

November 14-17, 2024 DALLAS, TEXAS

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND-USA

**GLOBAL CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL** 

# PROGRAM

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## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR OF DALLAS



## ERIC L. JOHNSON

MAYOR OF DALLAS



October 15, 2024

#### **Greetings!**

As Mayor of Dallas, I am proud to welcome the attendees to the 2024 Jewish National Fund-USA Global Conference at the Hilton Anatole from November 14-17, 2024.

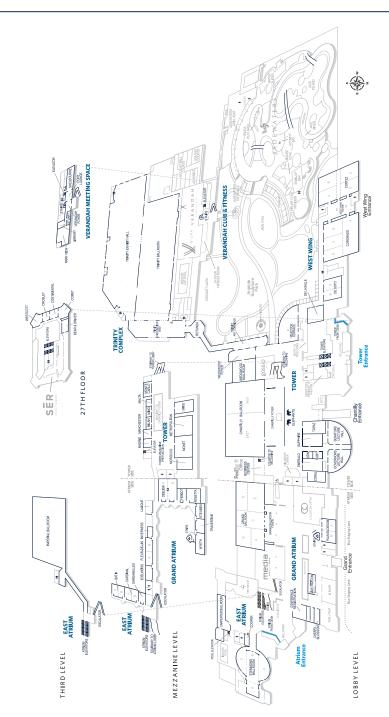
The City of Dallas is continually shaped by the compassion of our Jewish community and how it embraces people worldwide, and we are proud of the special bond we share with Israel. Since 1901, the Jewish National Fund has fortified infrastructure, preserved natural geography, and extended humanitarian services to build a strong foundation for Israel and it has helped to connect even more Dallasites to the Jewish homeland.

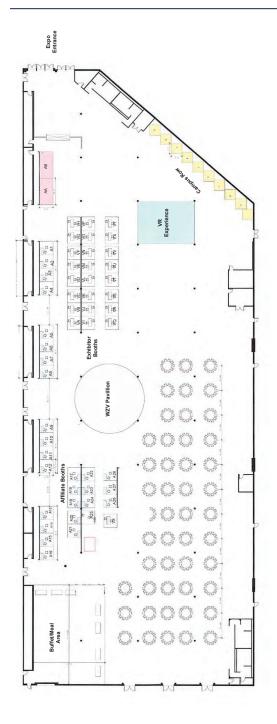
On behalf of the City of Dallas, please accept my best wishes for a wonderful conference and continued success.

All my best,

Eric L. Johnson Mayor

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#### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

1:00 – 9:30 PM REGISTRATION HOURS

**Tower Atrium** 

Sponsors: Bel Air Investment Advisors • Salesforce

3:00 – 4:00 PM REGIONAL BOARD LEADERSHIP MEETING (by invitation)

Metropolitan (Mezzanine Level)

Regional leadership meeting to sharpen our ability to engage our communities, improve our campaign, and spread the positive Israel mission of Jewish National Fund-USA.

CHAIRS

Gary Kushner, Vice President, Communities and Regions Barbara Burry, Assistant Vice President, Communities and Regions

Ron Werner, Vice President, Campaign

3:00 – 4:30 PM **TODAH COMMITTEE MEETING** (by invitation)

Madrid (Mezzanine Level)

Briefing for Todah committee members, composed of leadership trained to travel nationally, thanking major donors for their financial commitments.

CHAIR

Charles S. Fax, Assistant Vice President, Legal Committee

3:00 – 5:00 PM WORLD ZIONIST VILLAGE STAKEHOLDER'S MEETING

Ming (Mezzanine Level)

CHAIR

Joseph Wolson, First Vice President and Executive Chair, World Zionist Village.

4:00 – 5:45 PM SPECIAL PREMIERE SHOWING OF OCTOBER H8TE

(to be offered again at 8:00 PM)

Governors Lecture Hall and Senators Lecture Hall

October H8TE is a feature documentary, directed and produced by Wendy Sachs, about the explosion of antisemitism on college campuses, on social media and in the streets since October 7, 2023.

Post screening conversation with the filmmakers to follow.

INTRODUCTIONS

Myron Stayman, Presidential Advisor Yaron Marcus, President, Mountain States

#### 4:30 – 6:00 PM MAJOR DONOR WELCOME RECEPTION

for our President's, Negev, King Solomon Societies, Century and World Chairman's Council members (by invitation)

Wedgewood Ballroom

#### CHAIRS

Mara Ginsberg, Chair, Major Gifts Ron Werner, Vice President, Campaign

#### GREETINGS

Livia Link-Raviv, Consul General of Israel, Southwest United States

#### MUSIC

Sarah Price Trio

#### 6:00 PM MAARIV

Coronado A

#### 6:30 PM WORLD CHAIRMAN'S COUNCIL DINNER

for partners who have given a total of \$1,000,000 or more over a lifetime (by invitation)

Hall of State in the George W. Bush Institute

#### CHAIRS

Deb Lust Zaluda, President, National Board of Directors Dr. Sol Lizerbram, Chair, National Board of Directors

## 6:30 – 7:30 PM SINAI TEMPLE ISRAEL CENTER RABBINICAL SCHOOL FELLOWS OPENING

Madrid (Mezzanine Level)

With the support of Jewish National Fund-USA's Boruchin Center, the Sinai Temple Israel Center Rabbinical School Fellowship engages rabbinical students across denominations. Here Fellows will learn about the work of Jewish National Fund-USA and join important and timely talks on Israel, Zionism, and Jewish pride.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Rabbi Erez Sherman, Chair, Rabbis for Israel; Senior Rabbi, Sinai Temple, Los Angeles, CA

Yisrael Klitsner, Fellowship Educator

#### 7:30 – 9:30 PM VINTAGE VIBES, MODERN VISION

Rabbinic Summit Opening and Wine-Tasting Event

Miro (Mezzanine Level)

#### Sponsored: Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael

Rabbis, cantors, rabbinical students and other faith leaders: Join us to experience solidarity while exploring ways to support your communities and Israel, learn about Jewish National Fund-USA's vision and impact, and experience the delicious wines of the Galilee.

#### INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Rabbi Erez Sherman; Vice President, Rabbis for Israel; Senior Rabbi, Sinai Temple, Los Angeles, CA

Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt, Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation B'nai Tzedek, Potomac. MD Pastor Cheryl Morrison, Jewish National Fund-USA Regional Board Member. Atlanta

#### SOMMELIER

Steven Kerbel, Steven Kerbel Educational Consulting

#### 8:00 - 9:45 PM

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#### INTRODUCTIONS

Jason Zenner, Presidential Advisor Ira Bartfield, Vice President, Missions

#### 8:00 PM

#### HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SUMMIT OPENINGS

#### Sponsor: EPIC Insurance Brokers & Consultants

A weekend of celebrating Israel and Zionism with hundreds of students from around the nation. Participants will learn more about the development of our land of Israel, what Jewish National Fund-USA is doing in Israel and in support of students, and network with fellow students, leaders, influencers, Israel experts and more.

#### **COLLEGE SUMMIT SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

Amit Sapir, University of Florida

Bali Lavine, Tulane University

Imani Chung, State University of New York Stony Brook

Lauren Cayle, American University

Zachary Gold, Brandeis University

#### HIGH SCHOOL SUMMIT OPENING SPEAKERS

Wendy Sachs, Director and Executive Producer of October H8TE; Alexander Muss High School in Israel alumna

Russell F. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer, Jewish National Fund-USA

#### 9:00 - 10:30 PM

#### **CONFERENCE OPENING IN ISRAEL EXPO**

Dessert Bar and Meet & Greet with Conference Speakers

Trinity Exhibit Hall

#### Sponsors: Goldman Sachs • TrueSense Marketing

Come and explore a wide variety of visual and interactive experiences. Meet with Jewish National Fund-USA's affiliates on the ground in Israel and hear first-hand about the impact of our work. Meander through the booths, hear about our innovations, grab some food, and even enjoy a little shopping thanks to our vendors.

#### MUSIC

Sarah Price Trio

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

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8:30 AM – 4:30 PM ISRAEL EXPO HOURS

Trinity Exhibit Hall

7:00 – 9:00 AM BREAKFAST AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Trinity Exhibit Hall

7:00 AM SHACHARIT

Coronado A

7:30 – 8:45 AM TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Task Forces, comprised of ambassadors from across the country, work directly with our strategic partners and affiliates on the ground in Israel to determine needs and set priorities. They help turn that vision into reality and help fundraise for a particular action area.

#### Arava

Governors Lecture Hall

#### CHAIR

Rob Mintz

#### **SPEAKERS**

Meir Tzour, Mayor, Central Arava Regional Council

Noa Zer, Resource Development Department, Central Arava

Dr. Hanan Ginat, Mayor, Eilot Regional Council

Richard Summers, Resource Development Department, Eilot Region

#### ➤ Central Negev

Senators Lecture Hall

#### CHAIR

Susan Farber

Speakers

Mayor Eran Doron, Ramat HaNegev

Hadass Nisan, Director, Resource Development Department, Ramat HaNegev

#### ➤ Go North West

Miro (Mezzanine Level)

#### CHAIR

Rose Barlow

#### **SPEAKERS**

Michal Shiloach, CEO, Western Galilee Now Small Business Consortium & Operator of the Lauder Employment Center in the Galilee

Dawlat Khatib and Maryn Robinson Levi, Western Galilee Now

#### **►** MAKOM

Manchester (Mezzanine Level)

#### **CO-CHAIRS**

Marti Eisenberg and Michelle Horesh

#### **SPEAKER**

Shosh Mitzman, Jewish National Fund-MAKOM Liaison

#### 7:30 - 8:45 AM

#### FOR FIRST-TIMERS ONLY TO THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND-USA GLOBAL CONFERENCE

Metropolitan (Mezzanine Level)

If you have never been to a Global Conference for Israel, this session will help enhance your conference experience and grow your Jewish National Fund-USA knowledge. Join us to meet Deb Lust Zaluda, President, National Board of Directors; Russell F. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Miller, Global Conference Co-Chair; Sharon Joy, National Campaign Director; and Rick Krosnick, Chief Development Officer.

#### 9:00 - 10:15 AM

## PLENARY: WE CHOOSE LIFE: REBUILDING AND REIMAGINING ISRAEL'S NORTH AND SOUTH

Trinity Ballroom

Building back our scarred landscape and a traumatized people requires strategic vision, a true partnership with the people of Israel, and a continued presence. Jewish National Fund-USA's strategic vision is creating a bright future. From yesterday to tomorrow – our look back and vision moving forward.

