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# The Shoah and Jewish Identity Challenges in Jewish Education

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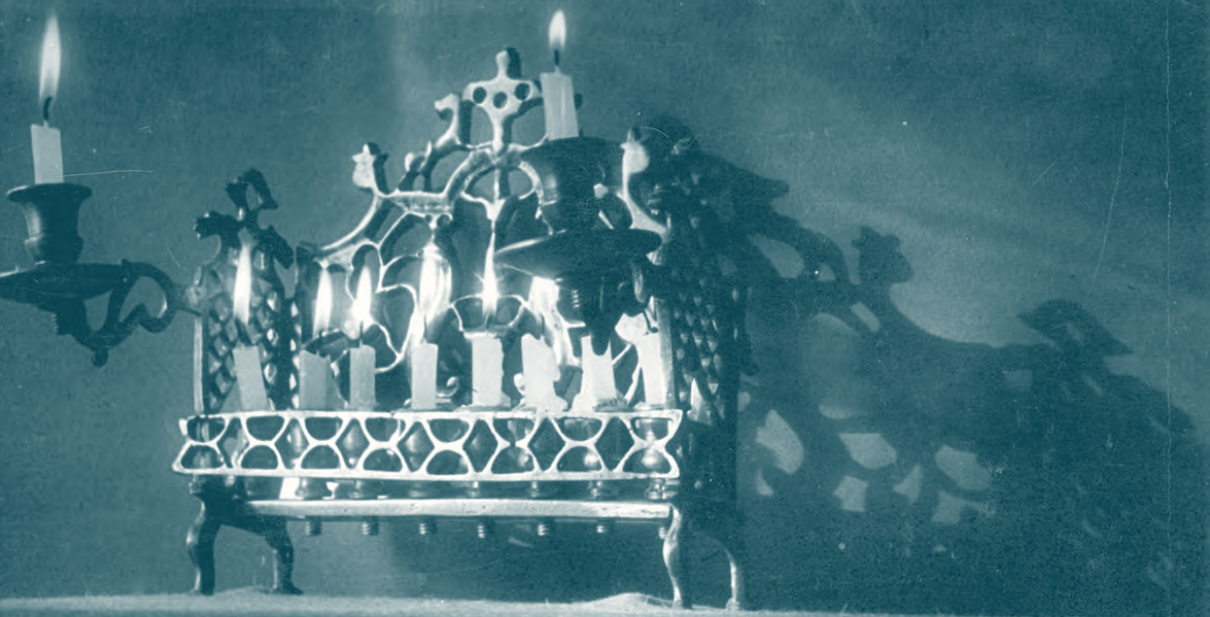
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**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**The Shoah and Jewish Identity**  
**Challenges in Jewish Education**

**Monday, December 26, 2016**

*Opening Ceremony*

כ"ו כסלו

**Tuesday, December 27, 2016**

*Jewish Identity During the Shoah*

*Learning Day*

כ"ז כסלו

**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**

*Teaching the Shoah in Formal and Informal Jewish Education*

*Pedagogical Day*

כ"ח כסלו

**Thursday, December 29, 2016**

*The Shoah in Contemporary Jewish Identity*

*Contemporary Issues Day*

כ"ט כסלו





**תשע"ז כ"ו כסלו**  
**December 26, 2016**

12:00-16:00

**Optional Guided Tours of the Yad Vashem Campus**  
in English, French, Spanish

**Holocaust History Museum**

**Museum of Holocaust Art**

**Learning Center**

**Visual Center**



כ"ו כסלו  
**December 26, 2016**

**Opening Ceremony**

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| 15:30                  | <b>Buses will leave from the hotels to Yad Vashem</b>  |
| 16:00-17:00            | <b>Light Meal</b> <i>Lobby, Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall</i>   |
| 17:00-18:30            | <b>Opening Ceremony</b> <i>Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall</i>  |
|                        | <b>M.C. Ephraim Kaye</b>   |
| Opening Remarks        | <b>Dorit Novak</b> , Director General, Yad Vashem<br><b>Dorit Golender</b> , Vice President, Community Relations, Genesis Philanthropy Group |
| <b>Candle Lighting</b> | <b>Third Night of Hanukah with Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau</b>  |
| Opening Presentation   | <b>Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau</b> , Chairman, Yad Vashem Council   |
| Musical Performance    | <i>A cappella</i> vocals by <b>Kippalive</b>   |
| 18:40                  | <b>Buses will take participants from Yad Vashem to hotels</b>  |

