



Our stories are incomplete without each other

The Ukrainian Jewish Encounter (UJE) is a privately organized, multinational initiative launched in 2008 as a collaborative project involving Ukrainians of Jewish and Christian heritages and others, in Ukraine, Israel, and the diasporas. Its work engages scholars, civic leaders, artists, governments, and the broader public in an effort to strengthen mutual comprehension and solidarity between Ukrainians and Jews.





Our Story

For centuries, the territory of modern-day Ukraine was a meeting ground of diverse and flourishing cultures, and the home of one of the oldest and most populous Jewish communities in Eastern Europe.

That community, consisting predominantly of Ashkenazi Jews, lived alongside the indigenous Ukrainian population through long periods of normal coexistence and multifaceted cultural cross-fertilization.

But at times, relations were strained by violence and antipathy generated in the complex environment of successive dominating empires and states. Both peoples also experienced migrations and the dynamics of diaspora, often in the same lands of resettlement.

Following a shared and long-standing experience of powerlessness, statelessness and great suffering under oppressive totalitarian regimes in the 20th century, both peoples are today forming modern identities in and in relation to the independent states of Israel and Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Jewish Encounter is an initiative founded on the belief that these two peoples have much to gain by better appreciating their joint and each other's historical experience in all its complexity.



Mission

To deepen understanding of the breadth, complexity, and diversity of Ukrainian-Jewish relations over the centuries, with a view to the future. More specifically, to enable the two peoples to:

- Comprehend each other's historical experience and narratives;
- Address embedded stereotypes;
- Promote mutual awareness of the extended periods of peaceful coexistence, cooperation and cross-cultural interaction;
- Facilitate knowledge and understanding of the periods of crisis, in particular the Shoah, and the destructive effects of totalitarian Communism, notably the Holodomor and the Great Terror;
- Take appropriate action to honour the victims of Nazism and of Soviet rule; and
- Contribute to strengthened national identities on the basis of greater Ukrainian-Jewish understanding and mutual respect.



What We Do

UJE's focus is on three fundamental, mutually supportive sets of activities:

- Scholarly and educational initiatives, in particular, the development of a "shared historical narrative" that engages leading scholars and experts from around the world to produce a truthful and insightful account of the Ukrainian-Jewish relationship over the centuries;
- Creation of a range of products and events informed by the shared historical narrative, designed to reach wide audiences in Ukraine, Israel, and the diasporas. These include web-based resources; books and other publications on relevant themes; multi-media exhibits, podcasts, and educational materials; documentary films; seminars, conferences, public meetings and events; and special projects;
- Advocacy on issues that have the potential of addressing historic wounds, such as restoring awareness about prewar Jewish life on Ukrainian lands; acknowledging authoritative scholarly findings regarding the past in Ukraine; and protection and respectful treatment of mass grave sites.

Since its inception, UJE has inaugurated and supported a variety of well-received projects to advance understanding between Ukrainians and Jews. These activities are carried out in a highly collaborative manner, utilizing networks of experts and respected institutional partners, and building on existing initiatives.



UJE Initiatives



Babyn Yar

Commemoration 1941-2016

September 29, 2016 marked the 75th anniversary of the murder of nearly 34,000 Jews over a two-day period in 1941 at Babyn Yar, a ravine on the outskirts of Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. Alongside Auschwitz in Poland, Babyn Yar in Ukraine has become a major symbol of the destruction of Europe's Jews during the Holocaust.

UJE, working in cooperation with the World Jewish Congress, the Government of Ukraine, and other Ukrainian-Jewish and diaspora organizations, sponsored a series of public events in memory of what took place. The events included a youth conference, a public symposium, a design competition to create an appropriate memorial space on the terrain of Babyn Yar, and a commemorative concert.



Shared Historical Narrative

The objective of the Shared Historical Narrative project is to enable a comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the Ukrainian-Jewish encounter in all its facets, inclusive of both normal times and times of crisis. To advance such understanding, UJE has engaged over one hundred respected and acknowledged experts in a series of roundtable discussions that examine specific topics relating to the interaction between the two historic peoples, against the broader context of significant forces, events and other peoples in the region.

Roundtables to date:

*Salzburg, Austria
(16th Century to World War I)*

*Ditchley Park, Great Britain
(1917 to 1939)*

*Potsdam/Berlin, Germany
(World War II)*

*Pocantico Hills, New York, USA
(Post World War II to
Independence)*

In addition, UJE mounted a pioneering conference in 2010 in Jerusalem on Ukrainian-Jewish interaction in a variety of cultural domains.



