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### POSITIONS

Associate Professor, History, Jewish Studies, Pennsylvania State University, 2014-2024  
Research Fellow, Georgetown University, 2012-2014  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies, University of Maryland, 2004-2010  
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Meyerhoff Center, University of Maryland 2002-2004

### EDUCATION

Brandeis University, Ph.D., Modern Jewish History, 2003  
Brandeis University, M.A., Near Eastern Judaic Studies and Women's Studies, 1995  
Oberlin College, B.A., History and Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, 1991

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Monographs

*Survival on the Margins: Polish Jewish Refugees in the Wartime Soviet Union* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2020).

- Yad Vashem International Book Prize for Holocaust Research, 2021
- Rachel Feldhay Brenner Award in Polish Jewish Studies, 2021

*In Her Hands: The Education of Jewish Girls in Tsarist Russia* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2011).

- Heldt Prize for the Best Book in Slavic/Eastern European/Eurasian Women's Studies, 2011
- National Jewish Book Award Finalist in the category of Women's Studies, 2011
- Russian translation, *В их руках: Девичье еврейское образование в Российской империи* (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2022).
- New edition forthcoming, Wayne State University Press, 2024.

#### Edited Volumes and Journals

Hanna Temkin, *My Involuntary Journeys: A Memoir*, Eliyana R. Adler, ed. (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem Press, 2023).

Eliyana R. Adler and Polly Zavadvker, special editors, *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies* 23:2 (2023), *Memorial Books in Comparative and Global Perspectives*.

Eliyana R. Adler and Natalia Aleksium, eds., *Entanglements of War: Social Networks in Eastern Europe during the Holocaust* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem Press, 2022).

Eliyana R. Adler and Kateřina Čapková, eds., *Jewish and Romani Families in the Holocaust and its Aftermath* (Rutgers University Press, 2020).

Eliyana R. Adler and Antony Polonsky, eds. *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, volume 30 (2018), *Jewish Education in Eastern Europe*.

Eliyana R. Adler and Sheila E. Jelen, eds. *Reconstructing the Old Country: American Jewry in the Post-Holocaust Decades* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2017).

Eliyana R. Adler and Sheila E. Jelen, eds. *Jewish Literature and History: An Interdisciplinary Conversation* (Bethesda: University Press of Maryland, 2008).

#### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Expanding Geographies of the Holocaust: Refugees and Spatial Histories,” Janine Fubel, Alexandra Kiel, and Annika Wienert, eds., *Space in Holocaust Research: A Transdisciplinary Approach to Spatial Thinking* (Oldenbourg: De Gruyter, 2024), 47-63.

“Translating Trauma: The Afterlife of Holocaust Memorial Books,” *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies* 23:2 (2023): 200-220.

“Give Me Łódź: Jewish Communal Life in a Polish Manufacturing City,” *Jewish Culture and History* 24:4, *Jews in New Cities* (2023): 1-19.

“Maintaining Family Networks via Post during the Holocaust,” Eliyana R. Adler and Natalia Aleksion, eds. *Entanglements of War: Social Networks in Eastern Europe during the Holocaust* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem Press, 2023), 77-101.

“Entangled Memories: Wartime Experiences in the Soviet Interior in Postwar Holocaust Testimonies,” *History & Memory* 34:2 (Fall/Winter 2022): 139-171.

“Ties that Bind: Transnational Support and Solidarity for Polish Jews in the USSR during World War II,” Jan Láníček and Jan Lambertz, eds., *More than Parcels: Wartime Aid for Jews in Nazi-era Camps and Ghettos* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2022), 23-48.

“I Became a Nomad in the Land of Nomadic Tribes: Polish Jewish Refugees in Central Asia and Perceptions of the Other,” Christoph Dieckmann and Arkadi Zeltser, eds., *Distrust, Animosity, and Solidarity: Jews and Non-Jews during the Holocaust in the USSR* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem Press, 2021), 243-275.

“Kindling Enlightenment: A Social History of the Jewish Candle Tax in Russia,” *Jewish Social Studies* 26:3 (Fall 2021): 64-90.

“Children in Exile: Wartime Journeys of Polish Jewish Youth,” Katharina Friedla and Markus Nesselrodt, eds., *Polish Jews in the Soviet Union (1939-1959): History and Memory of Deportation, Exile and Survival* (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2021), 30-56.

“Singing Their Way Home,” *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, Volume 32, *Jews and Music-Making in the Polish Lands* (2020): 411-428.

