D., New York, Vice President  
CEO Touro University Campus Berlin

cordially invites you on the

**15th November 2022**

**to the Campus am Rupenhorn 5, 14055 Berlin**

9:00: Welcoming by Acting Rector and Provost of Touro University Campus Berlin Jane Williams-Boock

9:05: Greetings from the President of the Berlin Parliament Dennis Buchner

9:10: Greetings from H.E. Ambassador of the State of Israel Mr. Ron Prozor

9:15: Greetings from Rabbi Yehuda Teichtal, Executive Director of the Jewish Center of Education Chabad Lubawitsch Berlin

9:20: Welcome and Introduction of Dr. Alan Kadish, MD President and CEO Touro University System: Prof. Simcha Fishbane, Ph.D.

9:25 – 10:15: Dr. Alan Kadish: Theological Implications of the Holocaust

# Internationales Akademisches Colloquium:

The Holocaust of the Polish Jews - political history, contested memory

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10:30 – 11:15: Prof. Dr. Israel Singer, Vice President Touro University: The Holocaust of the Polish Jews - political history, contested memory

11:15 – 13:00: Panel I: Jewish Reactions in the Face of the Holocaust

- Dr. Adam Sitarek, U Lodz: The Litzmannstadt Getto administration
- Dr. Michał Trębacz, U Lodz & POLIN Museum Warsaw, Shmuel Zygielbojm and the Polish Government in Exile. A history of disappointment
- Ayelet Eva Herbst M.A., U München, The Flight of Polish Jews to Eastern Ukraine

Chair: Prof. Dr. Peter Klein, Touro University Berlin

13:00 – 13:30: Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:30: Panel II: Polish Reactions in the Face of the Holocaust

- Dr. Joanna Ostrowska, Krakow: The Queer Support in the Face of the Holocaust. Chmielewski's Circle of Friends in Warsaw
- Prof. Dr. Joanna Beata Michlic, UC London: Rescue Acts and Rescue Dynamics through the Lenses of older Jewish Child Survivors from Poland: the first accounts 1945 - 1949
- Dr. Zofia Wóycicka, German Historical Institute Warsaw, Righteous' museums in Europa

Chair: Prof. Simcha Fishbane, Ph.D,

15:30 – 16:00: Coffee and Tea Break

16:00 – 18:00: Roundtable: Contemporary narratives in Poland

- Prof. Dr. Paweł Machcewicz, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw
- Dr. Laurence Weinbaum, The Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs
- Dr. Florian Peters, U Jena

Chair: Prof. Dr. Stephan Lehnstaedt,  
Touro University Berlin

CLOSING REMARKS

Sara Nachama  
Founding President Emeritus

RECEPTION FOLLOWING

The international conference presents latest research on the fate of and reactions of Polish Jews confronted with the Holocaust.

The first panel is devoted to Jewish reactions in the face of the Holocaust; the second panel highlights how Poland reacted. The concluding discussion will cast an international perspective on the current historical narratives of the Holocaust in Poland.