



Setting the Sails for 2022 – German-Israeli Youth Exchange Returning to Real-life Encounters!

A Bilateral Meeting for Partnerships in German-Israeli Exchange Programs

November 16 – 18, 2021
Berlin

The years 2020 and 2021 have been filled with uncertainty, despair and many open questions for the International Youth Work. As the waves of the Corona pandemic continue to hit the lives in many countries, one thing remains clearer than ever: Encounter is the key for getting together – all around the world! During the pandemic crisis, German and Israeli professionals and young people have been searching for ways to come together – mostly online, using creative formats and tools in abundance. At the same time, ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange and the Israel Youth Exchange Authority were connecting new partnerships for German-Israeli youth exchanges, who will start their in-person exchange projects in 2022.

Now, following many months of digital communication, ConAct and the Israel Youth Exchange Authority invite you for the first time again to a bilateral meeting for existing and new partnerships in German-Israeli exchange programs in Berlin!

The meeting will consist of two seminars:

Seminar 1: Existing Partnerships in German-Israeli Exchanges

Checking in on the state of affairs in our field, addressing the following questions:

- *What have we gained from working through the pandemic – also for the future after Corona? What have we lost?*
- *What conclusions do we take with us, as we move again towards in-person encounters?*
- *What issues became relevant for young people and should be dealt with on our exchanges?*

Seminar 2: New Exchange Partnerships of the Match-Making Program 2021

Planning future projects for German-Israeli Youth Exchange around leading questions:

- *How do we create a meaningful and profitable exchange program with our new partners?*
- *What issues are relevant for young people and should be dealt with on our exchanges?*
- *What kind of educational methods are suitable for youth exchanges between Germany and Israel?*

The meeting will include inputs on core topics, excursions as well as intense work in the plenum and in small groups, but most importantly – give the space to meet, talk and exchange in person! Some parts will be held for both seminars together and some separately.

Together we want to set sail for a real exchange year 2022!

Looking forward to seeing you live!

The Team of ConAct and the Israel Youth Exchange Authority

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- By 12:30 PM **Arrival of Participants from Germany**
Participants from Israel arrive on November 15, 2021.
- 1:00 PM **Joint Lunch**
- 2:00 PM ***We Go Together:*
Opening of the Bilateral Exchange Meeting 2021**
- Christine Mähler,**
ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange
- Ariella Gill,**
Israel Youth Exchange Authority
- Thomas Thomer,**
Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
- Yaki Lopez,**
Embassy of the State of Israel in Germany
- 2:30 PM ***A Case of Youth:*
Young People in Germany & Israel in the Shadow
of the Corona Pandemic – Challenges and Forms of Action**
- Panel Discussion with the General Secretaries & Chairpersons
of German and Israeli Youth Movements**
- Naftali Dery,** Council of Youth Movements in Israel
- Wendelin Haag,** German Federal Youth Council
- Cali Cohen,** Hebrew Scouts Movement in Israel
- Estefania Casajus,** Socialist Youth – The Falken, Germany
- Neta Siesel,** Halchud HaChaklai, Israel (The Agricultural Union)
- Moderated by **Marcel Hoyer,** Chairman, Ludwig Wolker e.V., Catholic
Association for International Youth Work
- 4:00 PM **Coffee & Break**
- 4:30 PM ***We Go Together: Getting to know each other*
In the planery**
- 5:00 PM ***State of Affairs:*
Check in on German-Israeli Exchanges Following Corona
Work in small bilateral groups**
- 7:00 PM **Dinner**



9:00 AM ***The Rediscovery Channel:***
New Formats & Methods in German-Israeli Exchange Programs
Presentation of good-practice-examples

1. ***"Oh! That family..."*** – Live Theater Exchange

Ulrike Schlue, Offener Kunstverein Postdam e.V.

Hanan (Halil) Itzhak, Yoram Loewenstein Acting School

2. ***"I Feel You – tell me about your life!"*** – Online Exchange

Dor Posner, Hebrew Scouts Movement in Israel

Tina Kortelainen, Ludwig Wolker e.V.

3. ***Sustainability Exchange Project*** – Hybrid Exchange

Anat Ehud, The Sustainability Authority –

Municipality of Tel Aviv & The Jewish-Arab Community Center

Erik Rose, German Schreberjugend

10:30 AM **Coffee & Break** (Covid tests for participants – PCR / Rapid test)

11:30 AM ***The Rediscovery Channel: Opportunities, Initiatives &***
Networking Possibilities in German-Israeli Exchanges

Work in "Thinking Teams"

- What formats fit to my current / future exchange programs?
- Which digital tools and methods can be integrated into my in-person exchanges?
- How can we communicate with young people to raise again the participation in exchange programs?
- Which groups did we miss and how can we reach them now?

1:00 PM **Lunch**



2:00 PM

Exploring Berlin

City Tours & Excursions in Small Groups

1. **The Jewish Museum in Berlin** –
Tour around Highlights in the new permanent exhibition
2. **Jewish Berlin** – A city tour with Nirit Ben-Yosef
3. **Anne Frank Center** – Educational Center & Exhibition ‚All about Anne‘

4:30 PM

Coffee & Break

5:00 PM

Act Visibly! – Against Anti-Semitism.

Dealing with anti-Semitism in youth work:

Education in Germany – Encounter with Israel.

Introduction of the Project & Discussion in Small Groups

Malte Holler

Bildung in Widerspruch e.V.

Ilira Aliai

ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange

Shlomit Ronen-Livne

Council of Youth Movements in Israel

7:00 PM

Dinner

8:00 PM

Evening program (optional)

In the planery

Masel Tov Cocktail / Arkadij Khaet

Film & Discussion with the Filmmaker



9:00 AM ***Back to Life – Back to Reality:***
Core Topics for the Future of German-Israeli Exchange
Panel Discussion

Manon Luther, JUSOS – Young Socialists in the SPD
Yonit Stern, Municipality of Tel Aviv-Jaffa – International Exchanges
Assaf Landau, Hanoar Haoved VeHalomed, Youth Movement
(Working & Learning Youth)
Guy Band, Action Reconciliation Service for Peace – Israel Office
Uwe Finke-Timpe, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,
Women and Youth

Moderated by **Shelly Kupferberg**

10:30 AM **Coffee & Break**

11:00 AM ***Looking Forward to 2022: Evaluation & Perspectives***
Reflection & Discussion in Small Groups

12:00 PM ***Looking Forward to 2022: Evaluation & Perspectives***
In the Planery

New Networking-Initiatives for German-Israeli Youth Exchange

1. ***The German-Israeli Hub***: Exchange Online
2. ***MyGIX: The German-Israeli Exchange Network***
3. ***DINA.International***: The digital conference house for the international Youth Work

Closing Round: What do we take with us for 2022?

1.00 PM **Lunch**
Departure of participants from Germany

2.00 PM ***Optional: Time for joint planning & work in the partnerships***
and / or free afternoon for participants from Israel

Friday, November 19, 2021

03:30 AM **Departure of the participants from Israel**
Shuttle from Hotel



FURTHER INFORMATION

Language

The working language of the seminar is English.

Interpretation will be offered in the plenary & upon demand – by Antje Eiger.

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