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Ego-documents in Dutch Jewish History

“Historical sources in which the researcher is faced with an ‘I’... as the writing and describing subject with a continuous presence in the text”

Jacques Presser, 1958

An International Symposium

organized by

the Center for Research on Dutch Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem,
in cooperation with

the Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam

and the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, Bar-Ilan
University

Program

Sunday, December 10, 2017

19:00-19:30 Registration and Reception

19:30-22:00 Opening session

Chair: *Dan Michman (Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, Bar-Ilan University, Ramt-Gan; International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem; and Center for Research on Dutch Jewry, Jerusalem)*

Greetings: *André Boers (Chair, Center for Research on Dutch Jewry, Jerusalem)*
The Honorable Gilles Beschoor Plug (Ambassador of the Netherlands to Israel)

Emile Schrijver (University of Amsterdam and Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam)

Film: ***The Past that Lives: Philo Bregstein’s Documentary on Jacques Presser***

Yosef Kaplan (The Hebrew University, Jerusalem; The Israeli Academy of Sciences):
Introduction of the keynote speaker

Keynote Lecture: *Rudolf Dekker (University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam):*
Egdocuments and the Personal Turn in Historiography

Monday, December 11, 2017

09:00-09:30 Coffee and Tea

09:30- 11:15 Session 1: Dutch-Jewish Egodocuments in the Modern Era

Chair: *Tamar Hess (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)*

Tehilah van Luit (Independent Researcher, Amsterdam): **Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Voices of Jewish Crooks and Swindlers and their Court Cases in the East of the Eighteenth Century Dutch Republic**

Avriel Bar-Levav (Open University, Ra'ananna): **Egodocumental Writing in Amsterdam Early Modern Printed Paratexts**

Annemiek Gringold (Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam): **Ego-documents from the Collections of the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam**

Discussion

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-13:30 Session 2: Egodocuments in the Aftermath of the Shoah

Chair: *Guy Miron (Open University and Yad Vashem)*

Selma Leydesdorff (University of Amsterdam): **Long Interviews with the Nebenkläger (coplaintiffs) during the Demjanjuk Trial (2009-2011). Life Stories and Testimonies as a narrated Ego-Document**

Reina Rutlinger-Reiner (Talpiot College, Tel Aviv): **"Me? Second Generation?"**

The impact of discovering ego documents from 1945-6 on children of survivors
Manfred Gerstenfeld (Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, Jerusalem): **Post-WWII Zionist Youth Movements Leaders in the Netherlands Through the Lens of Interviews**

Discussion

13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-16:15 Session 3: Contemporary Dutch Jewish Egodocuments

Chair: *Moshe Rosman (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan)*

Irene Zwiep (University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam): **Academic Egos. The Study of Judaism as (Jewish) Autobiography**

Evelien Gans (University of Amsterdam [emerita], Amsterdam): **Between Egodocument and Ego-fiction: Ischa Meijer's *Brief aan mijn moeder [Letter to my Mother]* (1974)**

David Wertheim (Menasheh Ben-Israel Institute, Amsterdam): **The Meaning of a Jewish Egodocument That Was Not a Jewish Egodocument. Reading Carl Friedman's *Tralievader* with the benefit of hindsight.**

Discussion

16:15-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:45 Closing session: Marking the 50th anniversary of the Hebrew University Center for Research on Dutch Jewry

Chair: *Dan Michman*

Bart Wallet (Amsterdam University and Free University, Amsterdam): **Beginnings: The Establishment of the Institute for Research on Dutch Jewry at the end of the 1960s**

Emile Schrijver, Dan Michman, André Boers: **Closing Remarks**