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Jewish Philanthropy in Habsburg
Vienna: Joseph von Wertheimer and
his Understanding of International
Solidarity

Eli Lederhendler Jerusalem

From Paternal Charity to Diplomacy
by Stewardship: The Cases of
Benjamin Peixotto, Jacob H. Schiff
and Louis Marshall

1 pm Lunch

2 pm Concluding Discussion
with **Michael Walzer** Princeton
via Skype

Shtadlanut (intercession) is generally perceived as a Jewish political practice, or as Jewish diplomacy. It was often closely connected with »righteous« and charitable activities (tzedakah) within the Jewish community. Both practices changed fundamentally during the 19th and early 20th centuries, when Jews were offered emancipation and, as a result, faced issues of inclusion, acculturation, and assimilation. In this context, the shtadlanim (advocates) of the Jewish minority were confronted with the incomplete integration as well as increasing anti-Semitism, which appear to have reinforced the necessity of Jewish intercession and solidarity.

The workshop takes a new look at the concepts of shtadlanut and tzedakah, in order to identify how they are interrelated and how these interrelations have changed over time. Key questions of the workshop are: How did Jews represent and negotiate their interests and »otherness« in different societies? Why and how could they receive special status in cultural, economic, and legal systems from the early modern period up to the 20th century? How influential were the concept and practice of tzedakah in Jewish political traditions? How have intercession and welfare been adapted in the course of the modern era?

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Jewish Diplomacy and Welfare: Intersections and Transformations in the Early Modern and Modern Period

April 10–12, 2016

Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG), Mainz,
and Museum Judengasse, Frankfurt a.M.



Sunday, April 10, 2016

Venue: Museum Judengasse, Battonstr. 47,
60311 Frankfurt a.M.

6 pm Welcome
Mirjam Wenzel Frankfurt a.M.

Introduction
Mirjam Thulin Mainz, **Bjoern Siegel**
Hamburg, **Rebekka Voß** Frankfurt a.M.

Keynote Lectures

Noam Zohar Bar Ilan
Moser (Informer): Who has the Right
of Access to the Non-Jewish Power?

Menachem Lorberbaum Tel Aviv
Charity as a Foundation of Community:
The Rabbinic Sources of the Communal
Bond

Followed by reception (by invitation)

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Monday, April 11, 2016

Venue: Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG),
Alte Universitätsstr. 19, 55116 Mainz

9:15 am Welcome
Irene Dingel Mainz
Johannes Paulmann Mainz

Panel 1: Authority and Transregional Solidarity Chair: Esther Moeller Mainz

9:30 am **Yaron Ben-Naeh** Jerusalem
Businessmen, Rabbis, and Doctors at
the Sultan's Court
Michael K. Silber Jerusalem
The Well-Networked Baron: Diego
d'Aguilar, an Eighteenth Century
Shtadlan and Maecenas

10:30 am Coffee break

Panel 2: Jewish Networks of Solidarity and Charity Chair: Thomas Weller Mainz

11 am **Tirtsah Levie Bernfeld** Rotterdam
Solidarity and Intervention in Early
Modern Amsterdam: The Portuguese
Community and Philanthropy Abroad

Adam Teller Providence, RI
Jewish Philanthropic Networks in the
Early Modern Mediterranean: Towards
the Creation of Trans-Regional Policy

12 pm Lunch

Panel 3: Charity and Politics Chair: Christian Wiese Frankfurt a.M.

1:30 pm **François Guesnet** London
Honor, Charity, Politics: Jewish
Intercession as Entangled History
between the Holy Roman Empire
and Poland Lithuania

Shaul Stampfer Jerusalem
Diplomacy of the Masses: The Pushke,
the Jewish Community in the Land of
Israel, and World Politics

2:30 pm Coffee break

4 pm Tour of the Old Jewish Cemetery,
Battonstraße, 60311 Frankfurt a.M.

6 pm Dinner at Sohar's Kosher Restaurant
Savignystr. 66, 60325 Frankfurt a.M.
Transfer to Mainz

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Venue: Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG)

Panel 4: Community, Welfare, and Family Politics Chair: Cornelia Aust Mainz

9:30 am **Joshua Teplitsky** Stony Brook, NY
»A Regime of Uncles?« Welfare and
Oligarchy in Early Modern Ashkenaz

Mirjam Thulin Mainz
Prague 1744/45: Jewish Diplomacy
and Relief in Action

Fritz Backhaus Frankfurt a.M.
Mayer Amshel Rothschild as
Shtadlan and Benefactor

11 am Coffee break

Panel 5: The Transformation of Intercession and Charity Chair: Sarah Panter Mainz

11:30 am **Yochai Ben-Ghedalia** Jerusalem
Empowerment: Philanthropy, Diplo-
macy and Inner-Jewish Advocacy,
1830s-1860s