

GERMAN-ISRAELI YOUTH CONGRESS 2015

Celebrating 50 Years of Diplomatic Relations and 60 Years of Youth Exchange





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Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Welcome to the German-Israeli Youth Congress 2015!

The year 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Israel and Germany. A dense network of cooperations and friendships has grown between individuals, nongovernmental organizations and official institutions of both countries – the bonds are strong and meaningful to both sides.

One of the most lively and connecting field is the frame of youth exchange: For about 60 years young people from both countries get together within the frames of youth exchange and volunteer services – more than 600.000 youngsters took part in these programs and multiplied their experiences afterwards.

On the occasion of the anniversary year 2015 young people with former experience and present engagement in German-Israeli exchange projects and volunteer services shall get together, in order to discuss experiences, successes and challenges of Israeli-German encounters in the past, present and future. The Youth Congress will at first take place in Germany from May 8 - 12, 2015 and in November 2015 in Israel. About 300 young people from both countries are invited to take part.

Now we are here – so let's start!

The upcoming four days are meant to open up space for interesting topics, controversial discussions and meaningful encounters all around German-Israeli relations and youth contacts. In order to achieve these goals the congress program will offer...

...larger panels in plenum sessions and smaller workshops for intensive discussions. In all sessions organizations of German-Israeli youth exchange and volunteer services are involved, participants and activists of the bilateral relations contribute, share their experiences and are asked to participate actively.

...daily meetings of encounter groups in order to create a safe space to share impressions and doubts, open questions and new insights.

...an exhibition on 60 years of German-Israeli Youth Relations and an onlinestation to find out about milestones and exchange projects of the last decades on <u>www.exchange-visions.de</u>

...insights into research on German-Israeli Youth Exchange and discussions with the authors of the new book 'Moving Moments Connecting for Life – German-Israeli Youth Exchange in Theory and Practice'.

...Discovering Tours in Berlin for almost-Berliners and beginners...

...Historical Excursions on the Remembrance of National Socialism and the Shoah in Germany

...focusing on topics of German-Israeli (Youth) Encounters – topics which raise central questions regarding the past, presence and future of German-Israeli (youth) relations:

1. Creating and Forming Society:

Engagement, Volunteering and Living Democracy – What are we contributing for shaping multicultural and tolerant societies in Germany and Israel?

2. Understanding Diverse Life Realities:

Everyday challenges in the Middle East and Europe, Mobility around the globe, Social Media Worlds and Globalization as a life setting – How are we dealing with comparable and differing life realities in Israel and Germany?

3. Living With History:

Discovering and Facing the Presence of the Past, Discussing the present significance of the history of National Socialism across the involved generations and continuing commemorating the Shoah together – How are we coping with the shared history which connects us – today?

...continuous reports & pictures of the Youth Congress offered by young journalists working on the spot! <u>www.Youth-Congres-2015.org</u>

... an evening show of German-Israeli Youth Exchange on stage featuring *The Whole World of Encounters.*

... a workshop-day of creative art work and visional thinking shaping the future of the connecting bonds between Israel and Germany and the people of both countries.

... a German-Israeli Party & Dance with... The Apples (Israel) featuring Jessie Evans.

...inspiring moments of listening, talking, networking and finding new friends!

Have a good time & celebrate being connected in German-Israeli relations!

Yours - The inviting organizations...

- Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
- ConAct Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange
- Israel Youth Exchange Authority

Program

Friday, 8 May 2015

Arriving in Berlin...

- Morning Arrival and Check-in <u>Motel One</u> Invalidenstraße 54, 10557 Berlin <u>www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-hauptbahnhof</u>
- 10:00 am
 Transport to
 Conference Center Jerusalem Church

 Lindenstraße 85, 10969 Berlin
 www.besondere-orte.com
- 11:00 am Registration for the German-Israeli Youth Congress
- 12:00 pm Lunch at Conference Center Jerusalem Church
- 1:00 pm Welcome to the German-Israeli Youth Congress

Beginning & Getting to Know One Another in Bilateral Encounter Groups

- **3:30 pm** Group Picture in the Big Hall of the Jerusalem Church
- 4:00 pm Discovering Tours in Berlin

