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The Center for Jewish Studies at Arizona State University (ASU) and Institute of Jewish Studies at Jagiellonian University welcome you to **From Galicia to New York: Salo W. Baron and His Legacy**, an international research conference commemorating and examining the intellectual legacy of Salo W. Baron.

In 2012, the Center for Jewish Studies at Arizona State University (ASU) and the Institute of Jewish Studies at Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland inaugurated a formal collaboration, in the interest of paving the way to a new understanding of the Jewish past, in the larger context of western history, religion, and culture. Together, they convened a research symposium examining the revival of Jewish Studies, and the proceedings were published in volume 11 (2013) of the journal, *Scripta Judaica Cracoviensia*.

"From Galicia to New York: Salo W. Baron and His Legacy" is the next step in this scholarly collaboration: a conference to honor and consider the scholarly work of Salo Wittmayer Baron, whose 120th birthday is celebrated on May 26, 2015. Since Professor Baron's outstanding scholarship was a joint effort with his wife, Jeannette M. Baron, the conference will honor her memory and her contribution to scholarship, as well.

Salo W. Baron was born in Tarnów, Poland and before his departure to the United States, he studied at Jagiellonian University and University of Vienna. His scholarship encompasses the entire gamut of Jewish history from antiquity, through the middle ages, to modern times. Spanning the entire geographic scope of Jewish collective existence, Baron's scholarship was uniquely interdisciplinary, encompassing all forms of Jewish self-expression. His erudite, exacting, and insightful analysis has shaped the trajectory of Jewish history in the 20th century and left a lasting legacy.

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Day 1 | Tuesday, May 26

14:00-17:00 **Guided tour: Kazimierz/Podgórze**
for conference speakers and invited guests

17:00-19:00 **break**

19:00 **Conference Opening Dinner Reception**
a celebration of Salo Baron's birthday
for conference speakers and invited guests

Day 2 | Wednesday, May 27 | Collegium Maius

The Michał Bobrzyński Room | Jagiellońska 15, Kraków

9:00-9:30 **morning coffee and registration**

9:30-12:00 **Welcomes**

Introduction

Salo Baron at the Jagiellonian University

Edyta Gawron *Jagiellonian University*

Keynote Address

Salo Baron's Legacy and Polish-Jewish History Today

Antony Polonsky *Brandeis University*

12:00-13:30 **lunch**

13:30-15:30 **Session 1: Ancient and Medieval History**

chair: Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan *Arizona State University*

**S.W. Baron's Views on History of Ancient Israel:
the Hasmonean Period**

Edward Dąbrowa *Jagiellonian University*

Jews and Judaism in the Roman World since Baron

Martin Goodman *Oxford University - Wolfson College*

The Foundations of the Baron Histories

Robert Chazan *New York University*

15:30-16:00 **coffee break**

16:00-18:00 **Session 2: Eastern and Central European Studies**

chair: Edward Dąbrowa *Jagiellonian University*

Better Diaspora? S.W. Baron on Polish-Lithuanian Jewry

Adam Kaźmierczyk *Jagiellonian University*

**Polish Jewry in Research and Activities of Salo W.
Baron and His Pupil Abraham Gordon Duker**

Michał Galas *Jagiellonian University*

18:00-18:30 **break**

18:30 **dinner**

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Day 3 | Thursday, May 28 | Galicia Jewish Museum

Dajwór 18, Kazimierz/Kraków

9:00-9:15 **morning coffee**

9:15-10:45

Session 3: Jewish Social Studies

chair: Anna Cichopek-Gajraj *Arizona State University*

Salo Baron on the Transformative Power of Early Capitalism

Todd Endelman *University of Michigan, emeritus*

The Victory of Emancipation: Salo Baron on the Postwar 'Jewish Question'

Gil Rubin *Columbia University*

10:45-11:00

coffee break

11:00-13:00

Session 4: The Methodology of Jewish Historiography

chair: Michał Galas *Jagiellonian University*

The Landscape of Jewish Studies in the 1930s and 1940s:

Gleanings from Salo W. Baron's Correspondence

Zachary Baker *Stanford University*

Rescue Efforts of Salo W. Baron for His Austrian Students and Colleagues after March 1938

Evelyn Adunka *Independent Scholar*

Baron and Poland: The Limits of Influence

David Engel *New York University*

13:00-14:00

lunch

14:00-16:00

Session 5: American Jewish History

chair: Edyta Gawron *Jagiellonian University*

Salo Baron: an American

Hasia Diner *New York University*

Jews, Race, and the Price of Admission: Salo Baron's Concept of Emancipation in the American Context

Eric Goldstein *Emory University*

Salo Baron and the Vitality of American Jewry

Beth Wenger *University of Pennsylvania*

16:00-16:15

coffee break

16:15-18:15

Session 6: Baron and Galicia

chair: **Anna Cichopek-Gajraj** *Arizona State University*

**Being Jewish in Fin de Siècle Galicia: Legacies,
Opportunities, Loyalties**

Rachel Manekin *University of Maryland*

A Zionist Who Spoke Hebrew: Salo Baron in Vienna

Marsha Rozenblit *University of Maryland*

Salo Baron and the Jewish Historiography in Galicia

Natalia Aleksium *Touro College*

18:15-20:00

break

20:00

concert and dinner

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Day 4 | Friday, May 29 | Regional Museum of Tarnów

Rynek 20, Tarnów

9:00-10:30 **bus to Tarnów**
for conference speakers and invited guests

10:30-12:00 **Tour of Jewish Tarnów**
Janusz Koziół Regional Museum in Tarnów
Kinga Smółka Regional Museum in Tarnów

12:00-13:30 **lunch**

14:00-16:00 **On the Baron Family in Tarnów:
Official Presentations**
The City Hall – Ratusz | Rynek 1, Tarnów
chair: Michał Galas Jagiellonian University

Welcome

The Baron Family: a Personal Perspective
Shoshana Tancer Daughter of Salo W. Baron

Jews in Tarnów: an Outline
Janusz Koziół Regional Museum in Tarnów

**Salo W. Baron Family from the Perspectives
of Tombstone Inscriptions**
Leszek Hońdo Jagiellonian University

Zvi Ankori and the Baron Family
Adam Bartosz Regional Museum in Tarnów

Closing of the conference and a glass of wine

16:00-16:30 **embark bus for return trip to Kraków**

16:30 **bus to Kraków**

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