כ"ז כסלו

December 27, 2016

## Jewish Identity During the Shoah

08:00-09:00 Meeting with the FSU group of educators: **Masha Pollak-Rosenberg**, Director, Educational Guiding Unit, International School for Holocaust Studies. Greetings from **Natalie Shnaiderman**, Director of Global Grantmaking, Genesis Philanthropy Group

08:15 Buses will leave from the hotels to Yad Vashem

09:00-12:30 **Plenary Session** *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

M.C. **Ephraim Kaye**

Opening Remarks **Dr. Eyal Kaminka**, Lily Safra Chair of Holocaust Education; Director, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

09:10-09:30 **Challenges of Preserving the Memory of the Shoah in the Jewish World**

**Avner Shalev**, Chairman, Yad Vashem Directorate

09:30-10:00 **Jewish Identity: Challenges in the Diaspora**

**Naftali Bennett**, Minister of Education and of Diaspora Affairs of the State of Israel

10:00-10:45 **What was Jewish Identity during the Shoah?**

**Prof. Yehuda Bauer**, Academic Advisor, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem

10:45-11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15-11:50 **The Shoah, Jewish Identity and the Yad Vashem Archives: Unearthing the Story**

**Dr. Haim Gertner**, Director, Archives Division, Yad Vashem; Fred Hillman Chair of Holocaust Documentation

11:50-12:30 **Challenges of Jewish Identity in the Lublin Area During the Nazi Occupation**

**Dr. David Silberklang**, Senior Historian, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem; Editor-in-Chief, *Yad Vashem Studies*

12:30-13:30      **Lunch Break**

13:30-15:00

**Session I**

7 simultaneous presentations in different languages

*Room 209*  
English

**The Jewish Dimension of the Shoah; the Context of Modern Jewish History**

**Prof. Dan Michman**, Head, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem; Incumbent of John Najmann Chair for Holocaust Studies

*Room 210*  
English

**First Letters After Liberation**

**Dr. Robert Rozett**, Director of the Yad Vashem Libraries

*Room 211*  
English

**Dilemmas of Identity During the Fascist Period and the Holocaust: The Case of Italy**

**Dr. Iael Nidam Orvieto**, Director, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem

*Room 212*  
English

**Abba Kovner – Partisan and Intellectual Leader: His Perspective on Jewish and Zionist Identity**

**Prof. Dina Porat**, Yad Vashem Chief Historian

*Room 302*  
Spanish

**Oneg Shabbat, diarios personales y otros documentos de ghettos: la preservación de la identidad judía durante la Shoah**

**Dr. Yossi Goldstein**, Hebrew University

*Room 303*  
French

**Identité Juive en crise pendant la Shoah à travers les journaux intimes et mémoires des juifs cachés et dans les Ghettos**

