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musée d'art
et d'histoire
du Judaïsme

aejm association
of european
jewish
museums
**annual
conference**

Jewish Museums and democracy

July 6-8, 2025, Paris



Sunday July 6th

10:30 **Conference registration**
Free access and introduction
to the galleries of the mahJ

- A. Permanent exhibition of the mahJ
- B. Temporary exhibition “Alfred Dreyfus. Truth and justice”
- C. Temporary exhibition “Paula Padani. Migrant dance: Hamburg, Tel Aviv, Paris”
- D. Temporary display “Embroideries by Pascal Monteil”
- E. Library of the mahJ
- F. Temporary display “Life and death of a family of photographers. Studio Roffé in Apt”
- G. Temporary exhibition “*Hände*, 1927, by Miklos Bandy”

12:30 **Lunch** → Contemporary Gallery

13:30 **Opening ceremony** → Auditorium

Welcome keynote by **Paul Salmona**, director of the mahJ and **Mirjam Wenzel**, chair of the AEJM Board and director of the Jewish Museum Frankfurt

14:00 **Plenary session I** → Auditorium

Transformation processes of Jewish museums in the midst of changing cities

- > **Nesim Bencoya**, general coordinator, The Izmir Jewish Heritage Project
- > **Pavla Niklova**, director, Jewish Museum Prague
- > **Thomas Otten**, director, MiQua. LVR-Jewish Museum in the Archaeological Quarter Cologne
- > **Paul Salmona**

Chair: Mirjam Wenzel

15:00 **Short break**

15:15 **Plenary session II** → Auditorium

Jewish museums and the values of democracy

- › **Perrine Simon-Nahum**, historian and philosopher, École normale supérieure, Paris
- › **James S. Snyder**, director, Jewish Museum New York
- › **Barbara Staudinger**, director, Jewish Museum Vienna
- › **Michal Vaněk**, SNM Museum of Jewish Culture, Bratislava

Chair: Paul Salmona

16:15 **Coffee Break** → Contemporary Gallery

17:00 **Professional session I** → Auditorium → Workshops

Towards the future: the impact and participation of young professionals in Jewish museums

Impulse by **Brigitte Sion** (Museum programme officer, Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe)

- A. The impact and participation of young professionals in Jewish Museums** – with **Lisa de Goffau** (assistant curator, Jewish Cultural Quarter Amsterdam)
- B. How can we strengthen resilience and mental health?** with **Monika Woznicka** (head of customer service section, POLIN Museum, Warsaw)
- C. Speed networking** – with **Elisa Boularand** (access officer, mahJ) and **Léa Weill** (junior curator, mahJ)

18:30 **End of the program**

Monday July 7th

9:30 **Arrival & coffee** → Contemporary Gallery

10:00 **Plenary session III** → Auditorium

Artistic and curatorial perspectives: contemporary art in Jewish museums

- > **Joseph Dadoune**, independent artist, Paris
- > **Julia Friedrich**, director of Collections and Exhibitions, Jewish Museum Berlin
- > **Judith Hoekstra**, curator, Jewish Cultural Quarter Amsterdam
- > **Pascale Samuel**, curator of Modern and Contemporary Art Collections, mahJ

Chair: Michaela Sidenberg (chief curator and deputy director, Jewish Museum Prague)

11:00 **Short break**

11:15 **Professional session II** → Workshops

Workshops on strategies in collecting and exhibiting art or involving artists

- A. Photographic media in Jewish museums. Approaches to collecting and exhibiting** – with **Nicolas Feuillie** (head of Photography collection, mahJ) and **Friedrich Tietjen** (head of Photo collections, Archive & Library, Jewish Museum Frankfurt)
- B. Process, intervention, empowerment. Artistic and curatorial strategies for contemporary times** – with **Eva Chomicka** (POLIN Museum Warsaw)
- C. Collecting contemporary art & Jewish culture** – with **Eva Atlan** (deputy director, Jewish Museum Frankfurt)

12:15 **Lunch** → Contemporary Gallery

14:00 **Keynote Speech** → Auditorium

Knowing Jewish culture and history as a remedy against antisemitism

- › **Katharina von Schnurbein**, European Commission coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life

14:45 **Plenary Session IV** → Auditorium

The impact of polarization within society

- › **Jakub Nowakowski**, director, Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre
- › **Amedeo Spagnoletto**, director, The National Museum of Italian Judaism and the Shoah (MEIS), Ferrara
- › **Mats Tangestuen**, academic director, Jewish Museum Oslo
- › **Eva-Maria Thiele**, chief curator, Berend Lehmann Museum – Moses Mendelssohn Academy, Halberstadt

Chair: Joanna Fikus (head of Exhibitions, POLIN museum, Warsaw)

15:45 **Coffee Break** → Contemporary Gallery

16:30 **Plenary Session V** → Auditorium

Beyond the Shoah

- › **Sharon Reichel**, curator, The National Museum of Italian Judaism and the Shoah (MEIS), Ferrara
- › **Paul Salmona**
- › **Zsuzsanna Toronyi**, director, Hungarian Jewish Museum and Archives, Budapest

Chair: Mats Tangestuen

17:30 **End of program**

19:00 **Reception** → Salons of the Hôtel de Ville (Paris City Hall)
3, rue de Lobau, 4^e arr

Tuesday July 8th

9:30 **Arrival & coffee** → Contemporary Gallery

10:00 **Plenary Session VI** → Auditorium

Presentation of new projects

- A. **A Museum without walls: re-emerging Jewish heritage of Belarus** – **Maya Katznelson**, founder and **Grigoriy Kheifets**, product manager and digital curator, Belarusian-Jewish Cultural Heritage Center
- B. **A new project of K. Jews, Europe, the 21st Century Review** – **Elie Petit**, journalist, K. Review
- C. **The new Jewish Museum of Switzerland** – **Naomi Lubrich**, director Jewish Museum of Switzerland