Sheptytsky Award

UJE has promoted greater recognition of Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky, the spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, who helped save more than 150 Jewish lives during World War II, sheltering Jews in his own residence and arranging for Greek Catholic monasteries to protect over a hundred Jewish children.



"No other ecclesiastical figure of equal rank in the whole of Europe displayed such sorrow for the fate of the Jews and acted so boldly on their behalf [as did Archbishop Sheptytsky]."

Erich Goldhagen, Lecturer in Jewish Studies, Harvard University, in the Introduction to David Kahane, Lvov Ghetto Diary, 1990

In April 2012, UJE sponsored a visit to North America of Ukraine's principal religious leaders, including the Metropolitans of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Kyivan Patriarchate), and of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church; the Chief Rabbi of Ukraine; the Chief Mufti; and leaders of Ukraine's evangelical communities. They participated in events that brought together the Jewish and Ukrainian communities in Toronto, Ottawa, Washington, and New York, and were present when the Parliament of Canada unanimously passed a historic motion to honour the courageous and compassionate actions of Metropolitan Sheptytsky.

UJE's efforts to advance recognition of the legacy of Metropolitan Sheptytsky as a model worthy of celebration and emulation, and as a basis for building trust and bridges between communities were further advanced when the Jewish Confederation of Ukraine established the Andrei Sheptytsky Medal (subsequently awarded in partnership with UJE).

The first awardee was UJE Chair James Temerty in June 2013, at a ceremony in the presence of prominent Ukrainian, Jewish, and Israeli leaders (political, lay, and religious), in recognition of his dedication to fostering Ukrainian-Jewish understanding. The most recent awardee was Ivan Dziuba in 2016.





Community Exhibit

A Journey Through the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter: From Antiquity to 1914

Created by UJE and co-funded by the Government of Canada, this multi-media exhibit explores the 2,000-year presence of Jews on Ukrainian lands alongside the historical experience of Ukrainians.

Through images and narrative, maps and videos, the exhibit highlights the encounter of the two peoples and their cultures in all its complexities—side by side over long periods of normal co-existence conducive to cross-cultural fertilization, as well as periods of crisis and conflict under diverse political regimes, up to the last years of tsarist Russian rule and Habsburg Austro-Hungary. The Government of Canada considered the exhibit to be of interest not only to Ukrainians and Jews but also to the wider public as a compelling and illuminating case study of intergroup relations.

The exhibit, which travelled to four Canadian cities in 2015, inspired a book produced for wide distribution in 2018. Plans are in development for a major museum-grade exhibit, scheduled for the Royal Ontario Museum in 2020, and for museum exhibits in Ukraine and Israel.

Outreach

UJE participates in cultural festivals, conferences, and book fairs around the world.

Cultural Festivals

UJE mounts booths and exhibits at the Ashkenaz and the Ukrainian festivals in Toronto, and in the past, at KlezKanada in Quebec's Laurentians. All attract large audiences and have been well received. UJE is planning to expand its participation in such festivals in North America and beyond.

Limmud FSU

Limmud FSU brings together Jews, notably young adults, from the former Soviet Union in multi-day learning and cultural events designed to animate connection with their Jewish heritage, their community, and volunteerism. UJE has been especially active in the organization's annual conferences in North America, Ukraine, and Israel, conducting seminars, lectures, discussions, and book presentations that explore Ukrainian-Jewish connections.

Book Fairs

Building on the venerable tradition of Ukrainian-Jewish publishing, scholarship, and writing, UJE has been both a continuing sponsor of and an active participant in book fairs in Ukraine, Israel, and Western Europe.

In Ukraine, UJE works closely with the Lviv Book Forum, Ukraine's largest book fair, where along with hosting a display booth, it has helped to develop an engaging program that enables writers to showcase their works. It is also a continuing presence at the annual Arsenal Book Festival in Kyiv. With the unique Meridian Czernowitz International Poetry Festival in Chernivtsi, UJE fosters opportunities to bring together Ukrainian and Israeli poets to share their works.

UJE's outreach in Israel has been expanded with participation in the Jerusalem Book Fair. In 2018, UJE for the first time attended the Paris Book Fair as a benefactor of the Ukraine country exhibit.

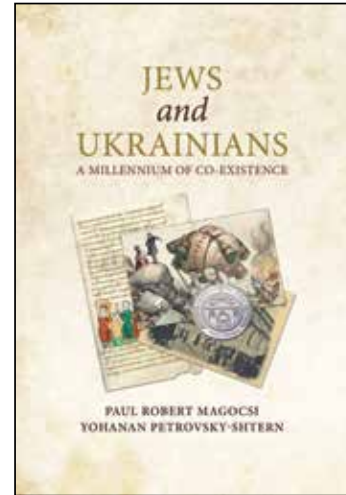


Sponsored Projects
and
Special Relationships



Publications

UJE, in keeping with its motto “Our stories are incomplete without each other,” has sponsored the translation and publication of works, which, the organization anticipates, will promote a deeper understanding of the ties between the two peoples and an appreciation of their respective histories and cultures.



