

“All Actual Life Is Encounter” (Martin Buber)

Tackling Prejudice and Discrimination with Education, Encounter and Exchange

Interdisciplinary Bilateral Conference for Educators from Germany and Israel

November 22–24, 2022
Berlin



Questioning stereotypes and prejudices about “others” is central to the learning process of any youth exchange program. Face-to-face encounters open up spaces in which young people build new relationships, adopt diverse perspectives, experience different identities, and gain insights into diverse realities of life.

ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange and the Israel Youth Exchange Authority wish to further examine the potential of youth encounters and invite professionals from education and youth exchange to the conference

“All Actual Life Is Encounter” (Martin Buber) – Tackling Prejudice and Discrimination with Education, Encounter and Exchange.

The conference will take place from November 22 to 24, 2022 in Berlin and provides an opportunity to exchange and learn from each other within the framework of different keynotes, panels and workshops.

Guiding questions will be:

- To what extent can intergroup and individual encounters between young people counteract prejudice and discrimination?
- What are the challenges but also the chances, which encounter programs create in dealing with different personal backgrounds and life realities?
- What is needed in terms of educational guidance and how can encounters reach their potential on an individual level as well as a tool for social change?

The project “Acting Against Anti-Semitism in Youth Work and Education” is funded in 2020–2022 by the Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight against Antisemitism. The Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth supports the continuation of the project by providing supplementary funding for further project modules. The project is realized by ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange in cooperation with the Israel Youth Exchange Authority and the Council of Youth Movements in Israel.



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

Early Morning **For Participants from Israel:** Departure from Tel Aviv
Evening Arrival, Check-In and Dinner at the Restaurant of the Hotel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022

IMPACTS OF ENCOUNTERS

Breakfast at the Restaurant of the Hotel

08:00 am Registration for the Conference

10:00 am ***Welcome and Opening***
Welcoming Words and Statements

Christine Mähler, ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange
Ariella Gill, IYEA – Israel Youth Exchange Authority
Thomas Thomer, BMFSFJ – Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
Naftali Dery, CYMI – Council of Youth Movements, Israel & IYEA – Israel Youth Exchange Authority
Yaki Lopez, Embassy of the State of Israel in Berlin

Music & Encounters
Music and Society – Music that connects Arab and Jewish people in Israel
Introduction: Nabeel Abboud-Ashkar, Polyphony Nazareth – Tel Aviv

11:00 am ***Where Do We Come From, Where Do We Go – “Acting Against Anti-Semitism” – Project Presentation***
Introductory Notes and Film

Cyra Sommer, ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange
Roey Tshuva, CYMI – Council of Youth Movements in Israel

11:30 am Coffee & Break

12:00 pm ***Encounters In and Between Diverse Societies – Defining the Field of Discourse***
Opening Keynote

Prof. Dr. Doron Kiesel, Central Council of Jews in Germany
University of Würzburg, Germany
Moderation: Christine Mähler,
ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange

01:00 pm Lunch at the Restaurant of the Hotel

02:30 pm ***That’s Us: Getting to Know Each Other***
Meetings and Exchange in Smaller Groups



03:30 pm ***The Effects of Personal Encounters and Intergroup Relations – Sharing Essential Findings and Reflecting on Educational Approaches***
Short Inputs and Panel Discussion

Yigal Klein, Bnei Akiva, Israel

Roeey Yessod, Dror Israel

Dr. Radhika Natarajan, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Moderation: Rinat Avigur,

ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange

05:00 pm Coffee & Break

05:30 pm ***Education against Racism and Anti-Semitism – Defining and Understanding Current Discourses***
Panel Discussion

Dr. Sina Arnold, Center for Research on Anti-Semitism, Technical University of Berlin, Germany

Dr. Massimo Perinelli, Historian, Berlin, Germany

Eran Shayshon, The Reut Group, Israel

Moderation: Gunnar Meyer, BildungsBausteine e. V., Germany

07:00 pm Dinner at the Restaurant of the Hotel

Breakfast

09:00 am ***The Israeli Society – How Are We Meeting and Why?***
The Ties between the History and the Social Structure of the Israeli Society and the Need of Educational Encounters

