



Call for Applications

Summer School in the Study of Ashkenazic Pinkassim Central European University, 8 July to 13 July 2018

The “Pinkassim Project: Recovering the Records of European Jewry” invites applications for a summer school of intensive workshops in the study of early modern Ashkenazic pinkassim (communal record books). The summer school is hosted by the Jewish Studies Program at Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary, and supported by the Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University (Providence, Rhode Island); The Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies, University of Maryland (College Park, Maryland), and McGill University (Montreal, Canada).

The goal of the Pinkassim Project is to digitize and make available the communal records of the Ashkenazic communities of Europe. As part of our work, we want to help train a new generation of scholars with the skills to read these rich and multifaceted sources.

The summer school will last for four days, during which participants will learn about the historical, textual, and linguistic context of the pinkassim. Workshop sessions will be conducted by Professor Israel Bartal (Hebrew University, Jerusalem), Professor Gershon Hundert (McGill University), Professor Bernard Cooperman (University of Maryland), Professor Ada Rapoport-Albert (University College London), Professor Adam Teller (Brown University, Providence), Professor Michael L. Miller (Central European University, Budapest), and Olga Sixtová (Charles University, Prague). The main aim of the school is to provide scholars and students with the knowledge they need in order to read and analyze Ashkenazic pinkassim. We will devote a great deal of the time to reading these sources in their original language.

Graduate students and early career academics who have a reading knowledge of Hebrew are invited to apply. Knowledge of Yiddish and/or another European language is an advantage. The application should include a CV, a short letter of intent explaining why this knowledge is important for the student’s academic plans, and two recommendations to be sent directly by the referees.

The summer school will take place at Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary, from 8 July to 13 July 2018. Food and board will be provided. Subventions to help cover travel expenses may be available to those whose home institutions do not provide such support.

All materials should be sent to Daniel Rapp, email: RappD@ceu.edu; applications should be received by 23 February 2018. Successful applicants will be informed of the decision by the end of March 2016.