Jews and Ukrainians: A Millennium of Co-Existence

This book's starting point is that there is much that ordinary Ukrainians do not know about Jews and that ordinary Jews do not know about Ukrainians. As a consequence, many Jews and Ukrainians who may care about their respective ancestral heritages often view each other through distorting stereotypes, misperceptions, and biases.

In its aim to address this situation and to strengthen mutual understanding, the book provides a number of chapters on the cultural heritage of each people. It also provides a substantial chapter on the historical past, which includes treatment of both the painful moments in Ukrainian-Jewish relations and the moments of cooperation and solidarity, as in the dissident movement in the post-war Soviet era.

The book received special recognition as one of the best books of the 23rd Lviv International Book Fair, held in 2016.

Jews and Ukrainians: A Millennium of Co-Existence was co-authored by Paul Robert Magocsi, Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto, and Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, Professor of Jewish history and culture at Northwestern University. (Published in 2016 in the Czech Republic, distributed by University of Toronto Press).

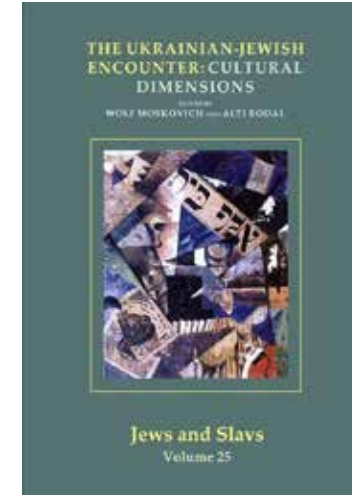


Babyn Yar: History and Memory

This book was published as part of the UJE's commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the murder of Kyiv's Jews in September 1941 at Babyn Yar. In a series of articles by acknowledged scholars, complemented by two personal accounts, the book provides up-to-date historical knowledge about the September 1941 events, and about the aftermath of the events. A significant portion of the book explores the cultural, political, historiographical, and memorialization dimensions of Babyn Yar from Stalinist times to the present, including chapters dedicated to the treatment of Babyn Yar in literature, music, cinema, and art.

The book, which won an award at the 2017 Lviv International Book Fair, has contributed to UJE's aim of raising awareness of the importance of preserving Babyn Yar as a symbol of the Holocaust and other tragedies of the twentieth century.

Babyn Yar: History and Memory was edited by Paul Robert Magocsi, Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto, and Vladyslav Hrynevych, Leading Scholar at the Kuras Institute for Political and Ethnic Studies, Ukraine. (Published in 2016 by Dukh i Litera).



The Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter: Cultural Dimensions

This collection of essays examines the interaction between the Ukrainian and Jewish cultures since the seventeenth century. Written by experts from Ukraine, Israel, and other countries, the essays present a broad perspective on parallels and cross-cultural influences in various domains — including the visual arts, folklore, music, literature, and language. Several essays also focus on mutual representation — for example, perceptions of the “Other” as expressed in literary works or art history. The richly illustrated volume contains a wealth of new information on these little-explored topics.

The book appears as volume 25 in the series *Jews and Slavs* published by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem since 1993. Previous volumes included articles on Jewish themes in the works of Taras Shevchenko, Ivan Franko, Lesia Ukrainka, and Vladimir Korolenko.

The Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter: Cultural Dimensions was co-edited by Wolf Moskovitch, Professor Emeritus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Alti Rodal, Co-Director of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter, who also wrote the introduction to the volume. (Published in 2016 by Hebrew University of Jerusalem).

Broadcast Media

Hromadske Radio

Hromadske Radio is a non-profit independent 'talk' web radio station broadcast nationwide in Ukraine. UJE sponsors the popular interview programme *Encounters*, which is devoted to Ukrainian-Jewish relations, history, exchange, and the interpenetration of cultures. The program's host, Iryna Slavinska notes: "I am very excited about the project since I never know what to expect from it. It reminds me of a treasure chest, where every object, every piece and every corner, in fact, can be a valuable untold story."

Nash Holos Ukrainian Roots Radio

Nash Holos Ukrainian Roots Radio, hosted by Paulette Demchuk MacQuarrie, is a bilingual English-Ukrainian programme broadcasting out of Canada and in international syndication on AM, FM, and shortwave radio to over twenty countries around the world. UJE sponsors the programme segment "Ukrainian Jewish Heritage," produced by various contributors and covering cultural, historical, and political aspects of current Ukrainian-Jewish issues.



