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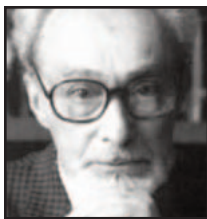
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**2000**

**Remembering Primo Levi  
The New School for Social Research**

Speakers:  
Tullia Zevi, Union of the Italian Jewish Communities  
Luisella Mortara Ottolenghi, CDEC  
Gad Lerner, RAI  
Marcello Pezzetti, CDEC  
Ruggero Gabbai, film maker

**2001**

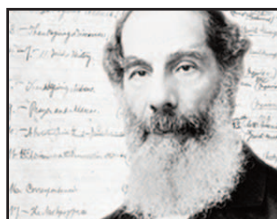
**Stage & Page  
Book and stage art by Emanuele Luzzatti  
Yeshiva University Museum**

Through precious original watercolors, collages, and maquettes this exhibition explores for the first time the Jewish work of the legendary Italian stage and book designer Lele Luzzati, including a series of his animated films for children and adults.

**2003**

**The Making of a Contemporary Jewish  
Museum in the City of Columbus.**

Speakers:  
Piero dello Strologo, Jewish Community of Genoa  
Tullia Zevi, European Jewish Congress  
Ariel dello Strologo, Centro Primo Levi, Genoa,  
Gianfranco Franchini, Architect  
Norman Kleeblatt, curator, Jewish Museum, NY  
Moderator: Daniel Belasco



**2006**

**The Gisella Levi Cahnman Open Seminar  
Humanism and the Rabbinic Tradition in Italy**

Alessandro Guetta, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris  
*Kabbalah in the Age of Reason: Elia Benamozegh*

Arthur Kiron, University of Pennsylvania, *The Sephardic Jewish Theological Seminary of Sabato Morais*

Fabrizio Lelli, University of Lecce  
*Yochanan Alemanno and Jewish Scholarship at the Medici Court*

Vadim Putzu, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati  
*Shabbatai Donnolo Between Mysticism and Science*

Evelyn Cohen, Jewish Theological Seminary  
*Women and Books in Renaissance Italy*

Joanna Weinberg, University of Oxford  
*Azariah De Rossi's Humanism*

Francesco Spagnolo, University of California  
*From Rossi to Rossini: Shifting Paradigms in Italian Jewish Musical Culture*

**2006**

**The Gisella Levi Cahnman Open Seminar  
Hebraic and Islamic Sources of Dante**

Sandra Debenedetti Stow, Bar Ilan University discusses the relation between idea and representation central to Dante's notion of heresy in *The Divine Comedy* and illustrates its Jewish, Sufi and Neo-Platonic roots. Prof. Debenedetti sheds new light on the intricate multi-cultural landscape that preceded the consolidation of Modern Europe and its ideological foundations.

**2007**

**The Valmadonna Library**

Arthur Kiron, University of Pennsylvania interviews Jack Lunzer on the creation of the Valmadonna Library.



**2004**

**The Italian Jewish Experience**

Center for Jewish History and Edmond J. Safra Synagogue. A three-day program exploring the rich history, traditions and participation in public life of Italian Jewry.

Speakers:  
Amos Luzzatto, Union of the Italian Jewish Communities  
Vittorio Dan Segre, University of Lugano  
Dario Calimani, University of Venice  
Francesco Spagnolo, University of California  
Maurizio Molinari, journalist  
Viviana Simonelli, National Archives, Rome

**2004-05**

**The Other Modigliani:  
A Life for Peace and  
Democracy**

The "other Modigliani," Giuseppe Emanuele (Menè) Modigliani, was one of Italy's earliest socialist and union leaders to be elected to Parliament. He was the older brother of the legendary modernist painter, Amedeo Modigliani. This exhibit of papers and photos from the Italian National Archives highlights Modigliani's activities and correspondence with prominent thinkers, and examines the contributions of Jewish intellectuals whose influence from 1860 to 1920 were especially pivotal to the formation of the State of Italy.



**2004**

**Lettere a Modi**

A theatrical reading of the correspondence of Amedeo Modigliani with his mother and brother. Music and visuals from the Modigliani Archives.



