

# First Contact Day JEWISH STUDIES IN THE LOW COUNTRIES

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in cooperation with the Department of History at the University of Antwerp

## Registration

Participation is free of charge, including coffee and tea.

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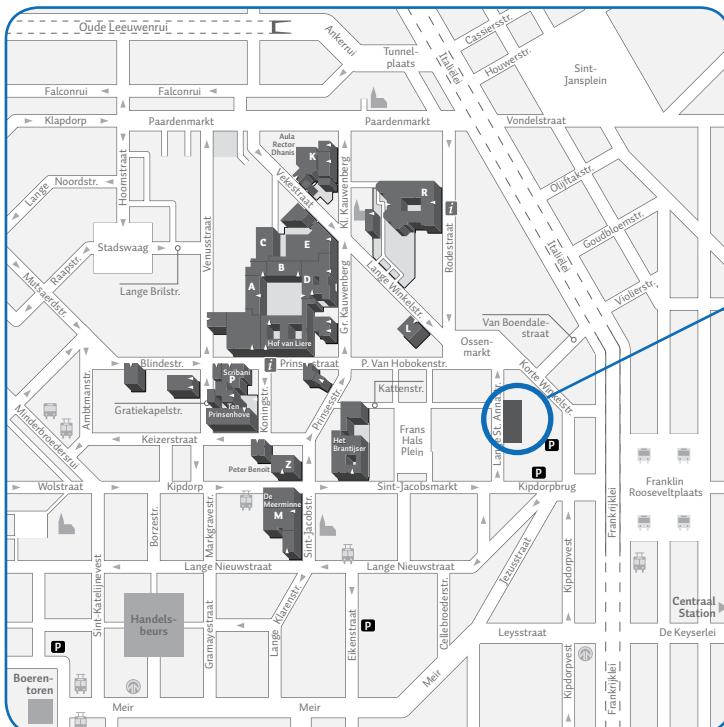
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## Venue

Universiteit Antwerpen  
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## JEWISH STUDIES IN THE LOW COUNTRIES JOODSE STUDIES IN DE LAGE LANDEN

20/05/2008 - University of Antwerp

The Institute of Jewish Studies organizes an interdisciplinary conference concerning Jewish studies in the Low Countries in cooperation with the History Department at the University of Antwerp. The purpose of the conference is to facilitate contacts between researchers working within this area of study. We especially wish to offer a forum to young researchers to present "work in progress" and also welcome more established researchers, so that a positive exchange can be established between different research generations. Represented disciplines in the program are history, law, anthropology and sociology.

Het Instituut voor Joodse Studies organiseert in samenwerking met het Departement Geschiedenis aan de Universiteit Antwerpen een eerste interdisciplinaire ontmoetings-studiedag op het terrein van de joodse studies van de Lage Landen. Doel van deze dag is de verschillende onderzoekers die zich bezighouden met joodse studies van de Lage Landen met elkaar in contact te brengen. We bieden in het bijzonder jonge onderzoekers een forum om "work in progress" te presenteren en verwelkomen daarnaast ook meer gevestigde onderzoekers. Deze dag beoogt een wisselwerking tussen verschillende onderzoeksgeneraties. Vertegenwoordigde disciplines zijn geschiedenis, recht, antropologie en sociologie.

# Conference Program

09:00-09:15 Registration and Coffee

09:15-09:30 Welcome

**Vivian Liska** - Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp  
Opening Remarks  
**Karin Hofmeester** - University of Antwerp / IISH Amsterdam  
**Veerle Vanden Daelen** - University of Antwerp

## 09:30-11:15 SESSION I: EARLY MODERN AND MODERN HISTORY

Chair: **Phyllis Cohen Albert** - Harvard University

**Shmuel Shepkaru** - University of Oklahoma

*An Early Eleventh Century Jewish Community in Flanders: Myth or Reality*

**Henriette de Bruyn Kops** - Georgetown University

*The Dutch Spinozas and the Espinozas of Nantes - A Family Scrapbook*

**Saskia Coenen Snyder** - University of Michigan

*Speklagen in de Pijp: Synagogue Architecture in Nineteenth Century Amsterdam*

**Liesbeth Schimmel** - Utrecht University

*Dutch Jews and the Appeal of Reform Judaism*

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

## 11:30-13:00 SESSION II: WORLD WAR II

Chair: **Bart Wallet** - Amsterdam University

**Jean-Philippe Schreiber** - Université Libre de Bruxelles

*Presentation of Three Research Projects on the History of Jews in Belgium*

**Barbara Dickschen** - Université Libre de Bruxelles

*The Education of Jewish Children and Adolescents during World War II in Flanders and Brussels*

**Marc Verschooris & Yves Louis**

*The Impact of the Persecution of the Jewish Professors and Students at the Faculty of Medicine at Ghent University during World War II*

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

## 14:00-15:30 SESSION III: THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

Chair: **Veerle Vanden Daelen** - University of Antwerp

**Levi Wastyn** - University of Antwerp

*The Migration of Dutch Diamond Cutters from Amsterdam to Antwerp*

**Gregg Lansu** - University of Antwerp

*The Image of Jews in Flemish Journals after World War II*

**Lars Verstappen** - University of Antwerp

*Jewish Leadership in Belgium: Jewish Politicians after World War II*

**Nathalie Lemmens** - University of Antwerp

*The Impact of the Attacks on the Jewish Community of Antwerp in the 1980s*

**Annick Vollebergh** - Amsterdam University

*The Antwerp Jewish Community in a Multicultural Context: Handling Uncomfortable Encounters*

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

## 15:45-17:00 SESSION IV: WOMEN AND GENDER

Chair: **Karin Hofmeester** - University of Antwerp / IISH Amsterdam

**Joke Kusters** - University of Antwerp

*Jewish Women in Limbo. In between Religious Law and State Law*

**Chia Longman** - Ghent University

*Sacrificing the Career or the Family?*

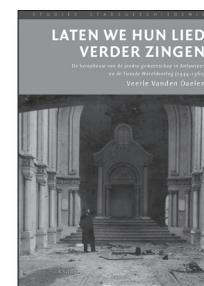
*Orthodox Jewish Women in between Secular Work and the Sacred Home*

**Dina Dahbany-Miraglia** - City University of New York

*Yemenite Jews in the Low Countries: A Brief History*

17:00-18:00 Closing Remarks

## Book Presentation - 18:00



**Laten we hun lied verder zingen.**  
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