Options to choose from:

- Jewish Berlin I New Synagogue at Oranienburger Straße
- Jewish Berlin II Bavarian Quarter
- German-German History I "Palace of Tears"
- German-German History II "The Wall"
- Exploring Berlin From Central Station te Potsdam Square
- Media in Berlin

- Exploring the Muliticultural District of Kreuzberg
- Streetart in Kreuzberg
- 6:00 pm Dinner at Conference Center Jerusalem Church
- **6:30 pm** Optional: Visiting a Synagogue in Berlin for the Beginning of Shabbat

Saturday, 9 May 2015

What are We Celebrating? German-Israeli Relations and Encounters in Voices and Stories

9:30 am Arriving at the Congress Venue Kalkscheune Johannisstraße 2, 10117 Berlin www.kalkscheune.de

> Warming up & Moderation Hanni Efremov, Israel Youth Exchange Authority Christine Mähler, ConAct

10:00 am Opening of the German-Israeli Youth Congress

 GALLERY Dr. Ralf Kleindieck, Secretary of State, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
 Rogel Rachman, Head of Public Relations, Embassy of the State of Israel to Germany

German-Israeli Relations in 50 Years:

Challenges – Successes – Perspectives

Panel with guests & discussion Shimon Stein, Former Ambassador of the State of Israel to Germany Lukas Welz, Young Forum of the German-Israeli Society, Germany Nava Semel, Author, Israel Kerstin Griese, Member of Parliament and German-Israeli Parliamentary Group Keren Pardo, Educator in Israeli-German Encounters, Israel Irith Gabriely, Musician, Israel/Germany

Moderation: Dr. Alexandra Nocke, Cultural Scientist, Berlin

- 12:00 pm Deepening of the Discussion Meeting in Bilateral Encounter Groups
- 1:00 pm Lunch & Break
- 2:30 pm 60 Years of German-Israeli Youth Encounters: Approaching – Cooperating – Becoming Friends Parallel roundtables with guests of different generations and organisations in two Forums – Please choose one!

GALLERY Forum 1: German-Israeli Youth Exchange in History and Present

Introduction to the History of German-Israeli Youth Exchange – Presenting Mile Stones of 60 Years of Youth Exchange – <u>www.exchange-visions.de</u> Jonas M. Hahn, ConAct

Roundtable discussion with Francoise Cafri, Muncipality of Jerusalem Immanuel Benz, German Federal Youth Council Tanja Berg, Educator of the youth exchange project Tel Aviv – Berlin-Pankow Meyarav Kopito, Municipality of Rishon LeZion

Moderation: Jonas M. Hahn, ConAct

LOFT Forum 2:

German-Israeli Volunteer Services in History and Present

Roundtable discussion with Sabine von Zastrow, Friends of the Education of Rudolf Steiner Irith Gabriely, Musician, Israel/Germany Benjamin Fischer, Volunteer at the Central Welfare Organization of Jews in Germany Laura Cazés, Central Welfare Organization of Jews in Germany Dr. Christoph Stegmanns, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Moderation: Dr. Jochen Palenker, Central Council of Jews in Germany

4:30 pm Coffee & Break

5:00 pm And What Have YOU experienced?

Workshops deepening the discussions of forums 1 and 2 – following and mixing the structures of youth exchange and volunteer services

- ROOM 1 Workshop-May9-01: Facing the Presence of the Past in German-Israeli Encounters Dr. Elke Gryglewski, House of the Wannsee-Conference Uriel Kashi, Educator, Israel
- ROOM 2 Workshop-May9-02: East-West Germany – A Topic for German-Israeli Youth Exchange? Bianca Ely, Educator, Berlin Rudi Pahnke, Institute New Impulses, Berlin

 ROOM 3 Workshop-May9-03: German-Israeli Youth Exchange – a Project of Elites or Open for Everyone?
 <u>Dr. Simone Heil,</u> Political scientist <u>Francoise Cafri,</u> Municipality of Jerusalem

 ROOM 4
 Workshop-May9-04:

 The Other and the self – Observing Specific Dynamics in German-Israeli Youth Encounters

