



## The 6th Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism

International Convention Center  
Jerusalem, 19-21 March 2018

# Schedule

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## Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

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Teddy Hall, International Convention Center

17:30 – 19:30      **Registration and Opening Reception**

19:30 – 21:30      **Official Opening Plenary of the Global Forum**

**Host:** **Tamar Ish-Shalom**, News Anchor, Channel 10

Greetings by Conference Chair **Ran Yaakoby**, Director of the Department for Combating Antisemitism, MFA, Israel

**Speakers:**

**Benjamin Netanyahu**, Prime Minister of Israel and Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Naphtali Bennet**, Minister of Education and Diaspora Affairs, Israel

**Ronald Lauder**, President, World Jewish Congress

Message from the President of the United States **Donald Trump**, delivered by **David Friedman**, US Ambassador to Israel

Message from the United Nations Secretary General **António Guterres** delivered by **Nickolay Mladenov**, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

**Artistic Interludes:** **Ido Tadmor** dance company and **Hagit Yaso** vocalist

21:30 – 22:30      **Coffee and Refreshment**

## Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

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8:00 – 09:00      **Registration**

9:00 – 11:00      **Plenary Session**

Teddy Hall

**Web Antisemitism and Cyberhate:  
The Search for New Solutions and Proactive Policies**

**Host:** **Hila Korach**, Journalist and Presenter, Channel 13

**Confronting Online Hate: Tech and Government in Conversation**

**Delphine Reyre**, Regional Director for Policy, DACH and Southern Europe, Facebook

**Noam Katz**, Senior Deputy DG for Public Diplomacy, MFA

**Tehilla Shwartz Altshuler**, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute

**Keynote:** **Ayelet Shaked**, Minister of Justice, Israel

**Ministers of Justice Panel:**

**Stavros Kontonis**, Minister of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights, Greece

**Andrea Orlando**, Minister of Justice, Italy

**Owen Bonnici**, Minister for Justice, Culture and Local Government, Malta

**Presentation of the Joint Statement**

11:00 - 11:15

**Coffee Break**

11:15 - 13:15

**Plenary Session**

Teddy Hall

**Antisemitism and the Rise of Far Right Politics in Europe:  
Defining the Threat and Means of Societal and Political Response**

**Chair:** **Dan Meridor**, President, Israel Council on Foreign Relations

**Keynote:** **Natan Sharansky**, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency

**Respondents:**

**Shlomo Avineri**, Professor Emeritus, Hebrew University

**Ariel Muzicant**, Vice President, European Jewish Congress

13:30 - 15:00

**Lunch**

Exhibition Hall

**Greetings:** **Tzipi Hotovely**, Deputy Foreign Minister, Israel

**Speakers:**

**Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis**, Chief Rabbi, United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth

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

15:15 - 16:45

**Consecutive Action Panels - Session I**

## *Hate in the Age of New Politics*

Oren 3 Hall      **Antisemitism in the Far Left: Intersectionality as a Cover for Hate Speech in Current Progressive Activism**

**Chair: Jonathan Arkush**, President, Board of Deputies of British Jews

**Panelists:**

**David Bernstein**, President and CEO, Jewish Council for Public Affairs

**Sohrab Ahmari**, Senior writer, Commentary Magazine

**Dave Rich**, Associate at the Pears Institute for the Study of Antisemitism

**Nadine Epstein**, Editor-in-Chief, Moment Magazine

Oren 4 Hall      **Taming the Madding Crowd: The Persistence of Antisemitism in the Sports Arena**

**Chair: Jeremy Schaap**, ESPN presenter E:60, The Sporting Life

**Panelists:**

**Nick Blackman**, Striker, Maccabi Tel Aviv Football Club

**Simon Taylor**, Head of Chelsea FC Foundation

**Lisa Jordan**, Chelsea FC Antisemitism Initiative

**Rafal Pankowski**, Co-founder, Never Again, Poland

## *Ways and Means for Combating Antisemitism and Hate*

Oren 2 Hall      **Governments at Work: Showcase of Proactive Plans for Combating Antisemitism**

**Chairpersons:**

**Mike Whine**, Director of Government and International Affairs, Community Security Trust

**Rabbi Andrew Baker**, Director of International Jewish Affairs, American Jewish Committee

**Panelists:**

**Darius Skusevičius**, Deputy Foreign Minister, Lithuania

**Francois Croquette**, Ambassador of France for Human Rights

**Ilan Cohn**, Project Manager, Words into Action, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

**Katharina von Schnurbein**, Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism, DG Justice, European Commission

Oren 1 Hall      **New Tools for the Detection and Prevention of Online Antisemitism and Cyberhate**