**Rabbi Daniel Epstein**, Bar Ilan University

*Room 301*  
Russian

**“Основные этапы истории Холокоста и Холокост на советских территориях”: экскурсия по историческому музею Яд Вашем**

**Маша Полак-Розенберг**, Яд Вашем

15:00-15:30      **Break**

15:30-17:00

**Session II: Meeting with Shoah Survivors**

Room 210  
English

**Tibi Ram: Slovakia/Hungary**

Interviewed by: Irit Dagan, Yad Vashem

Room 212  
English

**Yehudit Kleinman: Italy**

Interviewed by: Ephraim Kaye, Yad Vashem

Room 211  
English

**Daniel Gold: Lithuania**

Interviewed by: Nurit Davidson, Yad Vashem

Room 209  
English

**Rina Quint: Poland**

Interviewed by: Orit Margaliot, Yad Vashem

Room 303  
French

**Jakob Weksler-Waszkinel: Poland**

Interviewed by: Yoni Berrous, Yad Vashem

Room 301  
Russian

**David Taubkin: Belarus**

Interviewed by: Frederik Drachinsky, Yad Vashem

Room 302  
Spanish

**Moshe Ha-Elion: Greece**

Interviewed by: Haya Feldman-Glus, Yad Vashem

17:00-17:30

**Coffee Break**

17:30-18:30

**Closing Session** *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

**M.C. Ephraim Kaye**

Candle Lighting

Fourth Night of Hanukah with **Yehuda Mansbach**,  
Grandson of Rabbi Akiva and Rachel Posner  
from Kiel, Germany

Presentation

**The Legacy of Elie Wiesel**

**Dr. Avraham (Alan) Rosen**, Elie Wiesel's Student and Friend

Musical  
Performance

**The Ramat Gan Municipality Children's Harmonica  
Orchestra**, conducted by **Keren Olsher**  
**Alexander Reiss**, Musical Director

18:40

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**Teaching the Shoah in Formal and Informal Jewish Education**  
**כ"ח כסלו**  
**December 28, 2016**

08:15 Buses will leave from the hotels to Yad Vashem

09:00-10:30 **Plenary Session** *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

M.C. Ephraim Kaye

**Identity Capital in the 21st Century**

**Dr. Eyal Kaminka**, Lily Safra Chair of Holocaust Education; Director, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

**Jewish Identity During and After the Shoah**

**Shulamit Imber**, Pedagogical Director, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem; Fred Hillman Chair in Memory of Janusz Korczak

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:00 **Pedagogical Workshops for Elementary and Middle School**

**Tommy** (Early Elementary), ***I Wanted to Fly like a Butterfly*** (Elementary), **Martha** (Elementary), **Circles** (Middle School), **Through Our Eyes** (Middle School), **Outcast** (Middle School), **Stolen Childhood** (Middle School)

Room 214 **Shlomit Steiner**, Yad Vashem (English)

Room 304 **Eliana Rapp-Badichi**, Yad Vashem (Spanish)

Room 207 **Arièle Nahmias**, Yad Vashem (French)

Room 208 **Binyamin Charvit**, Yad Vashem (French)

Room 209 Учебные пособия Международной школы изучения Холокоста ("Тропюю памяти", "Транспорт", "Детские мечты") – **Ноа Сигаль, Анна Риненберг**, Яд Вашем



11:00-13:00

## Pedagogical Workshops for High School

11:00-12:00

*Room 212*

**Presentation of a Mobile Educational Unit on Prewar Poland**

**Yiftach Meiri**, Yad Vashem

12:00-13:00

**Jewish Identity and the Shoah: The Educational Challenges and the Interdisciplinary Approach**

**Yael Richler-Friedman**, Yad Vashem

11:00-12:00

*Room 210*

**“Years Wherein We Have Seen Evil”**

**Teaching the Shoah in Ultra-Orthodox Schools**

**Shani Lourie**, Yad Vashem

12:00-13:00

**“And You Shall Speak of Them”**

**Studying the Shoah in Light of the Mishnah**

**Rabbi Moshe Cohn**, Yad Vashem

11:00-12:00

*Room 211*

**The Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching the Shoah in Formal and Informal Jewish Education**

**Hepzibah Alon**, Program Associate at Facing History and Ourselves

12:00-13:00

**“Witnesses in Education”**

**Dr. Naama Shik**, Yad Vashem

11:00-12:00

*Room 302*

**Korczak, un educador humanista enfrentando la Shoá**

**Nora Gaon**, Ghetto Fighters' House

12:00-13:00

**Un nuevo plan de estudios on line en el currículo nacional para la enseñanza de la Shoá**

**Haya Feldman-Glus**, Yad Vashem

11:00-13:00

*Room 303*

**L'identité Juive pendant la Shoah: Défis et complexité**

**Yoni Berrous**, Yad Vashem

11:00-13:00

*Room 301*

**“Мы остались людьми”: использование фильмов-свидетельств Международной школы изучения Холокоста в преподавании темы Холокоста**