 Alma Lessing, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

 Keren Pardo, Educator in Israeli-German encounters, Israel

 ROOM 5 Workshop-May9-05:
 Visiting the Other Country – the Essential Trigger for a Lasting Exchange Experience?
 Dr. Yoni Ayalon, Tourist Expert, Israel
 Juliane Niklas, Bavarian Youth Council

- GALLERYWorkshop-May9-06:
Changing Views and Opinions the Experience of Participation in
an Exchange Program
Michal Maroz, Educator, Israel
Tanja Berg, Educator of the youth exchange project Tel Aviv –
Berlin-Pankow
- BONHOEF- Workshop-May9-07:
- FER HOUSE
 Working on Concrete Projects a Strategy in International Youth

 Exchanges
 Judith Blum, Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future

 Berlin
 Dor Posner, Tzofim Israeli Scout Movement

BONHOEF- Workshop-May9-08:

FER HOUSEExperiences of VolunteersNils Beckmann, Former volunteer of Action Reconciliation Service
for Peace
Benjamin Fischer, Volunteer at the Central Welfare Organization
of Jews in GermanyLOFTWorkshop-May9-09:
German-Israeli Volunteer Service – a New Service is Presented
Dr. Ralf-Rene Weingärtner, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs,
Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
Laura Cazés, Central Welfare Organization of Jews in Germany

 ATELIER
 Workshop-May9-10:

 Generations in Dialogue – Voluntary Engagement in Germany

 and Israel

 Dr. Jochen Palenker, Central Council of Jews in Germany

 Rinat Avigur, Former volunteer of Kom-Mit-Nadev

- 7:15 pm Transport to Conference Center Jerusalem Church
- 7:30 pm Dinner & Break
- 8:30 pm Reflecting the Day Meeting in Bilateral Encounter Groups

Sunday, 10 May 2015

What Makes up Our Lives in Israel and Germany? Discussing the Present in Dialogue

9:00 am Parallel panel discussions in 3 forums – Please choose one!

GALLERY Forum 1: Creating and Forming Society

Engagement, Volunteering and Living Democracy – What are we contributing for shaping multicultural and tolerant societies in Germany and Israel?

Panel with guests & discussion **Stephan Groschwitz**, German Federal Youth Council **Naftali Dery**, Council of Youth Movements in Israel **Aycan Demirel**, Kreuzberg Initiative against Anti-Semitism **Toni Nasser**, Hanoar Haoved Wehalomed, Israel **Sarah Singer**, Jewish National Fund, Germany

Moderation: Dirk Thesenvitz, Protestant Youth in Germany

LOFT Forum 2: Understanding Diverse Life Realities

Everyday challenges in the Middle East and Europe, Mobility around the globe, Social Media Worlds and Globalization as a life setting – How are we dealing with comparable and differing life realities in Israel and Germany?

Panel with guests & discussion Ariella Gill, Israel Youth Exchange Authority Salwa Abu Kashef, Bedouin City Rahat – South Israel Nirit Bialer, HaBait – Platform for Israeli Culture in Berlin Arne Lietz, Member of the European Parliament

Moderation: Bernhard Krane, Educator, Berlin

ROOM 4 Forum 3: Living with History

Discovering and Facing the Presence of the Past, Discussing the present significance of the history of National Socialism across the involved generations and continuing commemorating the Shoah together – How are we coping with the shared history which connects us – today?

Panel with guests & discussion

Dr. Meron Mendel, Anne Frank Educational Center, Frankfurt
Dr. Peter Fischer, AMCHA Germany
Uriel Kashi, Educator, Israel
Martin Schellenberg, Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen

Moderation: Jutta Weduwen, Action Reconciliation Service for Peace

- 11:00 am Coffee & Break
- 11:30 am Workshops Presentation of Youth Projects Focusing on the Topics of the Forums

Forum 1: Creating and Forming Society Engagement, Volunteering and Living Democracy – What are we contributing for shaping multicultural and tolerant societies in Germany and Israel?

