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The Germans Entering Nabel, Tunisia, 1942

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Monday, April 28, 2008

16:00 *Special Session for Teachers:
Shaping the Memory of the War Period*

Chair: Zvi Zameret, Director, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi

Hanna Yablonka

**"Oriental Jewry and the Shoah" – How Do Oriental
Jews in Israel Relate to the Shoah? (H)**

Haim Saadoun

**Historiography and Shaping the Historical Memory
of the Second World War in North Africa (H)**

Michal Ronen

**A Characterization of the Life Stories of Survivors of the
Giado Camp, Libya 1942-1943 (H)**

Discussion

19:30 *Opening Session*

Chair: Yom Tov Assis, Chairman, Ben-Zvi Institute

Greetings:

Nathan Eitan, Director General, Yad Vashem

Reuven Merhav, Chairman of the Executive, Conference
on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany

Jean-Michel Casa, Ambassador of France

Ahmed El Habassi, The Tunisian Representative to the
Palestinian Authority

Haim Saadoun, Director of the Center for Information,
Documentation and Research on North-African Jewry
during WWII

The event will also be honored by the presence of the
following Ambassadors:

Sandro de Bernardin, Ambassador of Italy

Harald Kindermann, Ambassador of Germany

Eudaldo Mirapeix, Ambassador of Spain

20:30 *Keynote Lecture*

Michel Abitbol

**The Second World War and the Beginning of the End
of Jewish Presence in North Africa (H)**

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

9:00 *Session II: The Jews and Their Surroundings*

Chair: Irit Abramski-Bligh, Yad Vashem
Rachel Simon

Home Front: Jews in the Libyan Countryside during WWII (H)

Daniel Zisenwine

Disinterested Sympathizers: Moroccan Nationalists and Moroccan Jews during WWII

Filippo Petrucci

The Abolition of the Crémieux Decree and the Reaction of the Algerian Population – Completion of a Long Antisemitic Journey (F)

11:00 Break

11:30 *Session III: German Propaganda in North Africa during the Thirties and Responses*

Chair: David Bankier, Yad Vashem, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Remarks:

Harald Kindermann, Ambassador of Germany

Chantal Metzger

North Africa in the Third Reich's Strategy in the 1930's (F)

Martin Cuppers

The Third Reich's Propaganda in North Africa during WWII

Eli Bar-Chen

The Jewish Boycott in North Africa after the Rise of the Nazis to Power in Germany (H)

Emanuel Debono

The Dynamics of Antisemitism in North Africa on the Eve of WWII (F)

13:30 Lunch Break

15:00 *Session IV: Jewish Refugees and Welfare Agencies*

Chair: Eli Lederhendler, Chairman of the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Isabelle Rohr

Haven in the Maghreb: Jewish Refugees in Tangier (1939-1945)

Michael Laskier

Maghrebi Jewry on the Eve and during the World Jewish Congress Conference in Atlantic City: 1944 (H)

Michal Ben Ya`akov

Hélène Cazes Ben Attar and Her Activity on Behalf of Jewish Refugees in Morocco, 1940-1943 (H)

17:00 Break

17:30 *Special Session: Literature and Colonial History*

Chair: David Mendelson, Tel Aviv University

Guy Dugas

**Literary Images of the Period (1939-1945)
in Jewish Mediterranean Literature in French (F)**

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

9:00 *Session V: The Hidden and the Revealed:
Competing Interests*

Chair: Daniel Haik, Director of the World Sephardi Federation

Mitchell Serels

Spies and Counter-spies, Nazis and Refugees: Tangier during WWII

Claude Nataf

Jewish Leadership in Tunisia vis-à-vis Vichy and the Nazis (F)

Joseph Chetrit

The Community of Mogador under the Vichy Regime: Life under Terror (according to Written and Oral Documents) (H)

11:00 Break

11:30 *Session VI: Representation of the Period in Newspapers and Literature by Local Writers*

Chair: Tobie Nathan, Culturel Adviser, Embassy of France

Denis Charbit

Difference and Internal Exile: The Memory of Antisemitic Legislation in French Algeria in the Writings of Jacques Derrida and Benjamin Stora (F)

Norbert Bel Ange

In the Darkness of Vichy: The Jews of Mostaganem and Tlemcen and their Children in the Bedeau Camp according to the Local Press (F)

13:00 *Concluding Session*

Concluding Remarks: Dan Michman, Yad Vashem & Bar-Ilan University

Discussion

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