



Reflect & Plan 2007

German-Israeli Youth Exchange – a tool for civic education?

Bilateral Seminar for Israeli and German partners involved in exchange-projects

Date: 06th to 11th (or 13th) May 2007

Location: Berlin - DGB-Seminar Center Berlin-Pichelsee

The seminar is addressed at active partners of German-Israeli youth or professional exchange projects. It will offer space and time to reflect and discuss current questions in youth exchange between both countries – and possibly develop new steps in within the cooperations:

- How are young people participating in the process of planning & performing their exchange project?
- What kind of shared activities and voluntary engagement can be included in order to deepen the experience of the meetings?
- How are current political developments in the Middle East and Europe present during the meetings and how can they be productively dealt with in the group process?
- How is the challenge of shared commemoration of the Shoah dealt with in the programmes?
- What are our aims in offering young people from both countries the chance to meet – where is the positive experience meant to lead young people to?

In order to have lasting effects of the work process, the condition for participation is that the project partners – both from Germany and Israel – will be participating in the seminar.

Seminar-Programme

Sunday, 06th May 2007

Arrival of the Israeli partners to Berlin.

Arrival of the German partners to Berlin.

Dinner

Opening of the seminar

Introduction of partners and projects

Monday, 07th May 2007 – Wednesday 9th May 2007

Alternating Units of Workshops & Lectures

Unit 1 General aims of German-Israeli Exchanges

Workshop: What are our aims for German-Israeli exchange projects?

Lecture: Current aspects of German-Israeli relations –
 where do we stand in the field of bilateral relations?

Film: Walk on Water & Discussion

Unit 2 Participatory elements & Voluntary engagement

Workshop: Participation of young people in planning & performing of projects

Lecture: Presentation of models for participative processes in preparing and performing
 the exchange

Lecture: Aims & Effects of shared voluntary engagement

Workshop: Generating ideas for voluntary services for civil society in the course of
 German-Israeli youth meetings

Unit 3 Middle East Conflict and its educational implications

Workshop: Implications of current political & societal developments for the youth
 exchange

Lecture: Current political situation in Israel & Middle East connected to Europe

Lecture: Presentation of educational material and experience of dealing with the topic
 in youth exchange

Unit 4 Shared Commemoration of the Shoah in Youth Exchange Projects

Workshop Exchange of experience and good practice

Excursion Visit one of the important memorial sights around Berlin –
 Discussion with the educational department of the commemoration site

Unit 5 Persuing the general aims: ... Civic Education?

Workshop Developing strategies of involving young people in the network of German-
 Israeli relations, in projects against racism and anti-Semitism, in voluntary
 work and projects supporting democratic societies in Germany and Israel

Simultaneous translation German/Hebrew will be provided throughout the seminar, especially in Plenum sessions. Yet, we expect the ability to communicate in English for the workshops.

The seminar center is located on the outer parts of Berlin by a lake.

It will provide good conditions for a fruitful & creative working atmosphere.

Time frame of the bilateral seminar:

The bilateral seminar at the seminar-center will last from Sunday evening, 6th May, until Wednesday night, 9th of May.

From Thursday morning onwards there are different options:

1. The German partner invites the Israeli partner to his organisation/home town from Thursday to Saturday. Travel costs can be funded by ConAct. For the night from Saturday to Sunday the Israeli partner has the option to have another overnight in Berlin before leaving back to Israel on Sunday morning. The time from Thursday to Saturday has to be organised by the projectpartners themselves.
2. The Israeli partner leaves back to Israel already on Thursday.

Transfer from Berlin to the airport for the Israeli participants will be provided both on Thursday and Sunday.

Participation fees:

Israeli participants: \$ 150,- (about 25% of the flight costs)

German Participants: € 100,-; Support of travel costs to Berlin is granted,
according to second class of Deutsche Bahn.

- **The seminar is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. -**

Registration:

Both partners – German and Israeli – have to fill in the prepared application form together and send it both to ConAct and the Israel Youth Exchange Council.

- Please send the application for participation **latest until March 23rd 2007.** -

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