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14th European Conference

29 April – 1 May 2012
Berlin - Germany

EUROPEAN CROSSROADS
Breaking Walls – Sustaining Jewish Life

Invitation

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Dear member,

It is a great pleasure to invite you to the 14th European Conference of the ICJW.

In Berlin, East meets West, past meets present, memory of destruction meets renewal and revival. The city will be an inspiration not only to consider the important contribution of Jewish women to Jewish life in Germany and Europe in the past, but, also to discuss from a contemporary perspective, the tremendous influence that political and social upheavals have had on European Jewish life after 1990. We will analyze the impact of migration and integration on European Jewish identities, focusing on the transmission of our heritage to our children, as well as new European developments and the rise of new anti-Semitism.

Through keynote speeches by outstanding scholars and many parallel workshops, the Conference will deal with topics like the significance of Jewish education for sustaining Jewish identity, Jewish women's status in a European society with a pluralistic view, human and civil rights and with creative ways to build a liveable future for the next generation, based on our heritage.

The conference will take place in the historical Oranienburger Synagogue, the Centrum Judaicum in Berlin, from April 29 to May 1, 2012. The year 2012 will also mark the 100th anniversary of ICJW, which started last century in Germany dealing with trafficking problems of European Jewish girls.

We hope that the conference will be an inspiration for the participating affiliates and will build bridges that will contribute to a better understanding of different cultures and different historical backgrounds in order to strengthen the communication and cooperation between European Jewish women and to keep transmitting our Jewish heritage.

We attach all the event information and look forward to seeing you in Berlin!

Sincerely Yours

Liliane Seidman

European Chairwoman of ICJW

Cornelia Maimon-Levi

Chairwoman Jüdischer Frauenbund in Deutschland

Hotels and Tours

An entire hotel of 63 rooms will be reserved for the participants and their spouses. A few rooms and apartments could be reserved at an adjacent hotel, both close to the Conference Hall at a special price. You will get the information and forms within the next 4 weeks.

If you consider arriving in Berlin earlier than April 29 or leaving later than May 2, we strongly recommend that you book your room as early as possible. Hotel rooms in Berlin are often booked out.

Lectures, workshops and discussions will take most of the time during the conference days. However we will offer a limited number of Berlin tours during the conference. For those who would like to know the city better, we will reserve thematically tours about Berlin's Jewish past and present, visits to the Jewish museum and memorials for Sunday, April 29 and Wednesday May 2. There will be opportunities for Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat program.

You must register in advance to be able to participate in all these programs and tours. We will send you the detailed program and prices in early January.

100 years celebration

For this important event we plan to distribute a memorial book. The concept is not yet finalized, but we need your contribution:

Please send us a short contribution to this book to the following email: liliane.seidman@gmail.com
This may be:

- A short history of your organization, including: foundation year, number of members, important personalities, important achievements, and specific issues.
- Recent and/or historical photos from your organization's activities. (high definition)
- Short biography and portrait photo of the present chairperson
- YOUR Jewish cooking recipe and eventually the story about it (family recipe, memories....)
- Your contact details needed for coordination, not for publishing.

Affiliates can send more than one cooking recipe – the editor group will choose the articles to be published.

The articles must be written in English or German and have to reach us **before December 25.**



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Jüdischer Frauenbund in Deutschland

EUROPEAN CROSSROADS:
100 YEARS ICJW: BREAKING WALLS – SUSTAINING JEWISH LIFE

29th April – 1st May 2012, BERLIN, CENTRUM JUDAICUM

PROGRAM – DRAFT

PLEASE NOTE:

- All those arriving on Friday will have the opportunity of praying in synagogue as well as Kabbalat Shabbat dinner and Shabbat Lunch. Details will be sent with registration forms.
- There will be opportunity for registration for tours for the weekend.

Sunday 29 April 2012

10.00 am – 2.30pm	Registration
9.00 am – 4.00 pm	Guided visits Berlin and Jewish Museum (by previous registration)
4.30 pm	MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT BAHNHOF GRUNEWALD - GLEIS 17
7.00 pm	OPENING GALA DINNER
	Guest speaker
	Greetings
	Musical program

Monday 30 April 2012

9.00 am	Opening session
	Greetings
9.45 am	GUEST SPEAKER: <u>BEATE KLARSFELD</u> (confirmed)
10.45 am	Coffee break
11.00 am	MY BERLIN – Karmela Belinki: A Journalist remembering 1989 in Berlin
11.15 am	Panel 1 – EUROPEAN CROSSROADS.
	BERLIN - Microcosms of Jewish Europe
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Minority integrates majority: Film and comments
2.45 pm	Introduction to the workshops
3.00	Coffee break

3.00pm – 5.30 pm **WORKSHOPS** (by bus, walking or workshop rooms) – in English/German/Russian
EDUCATION: Memory, identity and future
Workshops will explore Jewish women’s contribution in European past, as well as perspectives for present and future. The focus of the workshops will be the impact of education for sustaining Jewish life, democracy and against racism. The significance of preserving the memory of the Shoah, meanings, tools and perspectives will be studied at Berlin historical memorial sites and educational centers.

7.30 pm **Dinner**

Tuesday 1 May 2012

9.00 am Breakfast – Last minute registration
 Guest speaker
 JEWISH EUROPEAN IDENTITIES
 Q&A

10.00 am Coffee Break

10.15am **PANEL 2: SUSTAINING JEWISH LIFE IN EUROPE IN THE 21CENTURY: CHALLENGES AND LOOKOUT.**
What are the topic challenges in Jewish Europe? Is there an unified Europe community? What are the differences, where do we find together? What is the future we expect for our children? What is the Jewish European identity?

11. 45 am Discussion

12.00 Lunch

1.00 pm **WORKSHOP REPORTS**

2.00 pm **CONCLUSIONS**

2.30 pm **PANEL 3: “100 YEARS ICJW”**
Chairperson: Sharon Gustafson, President

4.00 pm **Film**
 Coffee break

4.15 pm –5.00 pm **Closing of the conference**, Statements and conclusions and last announcements

8.00 pm **CLOSING DINNER**
 Guest speaker

Wednesday, May 2 2012 - Thursday, May 3 2012

Executive Meeting