



### A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN, ROBERT BENEDON



As we head into summer, typically a time of relaxation, our JNF Makor lay leaders are in full swing. At our fabulous retreat last week in NY, we honed our solicitation skills, heard updates on JNF projects and shared our “JNF stories”. We are eager to visit your regions on the upcoming “Summer Blitz” and speak at synagogues and schools in your area. Please also take advantage of our amazing partners when they visit the US, and the expertise of the speakers on our Speakers Bureau. Let’s not have JNF be the “best kept secret” – keep the momentum going in the months ahead.

### Makor Members 2018 – Available Year-round for solicitation and speaking

<a href="#">Bob Benedon</a>	So NJ	<a href="#">David Levy</a>	Austin
<a href="#">Sheryl Buchholtz</a>	Brooklyn	<a href="#">Lynne Merriam</a>	Tampa
<a href="#">Barbara Burry</a>	Denver	<a href="#">Nina Paul</a>	Cincinnati
<a href="#">Toni Dusik</a>	Phoenix	<a href="#">Deborah Riegel</a>	New York
<a href="#">Susan Farber</a>	Phoenix	<a href="#">Simon Schwartz</a>	Denver
<a href="#">Betsy Fischer</a>	Southern NJ	<a href="#">Laura Salzer</a>	Tampa
<a href="#">Myra Fleischer</a>	San Diego	Rhonda Sheakley	Cincinnati
<a href="#">Steven Foster</a>	Denver	<a href="#">Arthur Shorr</a>	Palm Springs CA
<a href="#">Lauren France</a>	Wash DC	Ad Shuster	NYC
<a href="#">Judith Galler</a>	New Jersey	<a href="#">Nancy Siegel</a>	Denver
<a href="#">Alyse Golden Berkley</a>	Los Angeles	<a href="#">Joel Spalter</a>	Arkansas
<a href="#">Mary Ellen Hogan</a>	Northern FL	<a href="#">Robert Weiss</a>	Brooklyn
<a href="#">Barbara Israel Bortniker</a>	Central NJ	Jeffrey Woolf	Boston
<a href="#">Michael Kessler</a>	Long Island	<a href="#">Ann Zinman</a>	Phoenix

*\*Also consider campus fellows and professors/alumni from Faculty Fellowship and Caravan for Democracy*

### [CHEF JAMIE GELLER](#) -- Israeli food writer, celebrity chef and TV producer

**An exciting opportunity as we break ground on the Culinary Institute in the Upper Galilee!**

Following Jamie’s appearance at National Conference on Sunday October 28th she will be available through Thursday November 1st to fundraise for the Culinary Institute. (Major Donor events only at a \$5,000 minimum).

Contact [CLefland@jnf.org](mailto:CLefland@jnf.org) if interested in hosting Jamie. JNF professionals on Kiryat Shmona/Upper Galilee Task Force Lee Lebovich and Reagan Weil can provide further info on the project.

### SPEAKER BIOS

Speaker Bios can be found in their **Salesforce contact record**, **Dropbox**, and on the **Speakers Bureau page** of the JNF website (for those with public links)



**Baseball Season is here!**  
It’s a great opportunity to invite Art Shamsky and Ron Blomberg to speak at an event near you!

Visit the

**[Speakers Bureau Website](#)**

## UPCOMING PARTNER VISITS

*Partner Visits are instrumental to our fundraising efforts.  
Invite a partner from this list or let us know if you have a partner or date in mind.  
Pre and post National Conference partner visits coming soon.*

Partner	Organization	Dates in US	Cities Confirmed	Availability
Leor Sinai	AMHSI	July 9-July 11, Oct 25-Nov 7	July 9-July 11 Boston, Oct 25-Nov 7 AZ, CA, Seattle	
Tiran Attia with soldier	Special in Uniform	July 29-Aug 13 Nov 14-18	July CA, Aug 7-8 Baltimore, Aug 9-11 NJ, Aug 12-13 Chicago, Nov So FL	July weekend available + Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>
Doreet Freedman	Nefesh B'Nefesh	Aug 26-Sept 5, Oct 14-21	TBD	In NY area before and after Labor Day
Yedidya Harush	Halutza	Aug 27-Sept 6	8/27 NY, 8/28-29 Baltimore, 8/30-NYC, 8/31-9/1 Jersey Shore, 9/2-9/3 Cincinnati, 9/3-4 NH, 9/5-6 Boston, 9/6 Detroit/Israel	Booked
Peter Kurz	Project Baseball	August	NYC	
Yoel Rosby		Oct 29-31	No FL	
David Lehrer	Arava Institute	Nov 25-Dec 16, possible short trip in September	TBD	
<p><i>Note: Avnet Kleiner (Aleh Negev), Michael Ben Eli (Wadi Attir), Miriam May (Friends of Arava) are based in the US</i></p>				



**Plan Ahead!** After many of our donors visited JNF sites and met our partners on Israel@70 missions in April, partners are eager to come to your community for parlor meetings and donor solicitations in the fall and pre-and post- National Conference October 26-28 in Phoenix.

### ISRAELI SPEAKERS WITH AVAILABILITY IN US

<a href="#">Joe Hyams</a>	TBD
Ron Prozor	TBD
<a href="#">Yardena Schwartz</a>	Aug 16 – Oct 23
Ari Sacher	mid-Oct
<a href="#">Benji Lovitt</a>	Nov 1-Nov 14
Hanan Ginat (mayor of Eilat)	July 2-July 6 (west coast)
Alex Ryvchin	November TBD

### POPULAR US BASED SPEAKERS

[Robert Alper](#)  
[Alon Ben Gurion](#)  
[Tremayne Smith](#)  
[Ido Aharoni](#)  
[Rebecca Shimoni Stoil](#)  
[Izzy Ezagui](#)  
[Amb Danny Ayalon](#)  
[Chloe Valdary](#)