Finding Babel

Isaac Babel, the Jewish Ukrainian-Russian writer, challenged the ideology of the early Soviet Union in his work, which resulted in his arrest and execution in 1940. He was 45 years old. On the 75th anniversary of Isaac Babel's execution, the UJE-supported film, *Finding Babel* follows Andrei Malaev-Babel, his grandson, on a journey to come closer to some sense of truth. Hoping to better understand Babel's powerful artistic method and elusive persona, Andrei journeys through Ukraine, France and Russia; locations deeply tied to the story of his grandfather.

Israeli Friends of Ukraine

The Israel-based not-for-profit organization "Israeli Friends of Ukraine" (IFU) is dedicated to strengthening the relationship between Israel and Ukraine and between Ukrainians and Jews by fostering cultural dialogue, organizing humanitarian aid, and raising awareness among Israelis about the current social and political realities in Ukraine. IFU mounts regular events for youth and adults in Israel to nurture an interest in Ukrainian culture and history and to promote a new vision of cooperation between Israel and Ukraine.

Other UJE-Supported Publications and Films

Below, a few of the projects UJE has supported.

Babyn Yar: Memory Against History's Background
Vitaliy Nakhmanovych (book)

Archbishop Andrei Sheptytsky and the Ukrainian Jewish Bond
Fr. Peter Galadza (book)

The Jews of Lemberg: A Journey to Empty Places
Heleen Zorgdrager, Michiel Driebergen (book)

Judaica Ukrainica
Vitaly Chernoivanenko (book)

The Odessa Review
Vladislav Davidzon (magazine)

Sarny Yizkor Book
Esther Gilbert (English translation of book)

Saved by Sheptytsky
KONTAKT (film)

She Paid the Ultimate Price
Iryna Korpan (film)

Stories of Khmelnytsky
Amelia M. Glaser (book)

Three Stories of Galicia
Olha Onyshko, Sarah Farhat (film)

Yiddish-Ukrainian Dictionary
Dmytro Tyshchenko (book)

Special Relationships

To broaden its reach and enhance its capacity to advance Ukrainian-Jewish understanding, UJE has welcomed opportunities to work in partnership with other organizations and institutions, such as:

- Universities and research centres, including the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University of Toronto, Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, and the Center for Studies of East European Jewish Culture and History in Kyiv.
- Government: Beginning in April 2012, UJE entered into a three-year Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada for co-funding two publications, development of original content for the UJE website, and a travelling multi-media community exhibit and associated events that were mounted in four Canadian cities. UJE cooperated with the Government of Ukraine on several projects to mark the 75th anniversary of the tragic events at Babyn Yar.
- Organizations with mandates that are relevant to UJE's mission and activities, such as the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York, the Shevchenko Scientific Society in New York, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, and Yahad-in Unum in Paris.

UJE is currently exploring projects designed to engage youth in implementing its goals, in cooperation with organizations in Ukraine, Israel, North America, and Europe.

Other Partners

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies

Association for the Study of Nationalities

Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities (VAAD) of Ukraine
Canadian Jewish Congress (now CIJA)

Center for Urban History of East Central Europe

Centropa Research and Documentation Center

European Association of Jewish Studies

Fulbright Ukraine

Holodomor Research and Education Consortium

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

Israel Museum, Jerusalem

Istorychna Pravda

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

RememberUs.org

Royal Ontario Museum

TKUMA Center

Ukrainian Canadian Congress

Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre

Ukrainian Canadian Students Union

Ukrainian Catholic University

Ukrainian museums (Canada, USA, Ukraine)

Ukrainian World Congress

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

World Congress of Jewish Studies

World Jewish Congress



UJE's Team





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We are grateful to the many talented people who have chosen to help us fulfill our mandate. A distinguished group of academics, business leaders, policy makers, and area specialists recruited from around the world help guide the path of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter. Based in North America, Europe, and Israel, the UJE community provides diverse global perspectives on the complex and challenging issues informing our work.

The UJE Board of Directors is currently composed of seven members who bring an impressive range of knowledge and experience in overseeing our mission, strategy, and operations. The twenty-four members of the Advisory Board, hailing from the spheres of higher education, business, law, government, the arts, religion, and community leadership, offer invaluable guidance. The seventeen scholars of the Academic Council are leading experts in their respective fields and provide a multiplicity of viewpoints.

All these components in the leadership of the UJE provide a framework of oversight that ensures a highly committed staff launch initiatives and execute a wide array of programs in the most effective manner.