- ROOM 1 Workshop-May10-01: Greening German-Israeli Relations: Green X-Change – The Young Leadership Project of KKL – Jewish National Fund <u>Ricarda Konwiarz, Jewish National Fund</u> Sebastian Kreuz, Jewish National Fund
- ROOM 2
 Workshop-May10-02:

 Youth Engagement in Political and Societal Discourses –

 Presenting Projects of the Israeli and the German Youth Council

 Shlomit Ronen-Livne, Council of Youth Movements in Israel

 Stephan Groschwitz, German Federal Youth Council
- ROOM 3 Workshop-May10-03:
 Facing Anti-Semitism and Israel Related Hostility in Germany –
 A Project with Youth of Turkish and Arab Origin
 Malte Holler, Kreuzberg Initiative against Anti-Semitism
 Aycan Demirel, Kreuzberg Initiative against Anti-Semitism

ROOM 4 Workshop-May10-04: Against Discrimination and Xenophobia – Sport as a Frame of Quality Time for Youngsters Carina Weber, German Sports Youth

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ROOM 5 Workshop-May10-05:

Young Ambassadors at the Service of Understanding Diversities and Similarities in Their Dynamic Cultures <u>Marlies Denter</u>, Municipality of Frankfurt <u>Hadas Kaplan</u>, Municipality of Tel Aviv – Yafo ... and the Young Ambassadors

- GALLERY
 Workshop-May10-06:

 "Happy Holocaust Day!" Deconstructing a German-Israeli

 Youth Encounter

 Renate Krekeler-Koch, Ludwig-Wolker-Haus

 Danielle Natalie Kind, Inspiration Arts of Humanity, Israel

 ... and the Young Actors
- BONHOEF- Workshop-May10-07:
- FER HOUSE
 Spotlight on... 50 Years Israel & Germany A Youth Expedition

 through the Past, Present and Future of Diverse Relations

 Christin Henke, ConAct

 Nitzan Chelouche
 - ... and the Young Filmmakers

Forum 3: Living with History

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- LOFT Workshop-May10-08: Standing up for Encounters & Democratic Values – Honoring the Heritage of Israel Szabo Dr. Hannelore Chiout, Berlin Edna Saretzky, Haifa
- ATELIER
 Workshop-May10-09:

 Family Orientated Biographical Work as Part of Israeli-German

 Encounters?

 Aline Seel, Action Reconciliation Service for Peace
- BONHOEF- Workshop-May10-10:
- FER HOUSEExchange-Your-Vision 60 Years of German-Israeli YouthExchange as Part of German-Israeli RelationsJonas M. Hahn, ConActMoran Goren, Municipality of Jerusalem
- 1:00 pm Lunch & Break
- 2:00 pm Living with History in Germany Historical Expeditions, Discovering Tours & Talks on Nazi History and Shoah in Berlin

Options to choose from:

- Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe
- Topography of Terror Documentation Center
- The German Resistance Memorial Center

- House of the Wannsee Conference Memorial and Educational Site
- The Anne Frank Center Berlin
- Jewish Museum Berlin
- Exhibition ground 7x^{young} Your training ground for solidarity and respect
- Memorial Site Silent Heroes
- 6:00 pm Reflecting the Day Meeting in Bilateral Encounter-Groups
- 7:00 pm Dinner & Break
- 8:00 pm The Whole World of Encounters...
- GALLERY German-Israeli Exchange on Stage

THE WHOLE WORLD OF ENCOUNTERS

German-Israeli Exchange on Stage

10 May 2015 | 8:00 pm

MUSICAL START

Leo Kestenberg Music School & Conservatory Givatayim

THE KNOT – A Short Film Developed During the Project "Spotlight on... 50 Years Israel & Germany" ConAct, Israel Youth Exchange Authority & Young Filmmakers

TRANSLATING TRACKS INTO LIFE –

A German-Israeli Play

Ludwig Wolker Haus e.V. & Tzofim – Israel Scouts

Monday, 11 May 2015

What are our Visions for the Future? Creating Statements & Visible Outcomes...