- “The Miracle of Hanukkah and Other Orthodox Tales of Survival in Soviet Exile During World War II,” *Dapim: Studies on the Holocaust* 32:3 (2018): 155-171.
- Eliyana R. Adler and Natalia Aleksion, “Seeking Relative Safety: The Flight of Polish Jews to the East in the Autumn of 1939,” *Yad Vashem Studies* 46:1 (2018): 41-71.
- “Clothes Make the Man: A Photo Essay on Russian Jewish School Uniforms,” *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewish History*, Volume 30, *Jewish Education in Eastern Europe* (2018): 131-154.
- “Mapping a Lost World: Postwar Jews and (Re)creating the Past in Memorial Books,” Eliyana R. Adler and Sheila E. Jelen, eds., *Reconstructing the Old Country: American Jewry in the Post-Holocaust Decades* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2017), 68-86.
- “Out of the Ghetto? Historiography on Jewish Women in Eastern Europe,” *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewish History*, Volume 29, *Writing East European Jewish History* (2016): 301-318.
- “Crossing Over: Exploring the Borders of Holocaust Testimony,” *Yad Vashem Studies* 43:2 (Fall 2015): 83-108. Reprinted in Mark Edele, Sheila Fitzpatrick, and Atina Grossmann, eds., *Shelter from the Holocaust: Rethinking Jewish Survival in the Soviet Union* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2017), 247-274.
- “Hrubieszów at the Crossroads: Polish Jews Navigate the German and Soviet Occupations,” *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 28:1 (Spring 2014): 1-30. Published in Polish translation in Katharina Friedla and Lidia Zessin-Jurek, eds., *Syberiada Żydów polskich: Losy uchodźców z zagłady* (Warsaw: Żydowski Instytut Historyczny, 2020).
- “Exile and Survival: Lithuanian Jewish Deportees in the Soviet Union,” *ha-Kayits ha-norah ha-hu: 70 shana le-hashmadat ha-kehilot ha-yehudiot be-‘are ha-sadeh be-Lita*, eds. Michal Ben Ya’akov, et al (Jerusalem: Efrata College, 2013): XXVII-XLIX.
- “Reinventing Religion: Jewish Religion Textbooks in Russian Gymnasias,” *Journal of Jewish Education* 77:2 (Summer 2011): 141-156.
- “Reading Rayna Batya: The Rebellious Rebbetzin as Self-Reflection,” *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women’s Studies and Gender Issues* 16 (Fall 2008): 130-152.
- “No Raisins No Almonds: Singing as Spiritual Resistance to the Holocaust,” *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* 24:4 (Summer 2006): 1-17.
- “Women’s Education in the Pages of the Russian Jewish Press,” *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, Volume 18, *Jewish Women in Eastern Europe* (2005): 121-132.
- “Enlightened Self-Interest: Teaching Jewish Girls in Tsarist Russia,” *Studies in Jewish Civilization* 16: *The Jews of Eastern Europe*, ed. Leonard Greenspoon, Ronald A. Simkins, and Brian Horowitz (Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2005), 265-284.
- “Rediscovering Schools for Jewish Girls in Tsarist Russia,” *East European Jewish Affairs*, 34:2 (Winter 2004): 139-150.
- “Educational Options for Jewish Girls in Nineteenth-Century Eastern Europe,” *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, volume 15 (2002): 301-310.

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- “Polish Jewish Holocaust Memorial Books as Archives of Transit,” Memory Maps: Early Postwar Efforts to Identity, Locate, Document, and Memorialize Sites of Jewish Life and Death (1945-1955), St. Ottilien Archabbey, Germany, July 2024
- “Memories of Jewish Kovne in Postwar Memorial Books,” Considering History, Understanding Memory: 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liquidation of the Kovno Ghetto, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, July 2024
- “Networks of Knowledge: Polish Jewish Holocaust Memorial Books as Archives in/of Transit,” Archives in/of Transit: Historical Perspectives from the 1930s to the Present, University of Southern California, June 2024
- “Local Holocaust Knowledge in Ukrainian Yizker Books: Microhistories and Memory,” New Perspectives on Ukrainian Jewry, Jewish Theological Seminary, May 2024
- “Remembering Survival in Evacuation in Polish Jewish Memorial Books,” AJS Annual Conference, San Francisco, December 2023
- “Transnational Networks and the Resurrection of Dead Communities,” East-Central Europe at the Crossroads: Jewish Transnational Networks and Identities, Polin Museum, Warsaw, Poland, June 2023
- “Monuments in Paper: Polish Jewish Post-Holocaust Memorial Books,” Institute of Jewish Studies, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland, June 2023
- “‘I have come back to the place of suffering’: Narratives of Return in Postwar Polish Jewish Memorial Books,” Ukrainian Association for Jewish Studies, Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lviv (remote), March 2023
- “Imagining Central Asia: Polish Jewish Refugees’ Maps and Images of Cultural and Environmental Encounters,” Holocaust Refugees in Transit: Race, Encounters, and Empire in Asia, German Historical Institute of Washington, March 2023
- “Entangled Memories: Wartime Experiences in the Soviet Interior in Postwar Holocaust Testimonies,” Mercer County Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Education Center, Mercer County Community College, February 2023
- “I Saw the Angel of Death: Book Discussion,” Hoover Institute, Stanford University, February 2023
- “Representing Survival: The Holocaust’s Discursive Eclipse of Polish Jewish Refugees in the USSR,” Beyond Camps and Forced Labour, University of London, January 2023
- “Aftermapping: Memory Maps as Holocaust Testimony,” AJS Annual Conference, Boston, December 2022
- “Evolving Narratives of Communism in the USSR and the Polish People’s Republic,” Lessons and Legacies, University of Ottawa, November 2022