**Маша Полак-Розенберг, Фредерик Драчинский**, Яд Вашем

13:00-13:45      **Lunch Break**

14:00-14:30      **Plenary Session** *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

**Some Thoughts on the Shoah and Jewish Identity**

**Prof. Steven Katz**, Slater Professor of Jewish and Holocaust Studies, Boston University

14:45-16:00      **Workshops**

*Room 209*      **Shoah Films and Jewish Identity: Classroom Suggestions**  
English      **Rich Brownstein**, Israel

*Room 210*      **Using Technology: Unique Programs in the Jewish World**  
English      **to Ensure the Memory of the Shoah**  
**Michael Voskoboynik**, Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, IN, USA

*Room 211*      **The Impact of Elie Wiesel on Shoah Education**  
English      **Dr. Avraham (Alan) Rosen**, Israel

*Room 302*      **Art as Resistance in the Shoah**  
French      **Eliad Moreh-Rosenberg**, Yad Vashem

*Room 303*      **Особенности Холокоста на территориях Советского**  
Russian      **Союза**  
**проф. Илья Альтман**, основатель и сопредседатель  
Российского научно-просветительного центра  
«Холокост»

*Room 301*      **The Music of the Jewish People in the Shoah: Jewish**  
English with      **Identity and Self-Affirmation**  
Spanish      **Tamar Machado-Recanati**, Israel  
translation

16:00-16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:30-17:45 **Roundtable Discussions**

Moderated by Yad Vashem staff

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The discussions will focus on the following questions:

1. How can teaching about the Shoah add additional layers of meaning to our Jewish identity?
2. How do you integrate the Shoah into your curriculum? In which classes do you teach the Shoah?
3. What do you feel is lacking in your approach to teaching the Shoah?

**Посещение учебного центра “Размышления о прошлом и будущем” и Художественного музея Яд Вашем – Ноа Сигаль, Маша Полак-Розенберг, Яд Вашем**

18:00-19:00 **Closing Session** *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

**M.C. Ephraim Kaye**

**Candle Lighting**

**Fifth Night of Hanukah with Capt. Daniel Colthof (Res.), IDF Deputy Chief Cantor**

**Presentation**

**Testimony of Rev. Chris Edmonds**

Son of MSgt. Roddie Edmonds, an American soldier recently recognized by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations for saving American Jewish soldiers in a POW camp in Germany in January 1945

19:15

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December 29, 2016

## The Shoah in Contemporary Jewish Identity

08:00

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08:30-10:30

**Plenary Session** *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

M.C. Ephraim Kaye

08:30-9:00

**Being Jewish in a Troubled World**

**Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, UK**

Filmed specially for this conference

9:00-9:45

**Jewish Demographic Trends in the 21st Century**

**Prof. Sergio Della Pergola, Hebrew University, Israel**

9:45-10:30

**Combating Antisemitism and the BDS Movement**

**The Honorable Irwin Cotler, PC, OC, Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada**

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30

**Panel Session** *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

**How the Shoah Shapes Contemporary Jewish Identity**

Moderator: **Ephraim Kaye**

**Malcolm Hoenlein**, Executive Vice Chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, **USA**

**Patrick Petit-Ohayon**, Director of Education, Fonds Social Juif Unifié, **France**

**Rabbi Marcelo Polakoff**, Latin-American Jewish Congress, **Argentina**

**Rabbi Boruch Gorin**, Chairman of the Board, Jewish Museum and Center of Tolerance, **Russia**

**Vic Alhadeff**, CEO, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, **Australia**



12:30-13:30      **Lunch Break**

13:30-14:45      **Five Simultaneous Panel Discussions**

In English with simultaneous translation into Spanish, French and Russian

*Room 213*      **PANEL 1: The Educational Impact of Trips to Poland and Other Memorial Sites in Eastern Europe**