Board of Directors



James C. Temerty

James C. Temerty, C.M., the founder and main sponsor of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter, is Chairman of Northland Power Inc., a major Canadian independent power company. Mr. Temerty is an entrepreneur with over forty years of business experience. Before establishing Northland Power in 1987, he had a successful career with IBM and in computer-related companies, building the world's largest chain of ComputerLand franchises and guiding Softchoice Corporation to its position as a leading North American provider of software and hardware technology solutions and services. Mr. Temerty has also been active in community projects, including serving as Chair of the Board of Governors of the Royal Ontario Museum from 2002 to 2009. Philanthropically, he has donated to various causes in health care, education and culture. Internationally, he is Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Kyiv-Mohyla Business School. He was appointed a member of the Order of Canada in 2008.



Mark J. Freiman

Mark J. Freiman practises law at the firm of Lerner LLP in Toronto. He has appeared in high profile cases at all levels of the Canadian legal system, including as lead counsel for the Commission of Inquiry into the Investigation of the Bombing of Air India Flight 182 and the Canadian Human Rights Commission in the proceedings against Ernst Zundel and his internet hate site. From 2000 to 2004, Mr. Freiman was Deputy Attorney General for Ontario. He was President of the Canadian Jewish Congress and President of the Canadian Peres Centre for Peace Foundation.

Mr. Freiman is co-author of *The Litigator's Guide to Expert Witnesses*, and frequently writes, teaches at the university level, and speaks on topics related to national security, human rights law, and media. He has been the recipient of numerous academic awards and is currently Adjunct Professor of Law at Osgoode Hall Law School. In addition to undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Toronto, Mr. Freiman also holds a PhD in Modern Thought and Literature from Stanford University. Mr. Freiman's family is originally from Galicia. He is a principal figure in the "Return to Dignity" project in his father's birthplace of Sambir, Ukraine. The aim of the project is rehabilitation of the ancient Jewish cemetery in Sambir and of the mass graves of Jewish victims of the "Holocaust by Bullets" in the cemetery and in the nearby forest at Ralivka.

Adrian Karatnycky

Adrian Karatnycky, one of the original founders and Co-Director of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter, is a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council in the United States and director of its Ukraine-North America Dialogue. From 1993 until 2003, he was President of Freedom House, during which time he developed programs of assistance to democratic and human rights movements in Belarus, Serbia, Russia, and Ukraine, and devised a range of long-term comparative analytic surveys of democracy and political reform. For twelve years he directed the benchmark survey *Freedom in the World* and was co-editor of the annual *Nations in Transit* study of reform in the post-Communist world. He is a frequent contributor to *Foreign Affairs*, *Newsweek*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Financial Times*, the *New York Times*, and many other periodicals. He is the co-author of three books on Soviet and post-Soviet themes.



Paul Robert Magocsi

Paul Robert Magocsi (Co-Chair, UJE Academic Council) is Professor of history and political science at the University of Toronto, where (since 1980) he also holds the professorial Chair of Ukrainian Studies. He received his PhD from Princeton University in 1972 and a post-graduate degree from Harvard University (Society of Fellows 1976). Among his over seven hundred publications are thirty books, including: *The Shaping of a National Identity: Subcarpathian Rus', 1848-1948* (Harvard University Press, 1978); *Galicia: A Historical Survey and Bibliographic Guide* (University of Toronto Press, 1983); *Historical Atlas of East Central/ Central Europe* (University of Washington Press, 1993/2002); *A History of Ukraine* (University of Toronto Press, 1996); *Of the Making of Nationalities There is No End* (Columbia University Press, 1999, 2 vols); *The Roots of Ukrainian Nationalism* (University of Toronto Press, 2002); *Ukraine: An Illustrated History* (University of Toronto Press, 2007); and the fully revised and expanded *History of Ukraine: The Land and Its Peoples* (University of Toronto Press, 2010). He is also the editor-in-chief of *The Encyclopedia of Canada's Peoples* (University of Toronto Press, 1999) and co-editor and main author of the *Encyclopedia of Rusyn History and Culture* (University of Toronto Press, 2002). Professor Magocsi has taught at Harvard University and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In 1996, he was appointed a permanent fellow of the Royal Society of Canada – Canadian Academies of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences. He has received several awards for his contributions to scholarship on the history of Subcarpathian Rus' and Carpatho-Rusyns.