Nelly Markman-Sternberg, Ben-Gurion House, Israel

Moderation: Shlomit Ronen-Livne, CYMI – Council of Youth Movements in Israel

10:00 am ***Practical Encounter Experiences – Examples from Israel***
Project Presentations and Discussion
Round I – Different Workshops to Choose from (Rotating Participation)

1. From Rabin's Assassination to the Israeli Assembly

“Remember the Murder – Stand Up for Democracy”

Yigal Klein and Danny Hirshberg, Bnei Akiva

Tom Vize and George Stevens, HaNoar HaOved VeHalomed (NOAL)

2. Collaborating for Joint Present and Future

“International School of Peace” for Refugee Children on the Isle of Lesbos

Orit Reingewertz, HaShomer HaTzair and Ahlam Kasem Ali, Ajyal



3. Dialogue through Music

Musical Ensemble of Arab and Jewish Musicians

Costin Canellis-Olier, Israel Conservatory of Music, Tel AvivNabeel Abboud-Ashkar and Rawan Bisharat, Polyphony Nazareth – Tel Aviv**4. “Who’s in the Circle with Us?”**

Israeli Scouting as a Base for Encounter for Different Sectors of the Israeli Society

Anat Friedman, Dor Posner, Roy Shaul and Tal Zmora, HaTzofim (Israeli Scouts)**5. The Challenges within the Israeli Arab Society**

Inter-Society Encounters & Possibilities

Omar Amour, Ajeec, Rim Amara, El Ra’aya and Amal Dahamshi, Agik**6. Design the Holocaust Memory**

The Challenges of Mixed Groups Encounters in a Diverse Society

Ron Veledniger and Hila Hurvitz Pellat

Moreshet Holocaust and Research Center, Givat Haviva

11:15 am

Coffee & Break

11:45 am

Practical Encounter Experiences – Examples from Israel

Project Presentations and Discussion

Round II – Different Workshops to Choose from (*Listed Above*)

01:00 pm

Lunch at the Restaurant of the Hotel

02:30 pm

Living in a Diverse Society – Discourses in Germany

Challenges, Prospects and Impulses for Action

Prof. Dr. Barbara Schäuble,

Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences Berlin, Germany

Moderation: Falko Kliewe,

ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange

04:00 pm

Practical Encounter Experiences – Examples from Germany

Project Presentations and Discussion

Excursions to Different Projects in Berlin

1. Friendship and Respect in the Neighborhood of Berlin Neukölln

Shalom Rollberg – Everyday Interreligious and Intercultural Encounter

Yonatan Weizman**2. “History/Stories in a Culturally Diverse Society” & “Neighborhood Mothers”**

Action Reconciliation Service for Peace and Diakoniewerk Simeon gGmbH

Anne Scholz and Sara Spring**3. Introducing Jews and Judaism to Non-Jewish People**

Meet a Jew – A Project of the Central Council of Jews in Germany (ZWST)

Wiebke Rasumny and Young Volunteer

4. **Encounter Through Sports – Together against Anti-Semitism and Hate**
MAKKABI Germany and the Encounter Project „together1“
Jérôme Buske and Keren Vogler

5. **Shaping a Vivid Culture of Remembrance with a Diverse Youth Group**
Theater Project Re.Member – Refugees and Non-refugee Youth Deal with
Prejudices, History, the Holocaust and Jewish Life Today
Dennis Forster, Concentration Camp Memorial Flossenbürg and
Asmen Ilhan, MIND Prevention

6. **“StreitRaum”** – A Collaboration Project That Addresses the Discourse around
Antisemitism and Anti-Black-Racism and is exploring Possibilities for Alliances
between the Communities, by Each One Teach One (EOTO e.V.) and the
Competence Centre for Prevention and Empowerment of the ZWST,
Lior Ahlvers and Johanna Voß