10:30 **15 minute break**

- D. **The Slovak Jewish Heritage database** – **Maroš Borsky**, director, Jewish Community Museum Bratislava, **Jana Švantnerová** curator, Jewish Community Museum, Bratislava, **Zsuzsanna Toronyi**, director, Hungarian Jewish Museum and Archives, Budapest
- E. **Ethics and othering** – **Sandy Hollis**, head of education, Sydney Jewish Museum
- F. **Support to Jewish culture & life at EU level** – **Pascale Falek**, policy officer, European Commission

Chair: Petra Katzenstein (manager, Jewish Museum Junior at JCK, Amsterdam)

11:15 **Presentation of CAJM activities**

- › **Christine Beresniowa**, CAJM Executive Director

11:45 **Plenary Session VII** → Auditorium

Goals and challenges of cultural programming

- › **Erika Hedenström**, director, Jewish Museum of Sweden
- › **Marc Francesch**, program manager European Days of Jewish Culture (EDJC), European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage (AEPJ)
- › **Carmen Álvarez Nogales**, director, Jewish Museum Toledo

Chair: Nisya Isman Alloví (director, The Quincentennial Foundation of Turkish Jews, Istanbul)

12:45 **End of the Conference**
Lunch → Contemporary Gallery

13:30 **Annual General Meeting**

14:30 **Start of Excursions**
Optional excursions

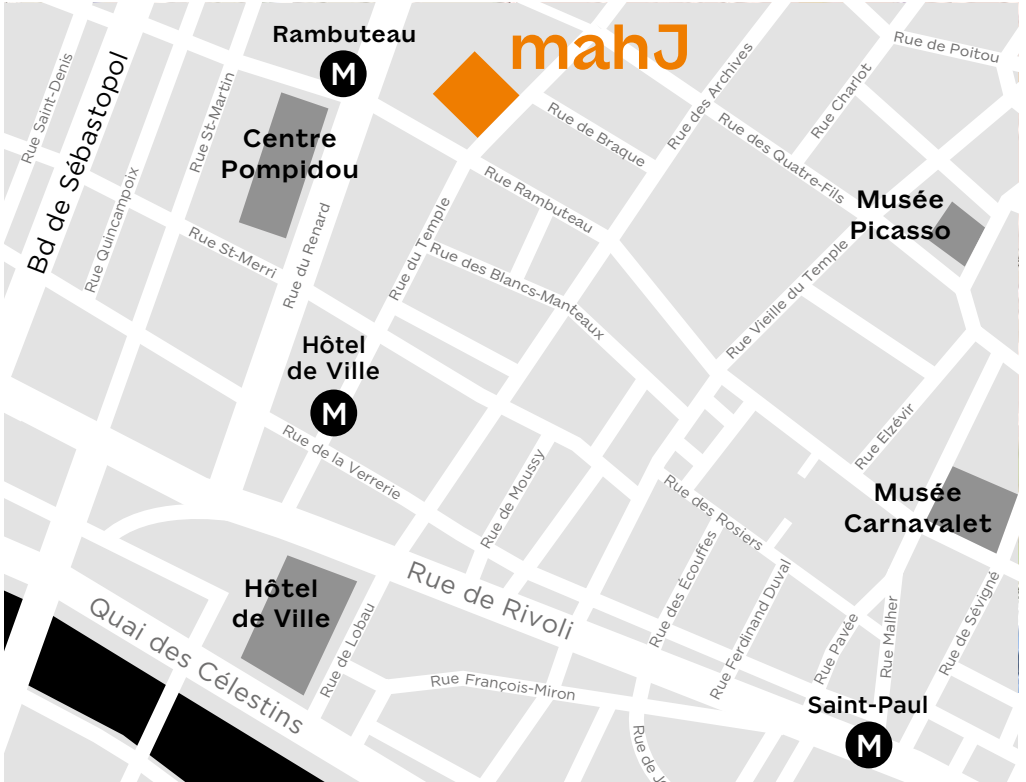
- › **Guided tour of the Jewish Marais** (traditional Jewish neighborhood) with **Elisa Boularand** and visit of the Synagogue des Tournelles with **Dan Arbib** (2h)
- › **Guided tour of the Jewish Marais** (traditional Jewish neighborhood) with **Orlie Taieb** and visit of the Synagogue des Tournelles with **Dan Arbib** (2h)

Nearby institutions

**Self-guided, within walking distance,
with no need for public transport**

- › **Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature
(Museum of Hunting and Nature)**
62, rue des Archives, 3^e arr.
- › **Fondation Henri Cartier-Bresson**
79, rue des Archives, 3^e arr.
- › **Musée national Picasso**
5, rue de Thorigny, 3^e arr.
- › **Musée Cognacq-Jay (A taste of the 18th century)**
8, rue Elzévir, 3^e arr.
- › **Musée Carnavalet – Histoire de Paris
(Museum of History of Paris)**
23, rue de Sévigné, 3^e arr.
- › **Mémorial de la Shoah (Holocaust Memorial)**
17, rue Geoffroy-l'Asnier, 3^e arr.
- › **Maison européenne de la Photographie
(European House of Photography)**
5, rue de Fourcy, 4^e arr.
- › **Maison de Victor Hugo (Victor Hugo's House)**
6, place des Vosges, 4^e arr.

Practical information



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