Board of Directors



Wolf Moskovich

Wolf Moskovich is Professor Emeritus and formerly Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Russian and Slavic Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1976-2004). His main fields of interest include Slavic studies (Ukrainian studies in particular), Jewish culture and history in Eastern and Central Europe (Yiddish studies in particular), interrelations between Jews and Christians, and languages and cultures in contact. He studied at Chernivtsi State University in Ukraine, received his PhD (1965) from the Moscow Institute of Foreign Languages, and Dr. Hab. (1971) from the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Leningrad. From 1965 to 1974 he was also senior researcher and laboratory director in computational linguistics and cognitive studies for the Committee for Inventions and Discoveries of the USSR, Moscow.

He has been Visiting Professor at the universities of London, Oxford, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Rome, and Bratislava. He has over three hundred publications, including twelve monographs, mainly in the fields of theoretical and Slavic philology, and Jewish and Ukrainian culturology. He is editor-in-chief of the book series *Jews and Slavs* (volumes 1-25, Jerusalem) since 1993. He is President of the Israeli Committee of Slavists and a member of the International Committee of Slavists. Honours received include: Foreign Member of the National Academies of Sciences of Ukraine and Slovenia; and the V. Zhabotinsky Gold Medal of the Ukraine-Israel Friendship Society (Kyiv) for promoting mutual understanding among nations.



Serhii Plokhyy

Serhii Plokhyy is the Mykhailo Hrushevsky Professor of Ukrainian History and the director of the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University. Prior to coming to Harvard, Plokhyy was Professor of History at the University of Alberta and Associate Director of the Peter Jacyk Centre for Ukrainian Historical Research at the Canadian Institute for Ukrainian Studies. His interests include the history of Ukraine and the intellectual, cultural and international history of Eastern Europe. A leading authority on the region, he has published extensively in English, Ukrainian and Russian. Plokhyy is the author of several influential monographs, including *Yalta: The Price of Peace* (New York, 2010); *The Last Empire: The Final Days of the Soviet Union* (New York, 2015) and *The Gates of Europe: A History of Ukraine* (New York, 2016). His books won numerous international awards, including the Lionel Gelber Prize (Canada), the Pushkin House Book Prize (UK), the Antonovych Foundation Award (USA), and the Ambassador of New Europe Award (Poland). In 2013, he was named Walter Channing Cabot Fellow at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University for scholarly eminence in the field of history.

Berel Rodal

Berel Rodal, one of the original founders of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter, serves as Chair of the UJE Advisory Board. He provides strategic advice and related services to select clients in both the private and public sectors. His professional experience as a senior official in the Government of Canada for twenty years included policy, planning, and executive responsibilities in the national unity, foreign affairs, international trade, defense, security, and economic domains. He was a member of Canada's team negotiating the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, precursor of NAFTA. He writes and lectures on nationalism and political identity, the state and governance issues, and international political and security affairs. He holds degrees from McGill and Oxford Universities. He served for a decade as Vice Chair of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, based in Washington, DC, and is a founder of the North American Forum, which convenes select political, official, business and societal leaders from the United States, Canada, and Mexico to advance North American security, resilience, and prosperity. He was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002, and the Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013.



Co-Directors



Alti Rodal

Alti Rodal, one of the original founders of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter and Chair of UJE's Academic Council, is a historian, writer, former professor of Jewish history, and former official and advisor to the Government of Canada. She was born in Chernivtsi (Czernowitz) in Ukraine and received her early schooling in Israel. She was educated at McGill, Oxford, and Hebrew universities in the fields of history and literature. Her professional experience includes a decade of full-time and sessional teaching at universities in Montreal, Ottawa, and Oxford; research and writing under academic, policy institute, governmental, and other auspices; and over twenty years of senior advisory and management experience with the Government of Canada, including with the Privy Council Office, Royal Commissions of Inquiry, and central agencies. She is the author of a variety of studies and reports for government, as well as scholarly and other writing on aspects of identity, Jewish history and culture, inter-communal relations, and public policy. She has also served on the boards of several national Canadian NGOs/community organizations.



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Director of Operations



Raya Shadursky

Raya Shadursky has held senior management positions in the private and non-profit sectors, including Western Regional Director, Institute of Canadian Bankers, and Canadian Director of the Certified Employee Benefits Specialist program. She has served as President, Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Federation; member of the National Executive and Chair of the Communications Committee of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress; Chair of Family Council for the Ukrainian Canadian Care Centre; Chair, Vision Committee for the Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions of Canada; Member of the Organizing Committee and Workshop Moderator for the Forum for Central and Eastern European Business Development; Board Director for the National Council of Ethnic Canadian Business and Professional Associations; and Executive Director of the Toronto Ukrainian Festival. Raya is a current Board Director and Chair of the Quality and Risk Committee for the Ivan Franko Homes.