#### **GLOBAL CONFERENCE CHAIRS**

Deb Lust Zaluda

Michael Miller

#### LOCAL CHAIRS

Doug Stayman

Deborah Hersh

#### **PRESENTERS**

Dr. Sol Lizerbram, Chair, Board of Directors

Deb Lust Zaluda, President, Board of Directors

Russell F. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer

Eitan Monson and Izzy Sussman, Alexander Muss High

School in Israel Alumni

Michal Uziyahu, Mayor, Eshkol Regional Council

Nisan Zeevi, Founder of Lobby 1701 & Back2Galilee,

Commander of the Emergency Squad of Kfar Giladi Wendy Sachs, Director and Executive Producer of October

H8TF

Barbra Kahn, Mother of Lone Soldier

#### **MUSICAL PERFORMANCES**

Special in Uniform Band

10:30 AM - 5:00 PM

#### **NEGEV LOUNGE**

Open to Negev Society, King Solomon Society and World Chairman Council Members (By Invitation Only)

Peacock Terrace

Please stop by any time to enjoy refreshments at your leisure.

10:30 - 11:45 AM

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS - Select from**

#### Practical Aspects of Resilience in Israel During Times of War (to be repeated)

Metropolitan (Mezzanine Level)

Resiliency is both a state-of-mind and something acquired. With the number of people in the Israel Envelope and the north in need of mental health support tripling since October 7, hear how they live with ongoing traumatic stress and the state-of-the-art services that Jewish National Fund-USA is expanding to help alleviate it.

#### **MODERATOR**

Talia Tzour Avner, Chief Israel Officer

#### SPEAKERS

Ayelet Shmuel, Director of International Resilience Center of Sderot

Eran Doron, Mayor, Ramat HaNegev Regional Council

Gaulee Schif, Jewish National Fund-LOTEM Liaison

Michal Shiloah Galnoor, CEO, Western Galilee Now and Lauder Employment Centers

Elie Klein, Director of Advancement, ADI Negev-Nahalat Eran

Nisan Zeevi, Founder of Lobby 1701 & Back2Galilee, Commander of the Emergency Squad of Kfar Giladi

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Orlee Panitch, Member, Israel Envelope Task Force

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Robert Lembke, Vice President, Outreach

#### ➤ Israel Making the World a Better Place (to be repeated)

Miro (Mezzanine Level)

Israel, a country known for its start-up spirit and ingenuity, shares its expertise with the world. Learn where and how its impact is making a difference.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Aviva Klompas, Co-Founder and CEO, Boundless and author of the newly-released book Stand-Up Nation

Tania Pons Allon. Director, Kasser Joint Institute of Food, Water and Energy Security

Dr. Sharon B. Megdal, *Director and Professor, Water Resources* Research Center, University of Arizona

Hanni Arnon, Founder, AICAT (Arava International Center for Agriculture Training)

Dr. Mohammed Alnabari, Founder, Project Wadi Attir

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Daniel Dean, Founder, Dean Family Fellowship Fund at AICAT

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Matthew Fragner, Member, Board of Governors, Kasser Joint Institute

#### Campuses on the Front Lines (to be repeated)

#### Cortez C and D

What is really happening on college campuses across the country, what can we do about it and where do we go from here?

#### **SPEAKERS**

Elizabeth Rand, Founder of Mothers Against College Antisemitism (MACA)

Shai Davidai, Assistant Professor of Management, Columbia University Business School

Danielle Azani, Student, University of California, Los Angeles

Gerard Filliti, Senior Counsel, The Lawfare Project

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Scott Gendell, Vice President, College Engagement

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Amit Sapir, Student, University of Florida

#### ➤ Galilee Culinary Institute by JNF: Change is Coming to Northern Israel

#### Emerald

The Galilee Culinary Institute by Jewish National Fund (GCI) is positioned to play a critical role in reimagining Northern Israel through economic development, increased employment, boosting tourism, agricultural cooperation, and more. It is reinventing culinary education with an intensive and innovative hands-on culinary curriculum that will enhance Israel's reputation in the global culinary community attracting international students, culinary educators and food leaders and experts to the region. Come meet the GCI team working to make this incredible vision into a reality.

#### SPEAKERS

Lior Lev Sercarz, Chief Culinary Officer and Co-Founder, GCI Nathan Hoffman, CEO, GCI

Sheryl Buchholtz, Co-Chair, Go North East Task Force Lani Raider, Curriculum Developer, GCI

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Steve Dabrow, President, Eastern Pennsylvania Board of

#### ➤ Theodor Herzl: He Continues to Inspire us to Make a Difference Today (to be repeated)

Governors Lecture Hall

Herzl, the founder of our modern Zionist movement, made

things happen. He willed an idea into a reality. His story is a playbook in passion, creativity and commitment which can help us all.

#### **SPEAKER**

David Matlow, Owner of the largest collection of Herzl memorabilia in the world

#### OPENING REMARKS

Samuel Goldberg, Vice President, Planned Giving

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Bernice Friedman, Presidential Advisor

#### 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

#### LUNCH BREAK WITH FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Trinity Exhibit Hall

#### 12:00 - 1:30 PM

#### SAPPHIRE SOCIETY LUNCHEON (BY INVITATION)

#### Wedgewood Ballroom

Hosted by the National Women for Israel Executive Board

#### Sponsor: Dee Berkley and Dee Berkley Jewelry

As a member of one of our Sapphire Societies (women giving \$5000 or more to the current campaign), come together with other female Zionists as a part of the national network of Jewish National Fund-USA's Women for Israel.

