International Conference

MOSES HESS
BETWEEN SOCIALISM AND ZIONISM

200th Anniversary of his Birth (1812)
150th Anniversary of his Book "Rome and Jerusalem" (1862)

Jerusalem, Sunday-Tuesday, March 18-20, 2012

Monday, March 19, 2012
Venue: Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, 33 Bustenai St.
9:30-11:00 The Spinozist Hess
Willi Goetschel (Toronto / Göttingen)
Hess and the Philosophical Moment of Radical Spinozism
Tracie Matsvak (Austin)
Politics of Spinozist Friendship: Moses Hess and Berthold Auerbach
Chair: Shlomo Avineri (Jerusalem)
11:20-12:30 Hess and Marx
David McLellan (Kent)
Moses Hess, Karl Marx, and ‘True Socialism’: Similarities and Differences
Michael K. Silber (Jerusalem)
German-Speaking Jews in Paris and the Turn to Jewish Nationalism in the 19th Century: Heine, Hess, Herz!
Chair: Mario Kessler (Potsdam / New York)
13:30-15:00 Hess in Paris
Silvia Richter (Heidelberg)
Moses Hess and Paris: The Influence of France and French Thinkers on his Work, with a View on Heine and Marx
Mark H. Geiber (Beer-Sheva)
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Chair: Natalie Goldberg (Ramat Gan)
15:20-18:30 Money – Hess’s Criticism of Judaism
Adam Sutcliffe (London)
Moses Hess, Jewish Autocritique, and the Politics of Money
Sharon Gordon (Jerusalem)
Gold is the Language of God: Symbol and Metaphor in Hess’s “Über das Geldwesen”
Chair: Gideon Reuveni (Brighton)
18:30-20:00 The Universal Mission of the Jews
Ofri Iani (Tel Aviv)
Hess’s “Die heilige Geschichte der Menschheit” and the Place of Jews in Universal History
Ron Margolin (Tel Aviv)
The Historic Mission of Jewish Humanism and its Maskilic Origins
Chair: Willi Goetschel (Toronto / Göttingen)

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Venue: Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, 33 Bustenai St.
9:30-10:50 Rome and Jerusalem (1)
Iveta Leitane (Riga)
‘Socialism’ in ‘Nationalism’ and Vice Versa: The Narratives of Jewish Tradition and Religion in Moses Hess
Mirjam Thulin (London)
Moses Hess and Samuel Hirsch on Judaism and Christianity
Chair: Natalie Goldberg (Ramat Gan)
11:10-12:20 Rome and Jerusalem (2)
Kenneth Kolitun-Fromm (Haverford)
Visual Authenticity in Moses Hess’s “Rom und Jerusalem”
Michael K. Silber (Jerusalem)
Languages of Nationalism: The Collective Representation of Jews in Moses Hess’s “Rom und Jerusalem”
Chair: Anja Siegemund (Jerusalem)
13:30-15:10 Jewish Messianism
George Y. Kohler (Beer-Sheva)
The Dispute between Moses Hess and Leopold Löw: A Renewed Messianic Thought in 19th Century Germany
Christian Wiese (Frankfurt am Main)
Moses Hess and Samuel Hirsch on Judaism and Christianity
Chair: Paul Mendes-Flohr (Jerusalem / Chicago)
15:30-16:40 The Dialectics of Socialism and Nationalism
Moshe Zuckermann (Tel Aviv)
Georg Lukács on Moses Hess: A Materialist Critique of Idealism
Mario Kessler (Potsdam / New York)
Moses Hess and the Marxist Discourse since 1945
Chair: Angelika Timm (Tel Aviv)
17:00-18:30 Round Table
Twin Revolutions: Socialism and Zionism
Shlomo Avineri (Jerusalem)
David McLellan (Kent)
Anita Shapira (Tel Aviv)
Moshe Zuckermann (Tel Aviv)
Chair: Christian Wiese (Frankfurt am Main)

Keynote Lecture: Shlomo Avineri (Jerusalem)
Moses Hess – Revolutionary, Communist, Zionist: A Re-Assessment
Chair: Shulamit Volkov (Tel Aviv)
Reading of Hess’ texts by Jili Gorlitzky (in Hebrew)

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Greetings:
Anja Siegemund, Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem
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