Director of Communications



Natalia A. Feduschak

Natalia A. Feduschak joined UJE in October 2013. With more than twenty years of international journalism experience, she has spent much of her career covering the former Soviet Union, from the empire's breakup to the challenges faced by newly independent states. She has written for leading publications in Europe and North America, including the *Wall Street Journal Europe*, the *Washington Times*, the *Denver Post*, and the *Kyiv Post*. She was a Fulbright Scholar as well as an International Health Journalism Fellow with the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation in Ukraine, and a Congressional Fellow with the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC. Feduschak holds a bachelor's degree from George Washington University and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University.

Regional Manager, Ukraine



Vladyslav Hrynevych, Jr.

Vladyslav Vladyslavovych Hrynevych joined UJE in 2016. He was a specialist in the Legal Department of the Division of Legal Support and Monitoring at the Institute of Innovative Technologies and Education Content at the Ministry of Science and Education, Youth, and Sports of Ukraine, and has served on the commission overseeing a competition of textbooks for secondary schools. He has worked at the National Agency of Ukraine to Prepare EURO-2012, as well as in Ukraine's Ministry of Regional Development, Building, and Housing. He completed graduate studies at the National Academy for Public Administration under the President of Ukraine and is a Lieutenant in the Reserves at the Military Training Department of Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University.

Liaison, Israel



Shimon Briman

Shimon Briman is an Israeli journalist and historian born in Kharkiv, Ukraine. He graduated with an M.A. in History from Karazin Kharkiv National University, where he specialized in the history of Jews in Ukraine, the Russian Empire, and the USSR. Briman is a member of Israel's National Union of Journalists and has published several thousand articles in the media of Israel, Ukraine, and the U.S., as well as dozens of articles in scholarly journals. Briman writes on Ukrainian-Jewish relations, the Holocaust in Ukraine, and historical memory, as well as on current cooperation between Ukraine and Israel. He has conducted exclusive interviews with leading Ukrainian political personalities, and often appears in the Hebrew-language newspaper *Maariv*, *The Jerusalem Post*, as well as on Israel's TV Channel 9.

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Top Left: Dr. Serhii Plokhyy, UJE Board Member.*

Top Right: Presentation of the UJE-supported book *The Key in the Pocket* at the 24th Lviv International Book Fair and Literature Festival, held in 2017. *(From left to right):* Ukrainian writer Yevheniya Senik, who contributed to the volume; Natalia A. Feduschak, UJE Director of Communications; Mariana Maksymiak, Director, Agnon Literary Center; Andriy Pavlyshyn, Co-founder, the Lviv International Book Fair and Literature Festival; Vladyslav Hrynevych, Jr., UJE Regional Manager in Ukraine.

Centre Left: Presentation of UJE-supported *Babyn Yar: History and Memory* at the 24th Lviv International Book Fair and Literature Festival, held in 2017. *(From left to right):* Vitaliy Nakhmanovych, Senior Research Scholar at the Kyiv History Museum; Dr. Vladyslav Hrynevych, Sr., book co-editor, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine; Natalia A. Feduschak, UJE Director of Communications.

Centre Right: Adrian Karatnycky, UJE Co-Director and Board Member.*

Bottom Left (from left to right): Oksana Lyniv, conductor of the Babyn Yar Commemorative Concert that was held in Kyiv, Ukraine on September 29, 2016; James C. Temerty, C.M., UJE Board Chairman; Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi, UJE Board Member.

Bottom Right (from left to right): Walter C. Hoydysh, Vice President and Program Director, Ukrainian Institute of America; Adrian Karatnycky, UJE Co-Director and Board Member; Berel Rodal, UJE Board Member; Vladislav Davidzon, Chief Editor, *The Odessa Review*; Bernard-Henri Lévy, French writer and philosopher, UJE Advisory Board Member; Alti Rodal, UJE Co-Director.

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Distinguished scholars and experts from around the world gather at the Pocantico Center of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund outside New York City to discuss and debate a broad range of issues concerning Jews and Ukrainians during the postwar Soviet period. The meeting was part of UJE's Shared Historical Narrative project.*

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From left to right: Victor Radutsky, an esteemed Hebrew-language translator; Josef Zissels, Head of the Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of Ukraine; Ukrainian writer and poet Kateryna Babkina at a reading of her work at the 24th Lviv International Book Fair and Literature Festival, held in 2017.