#### **SPEAKER**

Aviva Klompas, Co-Founder and CEO, Boundless and author of the newly-released book Stand-Up Nation

#### MOTZ

Sara Cannon, Co-Chair, Sapphire Society Natalie Goldman, Chair, Circle of Sapphire

#### WELCOME

Kim Kotzin, President, Women for Israel

#### SPEAKER INTERVIEWER

Jacqui Schneider, Co-Chair, Sapphire Society

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Risa Aronson, Vice President, Women for Israel

#### 1:15 PM

#### **MINCHA**

Coronado A

#### 1:45 - 3:00 PM

#### **PLENARY: THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN JEWRY**

#### Trinity Ballroom

As the Jewish world faces growing antisemitism and a sense of growing isolation, what sources and strategies can help us to meet our future and flourish as we have in the past?

#### SPEAKER

Rabbi David Wolpe, Max Webb Emeritus Rabbi, Sinai Temple

#### OPENING REMARKS

Susan Sacks, President, Alexander Muss High School in Israel

#### INTERVIEWER

Ian Sachs, President, JNFuture

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Michael Blank, Assistant Vice President, Investments

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS - Select from

## Civil Defense and the Security of our Homeland (to be repeated)

#### Cortez C and D

3:15 - 4:30 PM

Every resident of Israel, especially in the frontier, is directly impacted by the Jewish National Fund-USA's Civil Security Initiative. For over a decade, Jewish National Fund has made strategic investments in civil defense, focusing on security, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services (EMS). A swift and effective response, carried out by well-equipped and expertly trained volunteers, remains crucial to maintaining our homeland's security. Join us for an exclusive opportunity to engage with some of the most senior and strategic leaders dedicated to protecting our homeland. Discover our comprehensive plans for safeguarding the entire region.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Lt. (Res) Yoel Zilberman, Founder and CEO of HaShomer Hachadash

Chief Itzik Oz, Commander, Southern District, Israel Fire and Rescue Authority

Lt. Colonel Elan Issacson, Head of Security and Emergency Services, Eshkol Regional Council

Nisan Zeevi, Commander, Civil Security Team, Kfar Giladi

#### **MODERATOR**

Yoel Rosby, Project Manager, Jewish National Fund-USA Israel Operations

#### OPENING REMARKS

Michael and Sharon Levison, Co-Chairs, Community Campaign

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Marc Kelman, Vice President, Israel Operations

## ➤ International Law and Geo-Political Issues in the Middle East (to be repeated)

#### Topaz

What are Israel's most pressing challenges, and what potential solutions can be crafted given the current circumstances and constraints? We will try to cover that by discussing the domains of security, law, diplomacy, and public perception.

#### **SPEAKER**

Gadi Ezra, International Commentator and Author of 11 Days in Gaza

#### OPENING REMAKRS

Penny Rosen, Secretary

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Ann Zinman, Vice President, Small Communities

#### Employment and Economic Development in Israel's North and South

#### **Emerald**

How does a country stave off economic disaster when its population can't show up to work or has lost its clientele? Learn how Jewish National Fund-USA was positioned to help keep small businesses alive and pivoted to respond to the crisis.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Hagit Evron, Journalist and Advocate for Israeli Food and Tourism Businesses

Maryn Robinson Levi, Coordinator, Online Mitzvah Marketplace Avi Balashnikov, Chairman, Israeli Export Institute; Chairman, Lauder Employment Centers

#### **MODERATOR**

Michal Shiloah Galnoor, CEO, Western Galilee Now Small Business Consortium; Operator, Lauder Employment Center Negev-Galil

#### OPENING REMARKS

Gadi Ilan, Assistant Vice President, Missions

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Aly Robinson, Chair, Continuum Beyond, JNFuture

#### Why Here, Why Now? The New Anti-Semitism

Miro (Mezzanine Level)

Is this 1933? What we are experiencing, as a result of this current wave of hate, is both old and new. Understand the origins and evolution of this current assault on Zionism and Israel, and Iearn about strategies, resources, and programs that counter.

#### SPEAKER

Dr. Steven Windmueller, Emeritus Professor of Jewish Communal Studies, Hebrew Union College

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Alan Fisher, Assistant Vice President, Small Communities

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Theodore L. Banks, Vice President, Israel Relations

#### Hashtag Zionism: Pro-Israel Stories and Strategies From the Social Media Trenches

Senators Lecture Hall

Whether you have 2 followers or 2 million, all of us can share Israel's positive impact through social media. This session will unlock the secrets to social media mastery and provide inspiring examples of people just like you who have made their voices heard. No tech expertise needed — just a passion for Israel and a desire to stand up for our homeland. Your voice matters—let's make sure you're heard!

#### **SPEAKERS**

Emily Austin, Broadcaster & Activist

Shai Davidai, Assistant Professor of Management, Columbia University Business School

Angelina Palumbo, Student, Binghamton University

#### **MODERATOR**

Vivian Grossman, Vice President, Marketing

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Myra Chack Fleischer, Vice Chair, Audit Committee

#### Jewish National Fund-USA: Playing a Vital Role in Moving Population to Israel's North and South

#### Metropolitan (Mezzanine Level)

Jewish National Fund-USA has been building communities and infrastructure in Israel's north and south through its Go North and Blueprint Negev campaigns. Housing, employment, medical, social services and more remain more vital than ever as these regions rebuild after October 7.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Eran Doron, Mayor, Ramat HaNegev

Naomi Becker, CEO, Arava Development and Building Company Ltd.

