

**AEJM Conference 2011
Jewish Museum London
19-22 November**

***Jewish Museums in Europe: Interpreting Collections, Engaging Audiences*
Conference Programme**

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

- 6.30pm** Registration at the Jewish Museum
- Guests are invited to a reception and a chance to view the museum galleries and current exhibition *Entertaining the Nation: Stars of Music, Stage and Screen*
- 7.30pm** Welcome from **Rickie Burman**, Director of Jewish Museum London
- 7.40pm** KEYNOTE LECTURE: *Making an Exhibition of Themselves: the Conflicted Heritage of Jews in Britain*. **Professor David Cesarani**, Royal Holloway University of London
- 8.15pm** Buffet dinner
- 9.30pm** Close of programme

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

- 9am** KEYNOTE SESSION: *Why do Jewish Museums Matter? An International Perspective*
Professor Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, Program Director, Core Exhibition, Museum of the History of Polish Jews. Followed by discussion
- 10am** *The new Jewish Museum London: Interpreting Jewish Heritage*
Presentation by **Rickie Burman** followed by Q&A with **Hanno Loewy**, Director, Jewish Museum Hohenems
- 10.45am** Coffee Break
- 11.15am** PLENARY SESSION: Engaging Audiences through Education and Learning
- Take one Object: Using objects as a creative springboard for themes across the curriculum*
Caroline Marcus, Head of Learning, Jewish Museum London
- Education in Jewish Museums: A vision and method*
Petra Katzenstein, Head of Children's Museum, Amsterdam Jewish Historical Museum
- Stereotypes and Prejudice: Building intercultural dialogue with young people*
Mathias Dreyfuss, Head of Education, Jewish Museum of History and Art (Paris)

Presentations will be followed by discussion

12.30pm Buffet lunch served in the Museum's Welcome Gallery

1.30pm WORKSHOP OPTIONS:

A: Identifying and Interpreting Judaica

Dr Felicitas Heimann-Jelinek and **Sarah Harel Hoshen**, Jewish Museum London

B: Digitising collections and producing online exhibitions (in association with the Judaica Europeana project)

Liz Selby and **Helena Liszka**, Jewish Museum London

C: Collecting and Interpreting Jewish Social History

Judith Vandervelde and **Rickie Burman**, Jewish Museum London

D: Provenance Research and the JHM WWII Database

Julie-Marthe Cohen, Amsterdam Jewish Historical Museum

3pm Coffee break

3.30pm Annual General Meeting of the AEJM
This is open to AEJM members and associate members only. Other delegates are free until 6pm when the evening programme commences.

5.30pm Close

Evening programme

6pm Coaches leave the museum to take delegates to **Bevis Marks Synagogue** for a chance to visit the historic Synagogue and view the textile collection.

There will be a brief presentation at the Synagogue on AEPJ and the European Day of Jewish Heritage by **Assumpció Hosta**, General Manager, AEPJ (European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage)

7.30pm Buffet reception at Bevis Marks restaurant

9.30pm Coaches leave Bevis Marks and return to Jewish Museum

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER

9.15am Delegates meet at the Jewish Museum for a coach tour across London visiting the **Ben Uri Gallery; British Library; The Freud Museum**, and the **Czech Scrolls Trust Museum at Westminster Synagogue**

1pm Both groups meet for a buffet lunch at Westminster Synagogue

5.30pm Coaches return to the Jewish Museum

Optional evening programme

7.30pm Dinner at a kosher restaurant in the Jewish area of Golders Green. *This is only open to those who have signed up in advance. Further details will be provided at registration on Saturday night. Payment must be brought on the evening to cover the cost of your meal.*

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

9am PRESENTATIONS: New projects

Introduction to the Museum of Jewish Culture, Bratislava (Slovakia)
Michal Vanek, Director

Introduction to the Museum of the History of Jews in Russia, Moscow
Maria Kaspina, Deputy Director and **Hilel Kazovsky**, Curator

The Jewish Museum Vienna as a 'Space in Progress'
Werner Hanak-Lettner, Head of Curators with an introduction by **Danielle Spera**, Director

Update on developments in American Jewish Museums
Lou Levine, Council of American Jewish Museums

Presentations to be followed by a panel discussion

10.30am Coffee break

11am WORKSHOP OPTIONS (see Sunday for details):

12.30pm FEEDBACK FROM WORKSHOPS and CLOSING DISCUSSION: Future priorities and conclusions

1.30pm Conference ends

2.30pm World War I Exhibition seminar/working group discussion with presentations from British Jewish historians including **Dr Tim Grady**, **Professor Tony Kushner**, **Dr Mark Levene** and **Dr Anne Lloyd**. *Pre-registration is required for this seminar.*

4pm Coffee break

4.30pm World War I Seminar/working group discussion continues

6pm Programme closes

OPTIONAL VISIT TO MANCHESTER JEWISH MUSEUM

Delegates are invited to visit the Manchester Jewish Museum after the conference. Further information is provided in the conference pack. *Trains from London to Manchester take approximately 2 hours and are best booked in advance via www.thetrainline.com. Please contact the Jewish Museum Manchester to arrange your visit via www.manchesterjewishmuseum.com.*

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER

9.30am World War I workshop follow-up discussion: moving forward with collaborative exhibition project

12.30pm Programme closes