**2007**

**Fiorello's Sister, Gemma's Brother**

Speakers:  
Marjorie B. Tiven, Commissioner, City of New York.  
Matilda Raffa Cuomo, Katherine LaGuardia,  
Rochelle G. Saidel.

Public conversation, slide show, film, and radio clips exploring the early years of the La Guardia family; the political career of Fiorello La Guardia and his public and personal involvement with the American Anti-Nazi-Fascist campaigns, the Jewish Labor Committee, and civilian relief during and after World War II; and Gemma's experiences in Nazi Europe.

**2007**

**La Istoria de Purim Io Ve Racconto...**

Concert and Children's workshop by the Renaissance music group Lucidarium featuring Enrico Fink as solo vocalist. Qeriat Megilla by Rav Umberto Piperno.

**2007**

**The Nextbook Festival of Ideas:  
Jesus in Jewish Culture.**

"Jesus and the Rabbis." Speakers: Rav Riccardo Di Segni and Susanna Heschel. Co-sponsored by Nextbook and Centro Primo Levi, the festival brings together an all-star lineup of writers, critics, filmmakers, and scholars to explore the role of Jesus in Jewish Culture.

**2007**

**Blooming Trieste. An Evening with Italo Svevo  
and James Joyce.**

Speaker: Victor Brombert, Princeton University  
Robert Zuckerman and Jane House read excerpts from James Joyce, Italo Svevo, and Livia Veneziani.



**2004**

**Jewish Culture, History, and Libraries  
in Emilia Romagna**

Speakers: "The Italian Genizah" Mauro Perani, University of Bologna; "Bologna's Tales of Life", Lucio Pardo, Jewish Community of Bologna.

**2004**

**Il Coraggio di Vivere**

Journalist Andrea Fiano interviews his father Nedo Fiano who survived Auschwitz and has played a leading role in the teaching of the history of the Shoah to younger generations of Italians.

**2005**

**To Scratch an Angel**

Israeli composer Ari Frankel reflects on Primo Levi's last days through a formidable palette of music and language.



**2005**

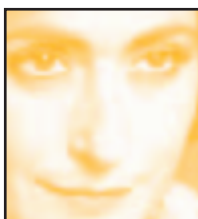
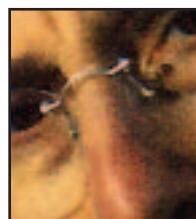
**My Version of the Facts. An Italian Jewish  
Woman: War, Flight, and Memory.**

Reading and panel discussion on the memoir of Carla Pekelis. With Fabio Girelli Carasi, Brooklyn College.

**2006**

**The Banality of Good  
Rescuers in Italy at the Time of Persecution**

Speakers:  
Senator Seymour Lachman, Wagner College, Consul General of Italy, Honorable Antonio Bandini, Simon Levis Sullam, University of California, Liliana Picciotto Fargion, CDEC, Eva Fogelman, Social psychologist.



**2007**

**Mediterranean Dialogues.  
Histories of Jewish-Muslim Coexistence**

Ross Brann, Cornell University moderates a panel of fellows from the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania exploring the historical crossover of imagery and ideas in Mediterranean lands, its relevance within academia, and its impact on the society at large. Performer Miriam Meghnagi offers songs in Hebrew, Arabic, Bagitto, and Ladino.

**2007**

**From Rome to Tangier, the Journey of a Jewish  
Doctor. The Life and Work of Lucia Bedarida.**

A conversation on the life of Lucia Bedarida (1900-2007) and the role of women in today's debates on medicine, ethics, and Judaism. Speakers: Mirella Shapiro Bedarida and Paola Bedarida, Giti Bensinger, *Maimonides Medical Center and International Organization for Women's Health and Development*, and Rabbi Ysoscher Katz, *Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School*.

**2008**

**Jews, Christians and the Roman Empire.  
When Christians Were Jews.**

Speaker: Paula Fredriksen, Boston University  
Opening remarks by David Ruderman, University of Pennsylvania. Co-presented by the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

**2008**

**Exodus: Ada's Dream**

Gianluigi Calderone's film recounts the story of Enzo and Ada Sereni, leaders of Italian Zionism and founders of the progressive kibbutz Givat Brenner.