Rick Krosnick, Chief Development Officer

#### **MODERATOR**

Jeffrey Schwartz, Chair, Housing Development Fund

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Michelle Bernstein, Vice Chair, Housing Development Fund

#### 3:15 - 4:15 PM

#### **NEGEV LOUNGE**

Open to Negev Society, King Solomon Society and World Chairman Council Members (by invitation only)

Peacock Terrace

Exclusive Briefing from Colonel Richard Kemp, Retired British Army Officer

#### 5:00 PM

#### SERVICES

#### Traditional

Coronado A

Led by Yavneh on Campus Student Leaders

#### Egalitarian

Cortez A and B

Led by Rabbi Jason Navarez, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Beth Israel, San Diego, CA and Tori Greene, Rabbinical Student, Hebrew Union College

#### 6:30 PM

#### SHABBAT TEXAS BARBEQUE DINNER

Trinity Ballroom

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Yoseph Haddad, Arab-Israeli Journalist and Advocate for Israel; One of the Top 25 Vizionaries of 2024, The Jerusalem Post

#### **OPENING AND SHALOM ALEICHEM**

Rabbi Leor Sinai, Global Speaker, Tel Aviv, Israel

#### KINDIISH

Rabbi David Kornberg, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Beth Am, San Diego, CA

#### MOTZI

Rabbi Scott Rosenberg, Head Rabbi, Congregation B'Nai Zion, El Paso, TX

#### SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Harley Feldberg, Assistant Vice President, College Engagement

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Russell F. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer

9:30 -10:30 PM

## JEWISH NATIONAL FUND-USA VOLUNTEER MISSION PARTICIPANTS' REUNION

Trinity Exhibit Hall

Following our Shabbat dinner speaker, gather in the Expo with fellow volunteer mission participants – whether from your trip or any of the others. Reminisce over the highlights, plan a return trip, or simply enjoy the company of people bound by a shared experience.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

8:00 AM - 7:30 PM REGISTRATION HOURS

Tower Atrium

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9:00 AM - 6:00 PM ISRAEL EXPO HOURS

Trinity Exhibit Hall

8:00 – 9:30 AM BREAKFAST AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND FOR THOSE

WHO PRE-PURCHASED

Trinity Exhibit Hall

8:30 AM SERVICES

➤ Traditional

Coronado A

Led by Yavneh on Campus Student Leaders

➤ Egalitarian

Cortez A and B

Led by Rabbi Robert Tobin, B'nai Shalom, West Orange, NJ and Aviva Frank, Rabbinical Student, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies

#### Shabbat Learner's Minyan

Madrid

Led by Rabbi Barry Axler, Community Rabbi, Chicago, IL

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM NEGEV LOUNGE

Open to Negev Society, King Solomon Society and World Chairman Council Members (By Invitation Only)

Peacock Terrace

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10:30 – 11:45 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS – Select from

 Deep Roots: How Old Tropes Shape Modern Antisemitism and Attacks on Israel (to be repeated)

Miro (Mezzanine Level)

Explore the history of antisemitism in driving the Jewish people from place to place until the return to our ancestral homeland. Tropes will be examined through the lens of contemporary attacks on Jews and Israel. The session will explore the contextual meaning of these tropes and provide positive perspectives on points of pride of Jews.

#### SPEAKER

Gavriel Porten, Israel Studies Teacher, Alexander Muss High School in Israel

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Ellen Kelman, Board Member, Alexander Muss High School in Israel

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Karl Kaplan, Board Member, Alexander Muss High School in

#### Whose Land is it Anyway: Indigenous People vs. Colonizers (to be repeated)

Governors Lecture Hall

Participants will explore the power dynamics that defined the Middle East for nearly 3,000 years with a focused examination on the past 125 years and will consider the different perspectives on modern Zionism.

#### SPEAKER

Lisa Biton, Dean of Israel Studies and Programming, Alexander Muss High School in Israel

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Robert Benedon, Board Member, Alexander Muss High School in Israel

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Sharon Polansky, Board Member, Alexander Muss High School in Israel

#### Israel and the Media

Metropolitan (Mezzanine Level)

In a world of soundbites and Tik Tok journalism, how can you be a positive voice for Israel? Join leading journalists for a look at the media's inner workings and what it takes for your message to rise above the noise.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Jonathan S. Tobin, Editor-in-Chief, JNS (Jewish News Syndicate)

Sharon Wisch-Ray, Editor, Texas Jewish Post

Haley Cohen, Reporter, Jewish Insider

Maayan Hoffman, Executive Editor and Strategist, ILTV News

#### MODERATOR

Steven Shalowitz, Podcast Host, IsraelCast and The One Way Ticket Show

#### OPENING REMARKS

Chad Holtzman, One of the Top 25 Vizionaries of 2024, The Jerusalem Post

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Toni Dusik, Presidential Advisor

#### Diaspora United: A Conversation with Leadership from Around the World

Topaz

The level of antisemitism globally has reached unprecedented levels not seen since the 1930's and 1940's, and yet Jewish

life flourishes. Our panel of Jewish leaders from around the globe will share the joys and challenges of life for the Jewish community in their respective countries, how they connect with Israel and the projects and programs they support through their fundraising efforts on behalf of Jewish National Fund – Keren Kayemeth L'Israel.