**Chair: Tehilla Shwartz Altshuler**, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute

**Panelists:**

**Yogev Karasenty**, Director for Combating Antisemitism, Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, Israel

**Dr. Haim Assa**, Head, Simulation Lab for Strategic and Cyber Wargames, Tel Aviv University

**DJ Schneeweiss**, Director of Digital Diplomacy Department, MFA

**David Matas**, Senior Legal Counsel, B'nai Brith Canada

16:45 - 17:15

**Coffee Break**

17:15 - 18:45

**Consecutive Action Panels - Session II**

*Hate in the Age of New Politics*

Oren 4 Hall

**Confronting Neo-Nazism and Antisemitism of the Extreme Right in the United States and Elsewhere**

**Chair:** **Sharon Nazarian**, Senior Vice President for International Affairs, Anti-Defamation League

**Panelists:**

**Mike Signer**, former Mayor of Charlottesville, Virginia

**Yair Rosenberg**, Senior writer, Tablet Magazine

**Eric K. Ward**, Executive Director, Western States Center

Oren 2 Hall

**The Persistence of Christian Theological Antisemitism in the Mainline Protestant Church: Coping with Bigotry and Hate in the Spiritual Realm**

**Chair:** **Rabbi David Sandmel**, Director of Interfaith Affairs, Anti-Defamation League

**Panelists:**

**Robert Nicholson**, Executive Director, Philos Project

**Lallene Rector**, President, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

**Rabbi Yehiel Poupko**, Chicago Jewish Federation

**Maria Leppakari**, Director, Swedish Theological Institute

*Ways and Means for Combating Antisemitism and Hate*

Oren 1 Hall

**The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and the Working Definition of Antisemitism: Expanding Adoption of an Important Policy Tool**

**Chairpersons:**

**Mark Weitzman**, Director of Government Affairs, Simon Wiesenthal Center

**Robert Williams**, Chair, IHRA Committee on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial, US

**Panelists:**

**Yossi Gevir**, Director of Government and External Affairs, Yad Vashem

**Felix Klein**, Special Representative for Relations with Jewish Organizations, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

**Raya Kalenova**, Executive Vice President, European Jewish Congress

**Sandro De Bernadine**, 2018 IHRA Chair, Italy

**Gerald Steinberg**, President, NGO Monitor

Oren 3 Hall

**Antisemitism in Arabic language mass media: New Tools and Strategies for the Advance of Inter-semitic Understanding**

**Chair: Haim Saadoun**, Ben-Zvi Institute and Open University

**Panelists:**

**Ari Bell**, Middle Eastern Affairs Analyst, Anti-Defamation League

**Elhanan Miller**, former Arab Affairs correspondent, Times of Israel

**Abdullah Swalha**, Director, Center for Israel Studies, Kingdom of Jordan

Eshkol 2 Hall

**Countering Antisemitism through E-Learning and Educational tools**

**Chair: Robert Rozett**, Director of Yad Vashem Libraries

**Panelists:**

**Naama Shik**, Director, Internet Department, Yad Vashem International School for Holocaust Studies

**Jacques Fredj**, Directeur du Mémorial de la Shoah

**Nicole Miller**, Executive Director, FAST-Fighting Antisemitism Together, Canada

**Shani Lourie**, Head of Pedagogy Section, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

19:00 – 21:00

Teddy Hall

**Gala Dinner**

**Keynote Address by Mayim Bialik**, actress, author and neuroscientist:

***"Web Hatred and the Public Person"***

## Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

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8:00 – 9:00

**Registration**

8:00-8:45

Room 313

**Special Envoys Meeting for Combating Antisemitism (Closed Session)**

9:00-10:30

**Plenary Session**

Teddy Hall

**The Faith Traditions as a Resource for Combating Antisemitism and Hate: Muslim, Jewish and Christian Leadership on Tolerance as a Spiritual Imperative**

**Chair: Rabbi Michael Melchior**, Former Minister and Member of Knesset

**Panelists:**

**Rabbi Irving Greenberg**, theologian and writer

**Rabbi Tamar Elad Appelbaum**, Founder of Congregation Tzion

**Imam Yahya Sergio Yahe Pallavicini**, Al-Wahid Mosque in Milan and Vice President of the Islamic Religious Community of Italy

**Kadi Iyad Zahalka**, Head of the Shar'ia Court in Jerusalem

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30

Consecutive Action Panels - Session III

*Hate in the Age of New Politics*

Eshkol 3 Hall

**LGBTQ Expert Panel on Contemporary Antisemitism Inside the Rainbow Coalition**

**Chair: Tyler Gregory Harris**, Executive Director, A Wider Bridge

**Panelists:**

**Gretchen Hammond**, Journalist and Fellow at Tablet Magazine

**Avi Sofer**, former Executive Director of Agudah

**Elizabeth Schwartz**, Author and Attorney for LGBT family law

Oren 4 Hall

**The Denial of Jewish History in International Organizations: The Case of Jerusalem in the United Nations and UNESCO**

**Chair: Dan Mariaschin**, CEO and Executive Vice President, Bnai Brith

**Keynote: Irina Bokova**, former UNESCO Secretary General

**Respondents:**

**Ivo Goldstein**, former Croatian Ambassador to UNESCO

**Shimon Samuels**, Director for International Relations, Simon Wiesenthal Centre

**David Roet**, former Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations

**Peta Jones Pellach**, Director of Educational Activities, Elijah Interfaith Institute

Oren 3 Hall

**Revisionism and the Politics of Holocaust Remembrance: Antisemitism in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe**