- 9:00 am Method Orientated Workshops, which Will Create Some Outcome During the Day to Present in the Afternoon
- ROOM 4
 Workshop-May11-01:

 Word-Speech-Theatre: Inspiration Arts for Humanity

 Danielle-Natali Kind, Inspiration Arts of Humanity, Israel

 Andreas Wrosch, Germany
- GALLERY Workshop-May11-02: Dancing Workshop Stephanie Trogisch, No Limits – Dance Workshops Berlin e.V.
- ATELIER Workshop-May11-03: Creative Writing Workshop Nava Semel, Author, Israel
- ROOM 3 Workshop-May11-04: Graffiti-Art Workshop Sascha Kittel, Graffiti-Projects, Leipzig
- LOFT Workshop-May11-05: Circus Workshop Theresa Rossenbach, Circus Cabuwazi
- ROOM 1 Workshop-May11-06: Think Tank "Living with History" – Conclude Positions and Suggestions Moderation IYEA/ConAct

- ROOM 2 Workshop-May11-07: Think Tank "Creating and Forming Society" – Conclude Positions and Suggestions Moderation IYEA/ConAct
- ROOM 5 Workshop-May11-08: Project Workshop I – Creating Future Project for Youth Exchange and Encounters Moderation IYEA/ConAct
- BONHOEF- Workshop-May11-09:
- FER HOUSE Project Workshop II Creating Future Project for Youth Exchange and Encounters Moderation IYEA/ConAct
- HOFLOUNGE
 Workshop-May11-10: (cannot be chosen for members only)

 The 'Raving Reporters' German-Israeli Media Group

 Jonathan Ponchon, Press Network for Topics on Youth (PNJ)

 Ido Fruchter, Municipality Rishon Lezion
- 1:00 pm Lunch & Break
- 2:00 pm Continuation of the Workshops
- 3:00 pm Coffee & Break
- 3:30 pm Our Wishes Our Concerns Our Suggestions Envisioning Israeli-German Relations & Encounters for the next 50 Years
- GALLERY Final Plenum session closing up the Youth Congress Presenting the results of the congress to

Manuela Schwesig, German Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth And distinguished guests from politics, society and German-Israeli Relations

6:00 pm	Closing up Experiences & Insights – Meeting in bilateral Encounter Groups
7:00 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm	Transfer to Arena Berlin – Glashaus
9:00 pm	German-Israeli Party with Live Music & Dance The Apples (Israel) feat. Jessie Evans

Tuesday, 12 May 2015

Departure of Israeli and German participants

OUR WISHES OUR CONCERNS OUR SUGGESTIONS

Envisioning Israeli-German Relations & Encounters for the Next 50 Years

11 May 2015 | 3:30 pm

PRESENTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONGRESS TO Manuela Schwesig, German Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

And distinguished guests from politics, society and German-Israeli Relations

GERMAN- ISRAELI PARTY

Live Music & Dance

11 May 2015 | 9:00 pm

THE APPLES FEAT. JESSIE EVANS



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Participating & Contributing Organisations

- Action Reconciliation Service for Peace
- AMCHA Germany
- Anne Frank Educational Center Frankfurt
- Bavarian Youth Council
- Central Welfare Organization of Jews in Germany
- Circus Cabuwazi
- City Rahat South Israel
- ConAct Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange
- Conservatory Givatayim
- Council of Youth Movements in Israel
- Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future
- Friends of the Education of Rudolf Steiner
- German Federal Youth Council
- German-Israeli Society Young Forum
- German Sports Youth
- Graffitiverein Leipzig
- Hanoar Halomed Vehalomed
- HaShomer HaZair
- House of the Wannsee-Conference
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- Jugendpresse Deutschland Bundesverband junger Medienmacher
- Kreuzberg Initiative against Anti-Semitism
- Leo Kestenberg Musikschule
- Ludwig Wolker Haus Berlin
- Maccabi Israel
- Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen

- Municipality Frankfurt/Main
- Municipality of Jerusalem
- Municipality Rishon LeZion
- Municipality Tel Aviv-Yafo
- No Limits Dance Workshops Berlin e.V.
- Protestant Youth in Germany
- Sozialistische Jugend Deutschlands Die Falken
- Tzofim Israeli Scout Movement
- VCP | Verband Christlicher Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder
- Zedakah e.V.

Lodging and Congress Venues

Lodging

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Congress Venues

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