#### **SPEAKERS**

David Tarabulsi, Vice President, KKL Mexico Nathan Disenhouse, President, JNF Canada Doron Lazarus, Chief Executive Officer, JNF Australia Diego Stern, President, KKL Argentina

#### **MODERATOR**

Nina Paul, Ambassador to Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael

Max Federman, President, KKL Sweden

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Josh Goodkin, Vice President, Continuum into JNFuture

#### Campuses on the Front Lines

#### Cortez C and D

What is really happening on college campuses across the country, what can we do about it and where do we go from here?

#### **SPEAKERS**

Elizabeth Rand, Founder of Mothers Against College Antisemitism (MACA)

Shai Davidai, Assistant Professor of Management, Columbia University Business School

Danielle Azani, Student, University of California, Los Angeles

#### **MODERATOR**

Gerard Filliti, Senior Counsel,The Lawfare Project

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Scott Schreiber, Vice President, Boruchin Committee

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Bailey Spitz, Student, University of Maryland

#### International Law and Geo-Political Issues in the Middle East

#### Sapphire

What are Israel's most pressing challenges, and what potential solutions can be crafted given the current circumstances and constraints? We will try to cover that by discussing the domains of security, law, diplomacy, and public perception.

#### SPEAKER

Gadi Ezra, International Commentator and Author of 11 Days in Gaza

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Robert M. Wigoda, Vice President, Legal Committee

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Benjamin Gutmann, Vice President, Strategic Planning

## 11:45 AM – 1:45 PM LUNCH BREAK WITH FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND

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Trinity Exhibit Hall

12:00 – 1:30 PM JNFUTURE ROOTS SOCIETY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

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**SPEAKER** 

Emily Austin, American Sports TV Personality, Broadcaster, Social Media Influencer, and Pro-Israel Advocate

WELCOME

Ian Sachs, President, JNFuture

INTRODUCTION

Raeefa Shams, Leadership Chair, JNFuture

**CLOSING REMARKS** 

Deena Shiff, Chief Strategy Officer

1:15 PM MINCHA

Coronda A

1:45 – 2:45 PM PLENARY: THE ETHICS OF WAR AND THE IDF

Trinity Ballroom

Experience lends perspective. With a decades-long military career, that includes service in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Balkans, Col. Richard Kemp lends an insightful exploration into how the IDF stacks up, despite what you may be reading.

**SPEAKER** 

Colonel Richard Kemp, Retired British Army Officer

INTERVIEWER

Jonathan S. Tobin, Editor-in-Chief, JNS (Jewish News Syndicate)

INTRODUCTION

Michael Stein, Assistant Vice President, Israel Investments

**CLOSING REMARKS** 

Kenneth Segel, Treasurer

3:15 – 4:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS – Select from

Navigating Contemporary Jewish Challenges: Strategies for Small, Medium, and Large Communities Around the World

Metropolitan (Mezzanine Level)

This panel, convened by World Jewish Congress, will address the unique challenges faced by Jewish communities of varying sizes across the globe. By bringing together leaders from small, medium, and large Jewish communities, the discussion will focus on common issues, Israel based antisemitism and exploring innovative solutions to ensure the vitality and sustainability of Jewish life in diverse contexts.

#### **MODERATOR**

Sara Friedman, Chief Marketing Officer, World Jewish Congress

#### SPEAKERS

Maya Cimeša Samokovlija, World Jewish Congress Executive Director of Community Relations

Carolina Aisen, Director of the Spanish Jewish Community Irina Shlick, Director, JCC of Tallin, Estonia

#### Deep Roots: How Old Tropes Shape Modern Antisemitism and Attacks on Israel

Miro (Mezzanine Level)

Explore the history of antisemitism in driving the Jewish people from place to place until the return to our ancestral homeland. Tropes will be examined through the lens of contemporary attacks on Jews and Israel. The session will explore the contextual meaning of these tropes and provide positive perspectives on points of pride of Jews.

#### SPEAKER

Gavriel Porten, Israel Studies Teacher, Alexander Muss High School in Israel

#### OPENING REMARKS

Seth Kleinman, Chair, Alexander Muss High School in Israel Chicago

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Layne Zagorin, President, Chicago Board

## ➤ Whose Land is it Anyway: Indigenous People vs. Colonizers

Governors Lecture Hall

Participants will explore the power dynamics that defined the Middle East for nearly 3,000 years with a focused examination on the past 125 years and will consider the different perspectives on modern Zionism.

#### **SPEAKER**

Lisa Biton, Dean of Israel Studies and Programming, Alexander Muss High School in Israel

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Beth Weissman, Parent, Alexander Muss High School in Israel Alum

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Sandor Gothard, Past Chair, Alexander Muss High School in Israel Dallas

#### ➤ The 21st Century and Global Judaism

Cortez C and D

Al and other new technologies are shifting demographic and generational trends and changing economic and cultural practices. Explore the implications of these dramatic changes for American Jews and Israelis and hear about new directions we are seeing within the Jewish world.

