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The Polish-Jewish Literature Studies Center at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (KUL), Poland, the Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland and the KUL International Centre for Research on the History and Cultural Heritage of the Jews of Central and Eastern Europe are pleased to invite you to the **International Academic Research Conference *The Jewish Press in Poland. Yesterday and Today***, which will take place on **November 18-20, 2014 in Zamość, Poland**.

For the Jewish community in the Polish lands the press was a very special means of communication – it reflected ideas, views and political ambitions, contributing to culture and serving as a channel for various types of polemic. Both the content of Jewish periodicals and their role will be the subject of this conference. We are interested in the Jewish press published in the 19th century in the Polish lands as well as in interwar Poland, Jewish periodicals and ephemera printed during the Second World War and publications distributed after 1945. We welcome papers discussing periodicals of varying publishing frequency (dailies, weeklies, monthlies) and devoted to different subjects (e.g. periodicals addressing social and political issues, cultural and academic journals, etc.).

We are announcing a Call for Papers in the following research areas:

- factors determining the birth and development of the Jewish press in the Polish lands;
- the press as a tool of intercultural communication;
- politics, economics and social issues in the Jewish press;
- Jewish periodicals as an institution of Jewish cultural life;
- literature in the Jewish press;
- sports in the Jewish press;
- religious issues in Jewish periodicals;
- the Jewish press as reflecting the emergence of a modernist understanding of religion;
- periodicals for Jewish children and young people;
- local Jewish press;
- Jewish press and anti-Semitic discourse;
- Jewish press on the anti-Jewish pogroms after 1945 and the events of March 1968;
- literary and cultural press in Polish published in Israel during the Second World war and after 1945 – as a continuation of the traditions of the II Polish Republic;
- contemporary Jewish periodicals in Poland;
- the image of Poland and of Poles in the Jewish press;
- design and layout of Jewish periodicals;
- language of the Jewish press;
- advertisements in Jewish periodicals;
- editorial milieu and editors of the Jewish press in the Polish lands in the 19th and 20th centuries;
- the press as a source for research on the history of Jews;
- worldwide reception of the Jewish press published in the Polish lands.

We are also interested in monographic papers presenting specific press titles as well as methodological proposals regarding research on Jewish periodicals.

The conference will be held at the 'Synagogue' Center of the Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland, located inside a Renaissance synagogue in Zamość, restored by the Foundation in 2009-2011 thanks to support from the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

Please send your abstract with the completed entry form to the Polish-Jewish Literature Studies Center: plpz@kul.pl by September 12, 2014. The organizers reserve the right to make their own selection of papers to be presented.

The conference fee is 450 PLN (400 PLN for Ph.D. candidates and students). The fee covers the cost of meals (3 lunches, 2 dinners, refreshments served during coffee breaks) as well as conference materials. The participants are obliged to cover the cost of their remaining meals, travel and accommodation.

The conference fee should be paid by bank transfer to the account of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin 59 1240 2382 1111 0000 3926 2147 by October 1, 2014, title of the transfer: "Jewish Press in Poland", name and surname of the participant.

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Schedule

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| September 12, 2014 | Deadline for sending abstracts and entry forms to: plpz@kul.pl |
| by September 16, 2014 | Approval of the abstracts. |
| by October 1, 2014 | Payment of the conference fee. |
| November 18-20, 2014 | Conference, 'Synagogue' Center of the Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland 14 Pereca St., Zamość, Poland |
| by January 31, 2015 | Deadline for sending papers for inclusion in the post-conference publication. |