**Chair: Mark Levin**, National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry

**Panelists:**

**Anna Bokshitskaya**, Executive Director, Russian Jewish Congress

**Andras Heisler**, President, Hungarian Jewish Community

**Efraim Zuroff**, Director, Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem

**Sophie Kotzer**, Department Director for Education and Culture, Nativ

**Rafal Pankowski**, Co-founder, Never Again, Poland

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- Oren 2 Hall      **Holocaust Remembrance and Education for Tolerance Among Muslim and Immigrant Communities in Europe**
- Chair:** **Estee Webman**, Tel Aviv University  
**Panelists:**  
**Mehnaz Afridi**, Director, Holocaust, Genocide & Interfaith Education Center, Manhattan College  
**Dervisc Hizarci**, President, Kreuzberg Initiative against Antisemitism, Germany  
**Noha Khatib**, Deputy Director, Center for Humanistic Education, Ghetto Fighter's Museum
- Oren 1 Hall      **The Antisemitism Measurement Project: Creating a Unitary and Standardized Tool**
- Chair:** **Charles Small**, Director and President of the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy  
**Panelists:**  
**Steven Popper**, Senior Fellow, Jewish People Policy Institute  
**Dan Shalmon**, Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois  
**Sergio DellaPergola**, Professor Emeritus, Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University
- 12:45-14:15  
Exhibition Hall      **Lunch**
- Chair:** **Abraham Foxman**, Head of Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Museum of Jewish Heritage
- Keynote:** **Rumen Radev**, President of the Republic of Bulgaria
- 14:15 - 15:45      **Consecutive Action Panels - Session IV**

## *Hate in the Age of New Politics*

- Oren 3 Hall      **Student and Young Leadership (under 30) Panel on Combating Antisemitism on the Campus and Elsewhere.**
- Chair:** **Avigayil Benstein**, President, World Union of Jewish Students  
**Panelists:**  
**Alina Bricman**, President, European Union of Jewish Students  
**Tomer Aldobi**, President, Israeli Students Combating Antisemitism  
**Gilad Kabilo**, Public Affairs Director, Stand With Us  
**Samuel Schrott**, Hashomer Hatzair, Austria

Oren 2 Hall

### **Findings of the February 2018 Vienna Conference on Antisemitism**

**Chair: Dina Porat**, Director of the Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary Jewry and Chief Historian of Yad VaShem

**Panelists:**

**Armin Lange**, Director of the Institute for Jewish Studies, University of Vienna

**Lawrence H. Schiffman**, Director of the Global Network for Advanced Research in Jewish Studies, NYU

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Oren 4 Hall

### **The Protection of Jewish and Muslim Religious Practice Against Legislative Assault in Europe**

**Chair: Deidre Berger**, Director, American Jewish Committee Berlin Ramer Institute for German-Jewish Relations

**Panelists:**

**Rabbi Michael Schudrich**, Chief Rabbi of Poland

**Ruksana Shain**, Founding Director, Behalal.org, UK

**David Katz**, Executive Director, Jewish Medical Association, UK

**Rabbi Lody van der Kamp**, Netherlands

### **Latin American Regional Conference for Combating Antisemitism**

Eshkol 2 Hall

*(in Spanish, with simultaneous translation)*

11:00-12:30

### **Public Policies to Combat Antisemitism: Progress and Challenges**

**Chair: Claudio Epelman**, Executive Director of the Latin American Jewish Congress  
**Speakers:**

**Miguel Ruiz Cabañas**, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

**Claudio Avruj**, National Secretary of Human Rights and Cultural Pluralism, Argentina

**Juan Carlos Henao**, Dean of the Externado University of Colombia

12.45 -14:15

### **Lunch (with GFCA)**

14:15 - 15:45

Eshkol 2 Hall

### **Means and Actions Tools to Combat Antisemitism in Latin America**

**Chair: Marcos Peckel**, Executive Director, Confederation of Jewish Communities of Colombia

**Speakers:**

**Pablo Brenner**, CEO, Colloquia Innovation Consultant, Uruguay

**Leandro Spett**, Owner and Cartoonist, Speko Studio, Brazil

**Daniel Kersffeld**, Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador

**P. Valentin Goldie**, Senior Professor, Catholic Seminar, Uruguay



16:00 – 17:30  
Teddy Hall

## Concluding Plenary

Chair: **Robert Singer**, CEO, World Jewish Congress

Keynote: **Manuel Valls**, Former Prime Minister of France

### Summation of Findings:

Chair: **Akiva Tor**, Head, Bureau for World Jewish Affairs and World Religions, MFA

### Presenters:

#### *Hate in the Age of New Politics*

**Rabbi Abraham Cooper**, Associate Dean, Simon Wiesenthal Center

#### *Ways and Means for Combating Antisemitism and Hate*

**Michael Salberg**, Director, International Affairs Policy, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organization

#### *Latin American Regional Conference for Combating Antisemitism*

**Sammy Eppel**, Co-chair GFCA Latin America