- “The Precarity of Memory: Looking Back at Life in Soviet Evacuation in Postwar Memorial Books,” ASEEES Annual Convention, Chicago, November 2022
- “Mapping Testimony: Reading Quaint Memory Maps as Integral,” Awkward Objects, Curiosa and Varia: Exploring the Boundaries of the Holocaust Archive, Humboldt University (remote), September 2022
- “Narratives of Return in Postwar Polish Jewish Memorial Books,” Eastern European Displaced Persons, Refugees, and POWs during and after the Holocaust, University of Latvia, September 2022
- “Constructing and Reconstructing Holocaust Memorial as an Ethics of Remembrance,” The Ethics of Remembering/Re-Membering Trauma, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State, August 2022
- “Substitute Gravestones: Constructing and Reconstructing Holocaust Memorial Books,” keynote address, Rosemary Horowitz Memorial Conference, Appalachian State University, August 2022
- “Yizkor Bikher and the Resurrection of Dead Communities,” Practices of Reunification: The Continuation of Refugee Life after 1945, University of Hildesheim, June 2022
- “Roundtable: Jewish Refuge and Refugees in Different Eras,” PIASA’s 8<sup>th</sup> World Congress, University of Białystok, June 2022
- “Memory Palimpsests: Narratives of Return in Postwar Polish Jewish Memorial Books,” Lost Knowledge: Approaching Migrant Knowledge after Migration, German Historical Institute of Washington DC, March 2022
- “The Ethics of Representation in Crowd-Sourced Translations of Yizker-Bikher,” Memorial Books: Comparative and Global Perspectives, University of Delaware (remote), February 2022
- “From Stone to Paper: Constructing and Reconstructing Local Holocaust Memorials in Eastern Europe,” 53<sup>rd</sup> ASEEES Annual Convention, November 2021
- “Polish Jewish Refugees Encounter Soviet Central Asia during World War II,” Jewish Soldiers and Fighters in World War II, Blavatnik Archive (remote), November 2021
- “Testimonies of Homecoming in Yizkor Bikher: Confronting the Local Holocaust and its Aftermath,” Lessons & Legacies Workshop for New Research in Holocaust Studies, Northwestern University, October 2021
- “After Everything, I Have Arrived: Remembering Transit,” Archives of Global Transit Workshop, German Historical Institute Washington DC (remote), October 2021
- “Memory of Migrations: Integrating Tales of Central Asia in Memorial Books,” Jews Along the Silk Road: Migration Routes, Entangled Spaces and In-between Positions, Jüdisches Museum Berlin (remote), October 2021
- “Translating Trauma: The Ethics of Re-Presenting in Crowd-Sourced Translations of East European Jewish Memorial Books,” The Ethics of Representing/Re-Presenting Trauma, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State, August 2021

“Disseminating Local Holocaust Memory: Crowd-Sourced Translations of Memorial Books,” Digital Holocaust Memory from the Margins: Practices, Places, and Narratives Online International Conference, Rabb Center for Holocaust and Revival Studies, Ben Gurion University of the Negev (remote), June 2021

#### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Alexander Grass Memorial Fellowship, Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), 2024-2025

Fulbright Global Scholar Award, 2022-2023

Center for Global Studies Research Award, Penn State University, 2021

Danek Gertner Research Fellowship, Yad Vashem, spring 2020

Faculty Fellow, Humanities Institute, Penn State University, fall 2017

Research Fellowship, German Historical Institute of Warsaw, spring 2017

Short-Term Travel Grant, International Research and Exchange Board, 2015

Families, Children, and the Holocaust Research Award, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, 2013

The Baron Friedrich Carl von Oppenheim Chair Holocaust Fellowship, Yad Vashem, 2011-2012

Sosland Foundation Fellowship, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM, 2010-2011

#### EDITORIAL POSITIONS

*Yad Vashem Studies*, Editorial Board, 2021-

*Association for Jewish Studies Review*, Modern Book Review Editor, 2020-2024

Editorial Board, 2024-

*Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, Editorial Board, 2019-

#### ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Academic Committee, 2024-

Saul Kagan Fellowship Admissions Committee, Claims Conference, 2020-

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Committee, Memorial Foundation, 2015-

Elka Klein Memorial Travel Grant, Association for Jewish Studies, 2010-

Jordan Schnitzer Book Awards, Modern Jewish History and Culture, 2024

Rachel Feldhay Brenner Award in Polish Jewish Studies Committee, 2022

Yad Vashem International Book Prize Committee, 2022

NEH-Center for Jewish History Senior Fellowship Committee, 2021

#### RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Russian, Polish, Yiddish, Hebrew

#### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Association for Jewish Studies

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies

Memory Studies Association

Polish Studies Association