07:00 pm

Dinner at the Restaurant of the Hotel

08:30 pm

Prime Time: Encounter Lounge

Get Together – Insights – Music – Projects – Talks

Space for Presentation and Conversation among Each Other in a nice Atmosphere

Breakfast at the Restaurant of the Hotel

09:00 am

**German-Israeli Youth Exchange as a Field
of Action for Mutual Understanding**

Impulses on Different Dimensions of Mutual Understanding

Dr. Elke Gryglewski, Lower Saxony Memorials Foundation &
Bergen-Belsen Memorial Site, Germany

Dr. David Krausz, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

Tal Madar, CYMI - Council of Youth Movements in Israel

Moderation: Christine Mähler,

ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange

10:30 am

Coffee & Break

11:00 am

**Planning together – Experiencing Exchange – Staying Connected!
Introducing Platforms & Materials for the German-Israeli Youth Exchange**

MyGIX: The German-Israeli Exchange Network

Practical Guidebooks for German-Israeli Youth Exchange

Hannah Stobbe and Niclas Cares

ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange



11:15 am

***Overcoming Prejudice and Distorted Pictures –
Examples from the German-Israeli Youth Exchange***

Presentation of Youth Encounter Projects by German-Israeli Exchange Partnerships

HILA-MENDEN YOUTH EXCHANGE

Dorit Levi, Mizpe Hila

Birgit Fiedler, Protestant Community Menden

REMEMBER TOGETHER AND LEARN TOGETHER

Shlomit Ronen-Livne, Council of Youth Movements in Israel

Jochen Rummenhöller, German Federal Youth Council

IN BETWEEN - KEDEM & KADIMA

Maimon Ben Hamo, Community Center of Beit Shemesh

Torsten Rutinowski, City of Bochum and Christian Seibel, SJD-Die Falken, Bochum

Moderation: Rinat Avigur and Niclas Cares

ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange

12:30 pm

***Wrapping-Up & Looking Ahead – The Effect of Education
Encounters and Exchange Against Prejudice and Discrimination***

Summarizing Key Findings of the Conference

Tom Vizel, HaNoar HaOved VeHalomed, Israel

Bettina Pinzl, Fabrik Osloer Straße e. V., Germany

Moderation: Christine Mähler,

ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange

01:00 pm

Closing the Conference & Lunch at the Restaurant of the Hotel

Afternoon

Optional: Exchange Lounge – Meet & Plan

Space, Time and Support for Exchange Partnerships to Plan Their Next Projects

Departure of Participants from Germany

Early Morning

Departure of Participants from Israel



INFORMATION

Location

Berlin-Mitte. Further details about the conference location and lodging will be communicated along with the confirmation of participation.

Language

Interpretation will be offered in plenary. Workshops will be held in English. To participate in the conference, a fairly good knowledge of English is required.

Seminar Lead

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Ariella Gill, Israel Youth Exchange Authority

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Participation Fee

For **Participants from Israel**: Please turn to the Israel Youth Exchange Authority.

For **Participants from Germany**: 60 €. Accommodation and lodging are included. Travel expenses can be reimbursed after the conference (for train ticket, only 2nd class).



ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange is an institution of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth with the support of the federal states of Saxony-Anhalt and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania – for the promotion, monitoring and further development of German-Israeli youth contacts. ConAct works nationwide.



The Israel Youth Exchange Authority (IYEA) is ConAct's partner in Israel. The Public Authority works with the support of the Israeli Ministry of Education and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in this capacity is responsible for the international youth relations that Israel maintains with numerous countries.



The Council of Youth Movements (CYMI) is the umbrella organization of the youth movements in Israel. It serves as a roundtable and a meeting place for the heads of the youth movements, hailing from all across the political spectrum, to address current educational issues and the involvement of youth in social processes and public activity, as well as present-day problems facing Israeli society. CYMI maintains relations with corresponding youth movement councils and conducts youth delegation exchanges between them.