

# 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

Opening Event: Sunday, March 18, 2012, at 18:30

**Greetings:**

**Anja Siegemund**, Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem

**Peter Prügel**, Minister and Chargé d'Affaires a.i.  
of the Federal Republic of Germany

**Christian Wiese**, Martin Buber Chair for Jewish  
Thought and Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

**Angelika Timm**, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Israel Office

Venue: **The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, 20 Radak Street**

Keynote Lecture: **Shlomo Avineri** (Jerusalem)

**Moses Hess – Revolutionary, Communist, Zionist: A Re-Assessment**

Chair: **Shulamit Volkov** (Tel Aviv)

Reading of Hess' texts by **Illi Gorlitzky** (in Hebrew)



**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 Matysik** (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 Kuur Sørensen** (Odense)  
*The Concept of 'Verkehr': A Source of Conflict  
between Karl Marx and Moses Hess*

Chair: **Mario Kessler** (Potsdam / New York)

**13:50-15:00 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. Gelber** (Beer Sheva)  
*German-Speaking Jews in Paris and the Turn to Jewish  
Nationalism in the 19th Century: Heine, Hess, Herzl*

Chair: **Natalie Goldberg** (Ramat Gan)

**15:20-16:30 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)

**16:50-18:00 The Universal Mission of the Jews**

**Ofri Ilani** (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*

**Lorenzo Santoro** (Rende)  
*"Rom und Jerusalem": Giuseppe Mazzini and Moses  
Hess: Revolution, Nationalism, and the New Politics  
within the Boundaries of Religious Discourse*

Chair: **Gideon Freudenthal** (Tel Aviv)

**11:10-12:20 Rome and Jerusalem (2)**

**Kenneth Koltun-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*

**Mirjam Thulin** (Frankfurt am Main)  
*Moses Hess and Heinrich Graetz: Science, History,  
and Concepts of the Jewish Nation*

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)

Free Admission

Limited Number of Seats Available

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