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A scene from the Babyn Yar Commemorative Concert that was held in Kyiv, Ukraine on September 29, 2016. *(Photo Credit: Andrew Waller)*

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Top (from left to right): UJE Board Members Mark J. Freiman, Berel Rodal and Dr. Paul Robert Magosci are in the foreground. Natalia A. Feduschak, UJE Director of Communications and Raya Shadursky, UJE Director of Operations, are in the background.*

Centre: A group photo of the participants of the Shared Historical Narrative project, which took place at the Pocantico Center of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund outside New York City on October 1- 4, 2017.*

Bottom (from left to right): James C. Temerty, C.M., UJE Board Chairman; Alti Rodal, UJE Co-Director; Mark J. Freiman, UJE Board Member.*

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Bottom: UJE Board Members Berel Rodal and Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi are in the background. Yuri Shevchuk, Columbia University; Dr. Wolf Moskovich, UJE Board Member; Dr. Frank Sysyn, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies; Dr. Serhii Plokhyy, UJE Board Member, are in the foreground.*

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Top: On April 24, 2012, religious leaders of Ukraine — Christian, Jewish and Muslim — travelled to Ottawa, Canada. There they witnessed the House of Commons pass a unanimous resolution honouring Archbishop Andrei Sheptytsky for his courage in sheltering Jews during the Holocaust. *Pictured from left to right in the office of Prime Minister Stephen Harper:* the Honourable Jason Kenney, then Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism; His Eminence Akhmed Tamim, Chief Mufti of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of Ukraine; His Excellency Bishop Markiyan Trofymiak, responsible for the administration of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine, Ordinary of the Lutsk Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church; Metropolitan Mefodiy, Primate of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church; His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav, Primate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church; the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada; His Holiness Patriarch Filaret, Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kyivan Patriarchate; Rabbi Yaakov Dov Bleich, Chief Rabbi of Kyiv and Ukraine, Union of Jewish Religious Organizations of Ukraine; Mr. Berel Rodal, Board Member, Ukrainian Jewish Encounter; Mr. James Temerty, Chairman, Ukrainian Jewish Encounter; Rev. Vyacheslav Nesteruk, President of the Evangelical Baptist Union of Ukraine.

Centre: Audience members at an April 25, 2012 symposium honouring Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky.

(Top, centre, and page 12 photos courtesy of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies)

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Bottom: Ukrainian dissident, social activist and literary critic Ivan Dziuba (fourth from the left) is presented with the Sheptytsky Award on September 28, 2016 in Kyiv, Ukraine. Also present (left to right): Adrian Karatnycky, UJE Board Member; Borys Fuchsmann, World Jewish Congress Vice President (Ukraine); Bishop Borys Gudziak, President, Ukrainian Catholic University; Awardee Ivan Dziuba; Rabbi Yaakov Dov Bleich; James C. Temerty, C.M., UJE Board Chairman; Berel Rodal, UJE Board Member; Alti Rodal, UJE Co-Director.

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Visitors appreciate the UJE-sponsored travelling exhibition “A Journey through the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter: From Antiquity to 1914,” which was shown between May and September 2015 at six venues in four Canadian cities — Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, and Montreal.

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Visitors to the Ukrainian Festival in Toronto's Bloor West Village enjoy a new look of UJE's informational booth, which was unveiled at the festival in September 2017. UJE has had a booth at the festival since 2010, which has been managed annually by Raya Shadursky, UJE's Director of Operations.

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Top Left: The UJE-supported book *Jews and Ukrainians: A Millennium of Co-Existence* received special recognition by fair president Oleksandra Koval as one of the best books of the 23rd Lviv International Book Fair and Literature Festival, held in 2016. UJE Board Member and book co-author Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi (*left*) and UJE Board Chairman James C. Temerty, C.M. (*right*) receive the award.

Top Right: Vladyslav Hrynevych, Sr., Co-Editor of the UJE-supported book *Babyn Yar: History and Memory*, holds an award acknowledging the volume as one of the best books of the 24th Lviv International Book Fair and Literature Festival, held in 2017. The award-winning book is a collection of monographs by a group of internationally-renowned scholars who discuss the treatment of Babyn Yar in culture, music, and the arts from Stalinist times to the present.

Bottom: Visitors at the 24th Lviv International Book Fair and Literature Festival, held in 2017, review copies of UJE-supported books *Jews and Ukrainians: A Millennium of Co-Existence* and *The Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter: Cultural Dimensions*.

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The Ukrainian Jewish Encounter team, (*from left to right*): Co-Directors Alti Rodal and Adrian Karatnycky; Board Chairman James C. Temerty, C.M.; Board Members Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi, Dr. Serhii Plokhyy, Berel Rodal, Dr. Wolf Moskovich; Director of Communications Natalia A. Feduschak; Director of Operations Raya Shadursky; and Board Member Mark J. Freiman.*
Not pictured: Vladyslav Hrynevych, Jr. (Ukraine) and Shimon Briman (Israel).

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