

POLIN: Studies in Polish Jewry

POLIN, which was established in 1986 as a yearbook, seeks to provide a resource for the growing number of scholars who seek authoritative historical and cultural material on Polish Jewry. It encourages research on an inter-disciplinary basis and has sought contributions from many disciplines - history, sociology, politics, anthropology, linguistics, literature and folklore - and from a wide variety of viewpoints.

Editorial policy is controlled by a six-person collegium, made up of Israel Bartal, emeritus Professor of Jewish History at the Hebrew University, Monika Garbowska, Professor of Comparative Literature and Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at the Marie Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, François Guesnet, Co-chair, Professor of Modern Jewish History at University College, London, Antony Polonsky, Co-chair, Chief Historian of the Museum of Polish Jews, Warsaw and emeritus Professor of Holocaust Studies at Brandeis University, Michael Steinlauf, Associate Professor of Jewish History at Gratz College, Philadelphia and Jonathan Webber, Professor of Jewish Studies at the Jagiellonian University Krakow.

The Collegium is assisted by editorial and advisory boards, made up of leading specialists in Polish-Jewish Studies from Poland, Israel, North America and Western Europe.

In the first issue, the editors wrote in their introductory statement:

Today, when organized Jewish life barely survives on Polish soil, it is vital for Jews to preserve the memory of a world from which so many of us are descended and from which we derive so many of the vital springs of our being. Among Poles, too, there is a new willingness to investigate the past of a people who for ten centuries lived in close proximity to them and whose history constituted an integral part of the development of the Polish lands... Our aim is to preserve and enlarge our collective memory, to investigate all aspects of our common past. We believe that there should be no taboo subjects and no topics too sensitive to be discussed. Our columns are open to all those of good will. We ask only that they write honestly and with respect for historical facts.

Thirty-four issues of Polin have so far appeared. Volume 1 includes an important exchange between Rafael Scharf and Władysław Bartoszewski on Polish-Jewish relations and an interview with Czesław Miłosz on translating the Hebrew Bible into Polish. Volume 2 has a core of articles devoted to the problems posed for Jews by the emergence in 1918 of an independent Polish state. Volume 3, which appeared on the forty-fifth anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, is devoted to the history of Warsaw Jewry. Volume 4 deals with the way the mutual perceptions of Poles and Jews have developed historically, how prejudices were created and how they were perpetuated. Volume 5 has a core of articles devoted to the problems of Polish Jews in Germany in the twentieth century. It also contains a section on Jewish Art and architecture. Volume 6 has a core of articles dealing with the history of the Jews in Łódź. Volume 7 investigates different aspects of the history of the Warsaw ghetto, volume 8 examines the situation of the Jews

in interwar Poland and volume 9 discusses the problem of why socialism, whether in its revolutionary or its reformist manifestation was unable, for the most part, to transcend national and ethnic divisions on the Polish lands. Volume 10 is devoted to the situation of the Jews in early modern Poland. Volume 11 has, as its basis, a series of articles on the varieties of the Jewish religious experience in Poland. Volume 12 examines the triangular relationship of Poles, Jews and Ukrainians in Galicia between 1772 and 1914. Volume 13 investigates the Holocaust and its aftermath in Poland and Volume 14 examines the situation of Jews in the Polish borderlands. Volume 15 is devoted to Jewish religious life in Poland from the sixteenth to the nineteenth century and Volume 16 investigates Jewish popular culture in Poland. Volume 17 examines the situation of Jews in smaller towns and townlets (shtetls) and volume 18 has a core of articles on women in Jewish Eastern Europe. Volume 19 is devoted to Polish-Jewish relations in North America and volume 20 examines the making of Holocaust memory. Volume 21 dealt with the impact of the 'anti-Zionist' campaign of 1968 and volume 22 investigated social and cultural boundaries in pre-partition Poland. Volume 23 examines the history of the Jews in Kraków, volume 24 investigated the long trajectory in the relations between Jews and their neighbours in the area and volume 25 analyzed the history of Jews in Lithuania. Volume 26 was devoted to Jewish-Ukrainian relations and volume 27 to Jews in the Kingdom of Poland between 1815 and 1918. Volume 28 had a core of articles on Jewish writing in Poland in Polish, Yiddish and Hebrew. Volume 29 investigated Jewish historiography in Eastern Europe. Volume 30 was devoted to the history of Jewish education in Eastern Europe whilst volume 31 compared the Jewish experience in Poland and Hungary. Volume 32 examined Jews and music-making in the Polish lands and volume 33 investigated Jewish religious life in the Polish lands since the middle of the eighteenth century. Volume 34 analyzes the different aspects of Jewish autonomous structures in Poland.

A selection of the most important articles from the first seven volumes with a long historical introduction by Antony Polonsky has also been published under the title, *From Shtetl to Socialism: Studies from POLIN*. We have also produced a comprehensive index of the first twelve volumes.

Plans for future volumes are well advanced. We are very eager to extend our coverage to the areas of Ukraine, Belarus and Lithuania, both in the period in which these countries were part of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and subsequently and to take advantage of the revival of Jewish studies and the opening of archives in these countries. Volume 35 will examine the influence of Polish Jews, Polish Zionism and Polish culture generally on the development of the Yishuv (the Jewish settlement in Palestine) and the state of Israel as well as the influence of the Yishuv and the state of Israel on developments in Poland, while volume 36 will investigate Jewish childhood in Eastern Europe. Volume 37 will explore the relationship between German-Jewish and Polish-Jewish culture, and volume 38 investigates the history of gender and of the body in Polish-Jewish history. Volume 39 will be dedicated to Polish-Jewish relations through the prism of culture.

Submission of Articles to *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*

The yearbook *Polin. Studies in Polish Jewry* is edited by the co-chairs of the editorial board and additional editors invited to edit individual issues of the yearbook. Topics of forthcoming volumes of *Polin. Studies in Polish Jewry* are published in the prelims of each volume, and scholars are encouraged to contact the co-chairs of the editorial board with chapter proposals. Further chapters are invited after consultation between all editors of each volume of *Polin. Studies in Polish Jewry*.

We welcome the submission of articles, not only in English, but also in other languages including Polish, Hebrew and Russian, which we will translate if accepted. All articles are sent out for review to all editors. If additional expertise is required, a chapter will be shared with anonymous, qualified scholars. If accepted, contributors are expected to work with the editors of the yearbook to incorporate necessary changes. All articles should follow the guidelines for the yearbook which the editors send to all contributors, also available on the *Polin* site.

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