

## Call for Papers

**You are invited to submit a lecture proposal for the upcoming international conference on the following subject:**

### **THE HERITAGE & CULTURE OF THE JEWS IN THE NORTH AND WEST CAUCASUS**

(today, this area comprises the Republic of Azerbaijan, Dagestan, Kabardino-Balkaria, Chechnya, and Stavropol Krai)

**To be held on Wednesday, 2 September - Thursday, 3 September 2020  
at the Baku International Multiculturalism Center in Azerbaijan**

The Jews of the North and West Caucasus (known as Juhuro or Mountain Jews) belong to a community with an ancient Jewish tradition and a rich cultural heritage. This Jewish community played a prominent role in the process of modern Jewish history in the spheres of Greater Iran, Russia and Eastern Europe. Over the generations, motivated by their traditional Judaism, these Jews also immigrated to the Land of Israel. With the establishment and expansion of the Zionist movement, many of the community's Jews joined the waves of immigration to Israel, until the Soviets restricted their numbers. With the opening of the gates of the Soviet Union, large communities of North and West Caucasian Jews were formed in the major cities of Israel, Russia, the former USSR, Germany, Canada, and the USA. Over time, many different Jewish communities interacted with these North and West Caucasian Jewish communities, among them: Ashkenazi Jews, Aramaeo-speaking Jews of Eastern Kurdistan (*Nash Didan*), Georgia, and Subbotniks. Mutual influences existed between the various communities.

*We invite researchers to present proposals for lectures on the following topics:*

- Community & Family
- Inter-communal Relations
- Socioeconomic Status
- Creativity, Literature, and Performing Arts
- Manuscripts and Torah Literature
- National & Ethnic Identities
- Status & Research of the Juhuri Language
- Local Jewish Languages and Dialects
- Multiculturalism
- Gender
- The Zionist Movement and Immigration to Israel
- World War II and the Holocaust

## The Geographical Region

The Academic Committee will also consider proposals on related topics that are not listed above. All researchers specializing in one of the relevant fields are invited to submit a lecture proposal accompanied by a one-page (250-word) abstract, a brief biography, and an e-mail address for contact.

Final date for submission of proposals is Monday, 3 February 2020.

Proposals should be sent to : [dahan.center@biu.ac.il](mailto:dahan.center@biu.ac.il)

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Papers presented at the Conference will later be published, subject to appropriate academic review. Conference papers can be presented in English, Russian, and Hebrew.

We look forward to welcoming you among the conference participants.

Sincerely,

### **Academic Conference Committee**

**Prof. Dan Shapira**, Bar-Ilan University

**Prof. Yaron Harel**, Bar-Ilan University

**Prof. Shimon Sharvit**, Ashkelon Academic College

**Prof. Zehavit Gross**, Bar-Ilan University

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