Moderator: **Orit Margaliot**

**Sue Hampel**, Co-president, Jewish Holocaust Centre in Melbourne, **Australia**

**Nili Amit**, Museum of the History of the Jewish People in Warsaw, **Poland**

**Alejandra Tolcachier**, March of the Living, **Argentina**

**Rabbi Naftali Schiff**, JRoots, **UK**

**Isaac Tuitou**, Principal of ORT Daniel Mayer, **France**

**Michel Benoïlid**, Principal of ORT Strasbourg, **France**

**Pierre-Jérôme Biscarat**, Director of Pedagogy, Yahad In Unum, **France**

**Alex Danzyg**, Yad Vashem

*Room 301*      **PANEL 2: Coping with the New Antisemitism: The Challenge for Educators (English only; no translations)**

Moderator: **Richelle Budd Caplan**

**Antisemitism Today: Theory and Ways to Confront It  
Goals and Objectives of a New Yad Vashem Educational  
Program**

**Dr. Noa Mkyton** and **Shani Lourie**, Yad Vashem

**Antisemitism Online: Who are the perpetrators? What are they talking about? What can we do about it?**

**Yogev Karasenty**, Director of Combating Antisemitism, Israeli Ministry of Diaspora Affairs

*Room 212* **PANEL 3: Holocaust Denial, BDS and Anti-Israel Activities on College Campuses: The Challenges**

Moderator: **Yoni Berrous**

**Yosef Tarshish**, President, World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS), **UK/Israel**

**Ido Daniel**, Director, Israeli Students Combating Antisemitism, **Israel**

**Ashley Densham**, Co-Founder, Kehilat Kolenu, **Australia**

**Dean Levitan**, Campaign Director, Stand Up, **Australia**

**Andrea Nisnevich**, Political Assessor in Human Rights and Education, **Argentina**

**Evan Gottesman**, Rutgers University, Hillel, **USA**

**Liat Deener-Chodiker**, University of Maryland, Hillel, **USA**

*Room 209* **PANEL 4: How Do We Teach About Israel, Zionism and the Shoah to Deepen Our Jewish Identity?**

Moderator: **Shaya Ben Yehuda**

**Rabbi Dr. David Hertzberg**, Yeshivah of Flatbush Middle School, NYC, **USA**

**Avishay Fligelman**, Yeshivat Emuna High School, **Mexico**

**Rabbi James Kennard**, Mt. Scopus Day School, **Australia**

**David Dishon**, Co-founder and Director of Jewish Studies at the Hartman Torani High School for Boys Jerusalem, **Israel**

**Rabbi Joshua Levy**, Executive School Consultant, Torah Umesorah, **USA**

**Alexander Engels**, Director, Moscow Jewish Heritage History and Holocaust Museum, **Russia**

*Room 303* **PANEL 5: How Can Shoah Programming Reinforce Informal Jewish Education?**

Moderator: **Rabbi Moshe Cohn**

**Sasha Friedman**, Szarvas JDC Camp, **Hungary**

**Mina Pasajlic**, Program Director, Szarvas JDC camp, **Hungary**

**Barbara Spectre**, Global Ambassador, PAIDIEA, **Sweden**

**Alon Friedman**, CEO, Hillel, **Israel**

**Rabbi Nelly Shulman**, Member, Steering Committee, Limmud Moscow, **Russia**

**Tamara Donnenfeld**, Director of Lifelong Learning, Temple Beth Am, **USA**

14:45-15:15      **Break**

15:15-16:30      **Roundtable Discussions**

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The discussions will focus on the following questions:

1. Where do we go from here?
2. What are we taking away from this conference that will enable us to be more effective educators?
3. How can Yad Vashem assist you?
4. How can we help each other?

16:30-17:30      **Light Meal** *Lobby, Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

17:30-18:30      **Closing Conference Session  
in Memory of Izzy and Babs Asper**

*Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

**M.C. Ephraim Kaye**

Remarks      **Shai Abramson**, Consultant, The Asper Foundation, Israel

Candle Lighting      **Sixth Night of Hanukah with Natan Sharansky**

Presentation      **The Jewish People, Israel and the Memory of the Shoah:  
Reflections**  
**Natan Sharansky**, Chairman, The Jewish Agency for Israel

Musical  
Performance      **Dudu Fisher**

18:40      **Buses will take participants from Yad Vashem to hotels**

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