#### **SPEAKER**

Dr. Steven Windmueller, Emeritus Professor of Jewish Communal Studies, Hebrew Union College

#### OPENING REMARKS

Alan Wolk, Vice President, Israel Investments

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Harold Kaplan, Vice President, Administration

#### 3:15 – 4:15 PM **NEGEV LOUNGE**

Open to Negev Society, King Solomon Society and World Chairman Council Members (By Invitation Only)

Peacock Terrace

Exclusive Briefing from Deb Lust Zaluda, President, Jewish National Fund-USA and Russell F. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer, Jewish National Fund-USA

5:40 PM MAARIV

Coronado A

6:05 PM HAVDALLAH

Cortez Ballroom

LEADER

Rabbi Leor Sinai, Global Speaker, Tel Aviv, Israel

**CANDLE HOLDER** 

Gideon Oren, Student, Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, GA

SPICE HOLDER

Talia Zuckerman, Student, Glenbrook North High School, Northbrook, IL

6:30 PM GALA DINNER

Honoring Pastor Jentezen Franklin with the Tree of Life Shalom Peace Award, Celebrating Jewish National Fund-USA Outgoing President Dr. Sol Lizerbram and his wife Lauren, and welcoming incoming Jewish National Fund-USA President Deb Lust Zaluda

Trinity Ballroom

MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND ENTERTAINER

Michael Rapaport, Actor & Comedian

**OPENING REMARKS** 

Rabbi Erez Sherman, Vice President, Rabbis for Israel; Senior Rabbi, Sinai Temple

**PRESENTERS** 

Betsy Fischer, Assistant Vice President, Israel Relations

Russell F. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

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7:15 PM HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENT PARTIES

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM JNFUTURE AFTER PARTY

Wedgewood Ballroom

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#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

7:00 -10:00 AM REGISTRATION HOURS

Trinity Exhibit Hall

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8:00 – 11:00 AM ISRAEL EXPO HOURS

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7:00 – 9:00 AM BREAKFAST AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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7:30 AM SHACHARIT

Coronado A

7:45 – 9:00 AM TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Task Forces, comprised of ambassadors from across the country, work directly with our strategic partners and affiliates on the ground in Israel to determine needs and set priorities. They help turn that vision into reality and help fundraise for a particular action area.

Arad

Ming (Mezzanine Level)

CO-CHAIRS

Matthew Franzblau and Russell Silberglied

SPEAKER

Yair Maayan, Mayor of Arad

Arts and Entertainment

Cortez A and B

CHAIR

Julia Sherry

**SPEAKERS** 

Oren Hefetz, Business Development Director, Jewish National Fund-USA Impact Investment Fund

Nati Dinnar, Co-Founder and CEO, Israel Media Group

Disabilities

Metropolitan (Mezzanine Level)

CHAIR

Gary Kushner

**SPEAKERS** 

Lt Col Tiran Attia, Director, Special in Uniform

Elie Klein, Director of Advancement, USA & Canada - ADI Negev Oshra Nizri, Resource Development Director, Red Mountain

Therapeutic Riding Center -

Gaylee Schif, Jewish National Fund-LOTEM Liaison

#### Fire and Rescue

**Emerald** 

#### CHAIR

Penny Rosen

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Michael Mintz

#### SPEAKER

Itzik Oz, Southern District Commander, Fire and Rescue Authority

#### Go North East

Senators Lecture Hall

#### CO-CHAIRS

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#### **SPEAKER**

Devora Mason, Senior Director, Donor Relations, JVP

#### ➤ Housing Development Fund

Sapphire

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#### ➤ Israel Independence Experience

Governors Lecture Hall

#### CHAIR

Ben Gutmann

#### **SPEAKERS**

Noa Gefen, Executive Vice-Chairman, Society for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites

Alon Wald, Head of Operations, Ammunition Hill

Shahar Hermelin, Spokesperson, Society for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites

#### ➤ Nefesh B'Nefesh

Topaz

#### CHAIR

Deborah Riegel

#### **SPEAKER**

Doreet Freedman, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, Nefesh B'Nefesh

#### > Project Wadi Attir

Miro (Mezzanine Level)

#### CHAIR

Ben Naman

#### **SPEAKERS**

Nimrod Rogel, CEO Wadi Attir

Tania Pons Alon, Director, Kasser Joint Institute for Global Food, Water, and Energy Security

#### Rebuild the Envelope

Cortez C and D

#### **CO-CHAIRS**

Betsy Fischer and Ariel Grunberg

#### **SPEAKERS**

Lt. Colonel Elan Issacson, Head of Security and Emergency Services, Eshkol Regional Council

Maia Ifrah, Director of International Relations and Partnerships, Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council

Yoel Rosby, Project Manager, Jewish National Fund-USA Israel Operations

#### Water

Manchester (Mezzanine Level)

#### CHAIR

Marc Kelman

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Bob Lembke

#### **SPEAKER**

Dr. Sharon B. Megdal, Director and Professor, Water Resources Research Center, University of Arizona

#### 9:30 - 10:45 AM

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS - Select from**

#### ➤ Practical Aspects of Resilience in Israel During Times of War

#### Topaz

Resiliency is both a state-of-mind and something acquired. With the number of people in the Israel Envelope and the north in need of mental health support tripling since October 7, hear how they live with ongoing traumatic stress and the state-of-the-art services that Jewish National Fund-USA is expanding to help alleviate it.

#### MODERATOR

Talia Tzour Avner, Chief Israel Officer

#### **SPEAKERS**

Ayelet Shmuel, Director of International Resilience Center of Sderot

Eran Doron, Mayor, Ramat HaNegev Regional Council

Gaylee Schif, Jewish National Fund-LOTEM Liaison

Michal Shiloah Galnoor, CEO, Western Galilee Now and Lauder Employment Centers

Elie Klein, Director of Advancement, ADI Negev-Nahalat Eran

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Louise Dabrow, Honorary Presidential Advisor

#### CLOSING REMARKS

Lori Dabrow, Member, Eastern PA Board

#### Stars of the Desert: The Fabulous Future of Space, Tech, and Film in the Negev

#### Cortez C and D

Hear from these Negev stars how their work is lighting up the future and enticing population to move south for remarkable opportunities.

#### MODERATOR

Logan Levkoff, Chair, Caravan for Democracy

#### SPEAKERS

Inbar Cohen, Co-Founder and CEO, Tech19

Nati Dinnar, Co-Founder and CEO, IZZY-Stream Israel

Roy Naor, Co-Founder and CEO of Creation-Space

#### OPENING REMARKS

Susan Farber, Chair, Central Negev Task Force

#### CLOSING REMARKS

David Braverman, Co-President, Naples Board

#### Israel Making the World a Better Place

#### Miro (Mezzanine Level)

Israel, a country known for its start-up mentality and ingenuity, shares its expertise with the world. Learn where and how its impact is making a difference.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Aviva Klompas, Co-Founder and CEO, Boundless and author of the newly-released book Stand-Up Nation

Tania Pons Allon, Director, Kasser Joint Institute of Food, Water and Energy Security

Dr. Sharon B. Megdal, Director and Professor, Water Resources Research Center, University of Arizona

Hanni Arnon, Founder, AICAT (Arava International Center for Agriculture Training)

Dr. Mohammed Alnabari, Founder, Project Wadi Attir

#### OPENING REMARKS

Laura Olson, Board Member, Northern California

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dick Berman, President Emeritus, Northern California Board

#### Civil Defense and the Security of our Homeland

#### Metropolitan (Mezzanine Level)

Every resident of Israel, especially in the frontier, is directly impacted by the Jewish National Fund-USA's Civil Security Initiative. For over a decade, Jewish National Fund has made strategic investments in civil defense, focusing on security, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services (EMS). A swift and effective response, carried out by well-equipped and expertly trained volunteers, remains crucial to maintaining our homeland's security. Join us for an exclusive opportunity

to engage with some of the most senior and strategic leaders dedicated to protecting our homeland. Discover our comprehensive plans for safeguarding the entire region.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Lt. (Res) Yoel Zilberman, Founder and CEO of HaShomer Hachadash

Chief Itzik Oz, Commander, Southern District, Israel Fire and Rescue Authority

Lt. Colonel Elan Issacson, Head of Security and Emergency Services, Eshkol Regional Council

Nisan Zeevi, Commander, Civil Security Team, Kfar Giladi

#### **MODERATOR**

Yoel Rosby, Project Manager, Jewish National Fund-USA Israel Operations

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Thomas Morgan, Vice President, Investments

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

David Levy, Vice President, Initiatives Fund

#### Living The Zionist Dream: A Day in a Life at The World Zionist Village

#### **Emerald**

Immerse yourself in a day at the World Zionist Village in a narrated tour of the future campus with potential visitors to the campus. The tour will demonstrate how the Master Plan being developed by the architects HQ of Israel will enable the realization of the core elements of the Village: Education, Heritage, Innovation, and Unity, with consideration of key design principles or truths – conversation, safety, sustainability, authenticity and flexibility.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Joseph Wolfson, First Vice President and Executive Chair. World Zionist Village.

Ruvik Danilovich, Mayor of Be'er Sheva

Russell F. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer

#### **MODERATOR**

Carole Shnier, Co-Chair, World Zionist Village Architecture Committee

#### **CLOSING REMAKRS**

Marvin Schlanger, Chair, World Zionist Village Strategic Planning Committee

#### Theodor Herzl: He Continues to Inspire Us to Make a Difference Today

Governors Lecture Hall

Herzl, the founder of our modern Zionist movement, made things happen. He willed an idea into a reality. His story is a playbook in passion, creativity and commitment which can help us all in our work on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people

#### **SPEAKER**

David Matlow, Owner of the largest collection of Herzl memorabilia in the world

#### OPENING REMARKS

Robert Chertkof, President, Maryland Regional Board

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Lynne Merriam, Vice President, Community Engagement

#### 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

#### **CLOSING PLENARY: VISION FOR TOMORROW**

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#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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Deb Lust Zaluda, President, National Board of Directors

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#### REMARKS

Ronald E. Werner, Vice President, Campaign

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Madrid (Mezzanine Level)

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#### JEWISH NATIONAL FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Topaz

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Deb Lust Zaluda

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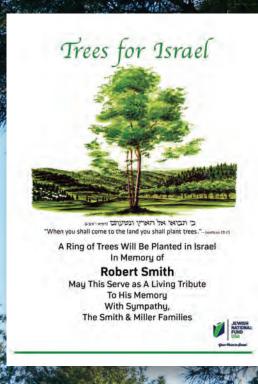








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