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**Living Diversity in Germany and Israel –
Expanding Narratives in German-Israeli Youth
Exchange: Your Story Moves!**

**German-Israeli Conference
on Youth Encounters in Migration Societies**

*Closing event of the project “Living Diversity in Germany and Israel
– Challenges and Perspectives for Education and Youth Exchange”*

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“The challenge is to become one shared society that enables every immigration group to keep their own traditions and culture, and maybe not be a melting pot but rather a great big meal with a lot of dishes – sweet and not sweet and bitter and spicy ...”

*Daniel Gal,
participant of ‘Your Story Moves!’ from Israel*

Introduction

Young people in Germany and Israel have diverse cultural, religious and national identities. Their story is often shaped by personal or family experience of migration. The German-Israeli youth exchange wishes to make these stories productively visible. The aim is to convey the biographies of young people as an important educational tool in the bilateral cooperation.

A series of exchange programs with the title **“Your Story Moves! – Encounters of Young People in Migration Societies”** was created in 2018 in order to deepen the professional discourse in the frame of the project “Living Diversity in Germany and Israel”. The inclusion of young people with migration stories made it possible in three different cooperation programs to bring new voices and previously barely visible narratives in the youth exchange. Which concepts and formats are suitable for involving young people with migration stories in the German-Israeli Youth Exchange? What should be considered in the preparation, implementation and follow-up of successful programs with this focus? Which examples of good practice does the broad landscape of experts in this area offer? ConAct and the Israel Youth Exchange Authority invite you to address these and further questions together!

This year marks also the completion of the project **“Living Diversity in Germany and Israel – Challenges and Perspectives for Education and Youth Exchange”**, which was funded from 2015 to 2019 as part of the federal program “Live Democracy!”. It is now time to reflect on what has been achieved so far and to transmit the gained experience from the joint educational work of the past four years as an impetus for action in the future. Which insights of diversity education could participants win in both countries? What has inspired us over the past four years and what topics do we want to develop further in the future of German-Israeli exchange programs?

We cordially invite interested partners from Germany and Israel, coordinators and group leaders of German-Israeli exchange programs as well as specialists of youth services and educational work to participate!

Program

Tuesday, November 26, 2016

11:30 am Arrival and registration

12:30 pm Lunch

2:00 pm **Welcome & Getting to Know**

Christine Mähler

ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange

2:30 pm **Living Diversity in Germany and Israel
Goals Achieved – Lessons Learned – Vision for the Future
Throwback to the Project: 2015–2019**

Plenum session

Ilira Aliai

ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange

Falko Kliewe

ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange

3:00 pm **Opening Words**

Michael Tetzlaff

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

Yaki Lopez

Embassy of the State of Israel in Germany

3:30 pm

**Israel and Germany as Migration Societies –
Current Discourses in Society and Education**

Plenum session

Prof. Dr. Linda Juang
University of Potsdam

Dr. Uki Maroshek-Klarman
Author of “Betzavta”,
The Adam Institute for Democracy and Peace Jerusalem

5:00 pm

Coffee break

5:30 pm

**Strengthening Diversity in Migration Societies – Insights from
Theory and Practice of Diversity-conscious Education**

Bilateral workshops with experts in the field of education and
youth exchange

1. Dealing with History in Migration Societies

Elke Gryglewski
House of the Wannsee Conference Berlin

Noha Khatib
Center for Humanistic Education – Ghetto Fighters House
Museum

2. Dealing with Racism in Migration Societies

Žaklina Mamutovič
Anti-Bias Network

Eli Nechama
Bialik Rogozin School Tel Aviv

3. Strengthening Democratic Competences in Migration Societies

Susanne Ulrich

CAP Institute for Applied Policy Research
at Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Saber Rabi

The Adam Institute for Democracy and Peace

4. Dealing with Antisemitism in Migration Societies

Lena Reichstetter

Anne Frank Educational Center Frankfurt/Main

Larina Kleinitz

Multicultural Forum Lünen

7:30 pm Dinner

8:30 pm Optional evening program

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

9:00 am **“Your Story Moves
– Encounters of Young People in Migration Societies”
Presentation of Three Exchange Projects & Publication**

Plenum session with project coordinators and partner organizations:

- ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange
- Multicultural Forum Lünen
- Hebrew Scouts
- Arab-Jewish Community Center Tel Aviv-Yafo

- Dialog at School Berlin
- Federation of Alevi Youth in Germany
- Bar-Ilan University Israel

11:00 am Coffee break

11:30 am **“Your Story Moves” – Our Participants Say ...**

Plenum session – fishbowl with participants of the exchange projects

1:00 pm Lunch break

3:00 pm **Diversity and Identity in Migration Societies – Good Practice Examples in German-Israeli Exchange Programs**

Bilateral workshops with experts in the field of education and youth exchange

***1. Your Story Moves
Encounters of Young People in Migration Societies***

Falko Kliewe

ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange

Ilira Aliai

ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange

2. Post-Soviet Identities in Germany and Israel

Ute Handwerg

Federal Association of Theater and Play Berlin

Eyal Ezri

Municipality of Jerusalem

3. Work Group “Remember”
– Students from Berlin-Moabit in Israel

Guy Band
Beit Ben Yehuda

Sabeth Schmidthals
Comprehensive School Theodor Heuss Berlin

4. Cultural Integration in the German and Israeli Society

Tanja Berg
Educator in Berlin

4:30 pm Coffee break

5:00 pm **Towards a Diversity-conscious Future in Germany and Israel**

Plenum session with experts from politics, intercultural education and youth exchange

Prof. Dr. Doron Kiesel
Education Department
of the Central Council of Jews in Germany

Keren Pardo
Israel Volunteer Association

Ron Zohar
Hebrew Scouts

Prof. Dr. Lars Castelluci
Member of the German Parliament

Deniz Greschner
Osnabrück University

Moderation:
Jutta Weduwen
Action Reconciliation Service for Peace

- 6:30 pm Closure of the conference
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm Going out for glogg at the Christmas market (optional)

Thursday, November 28, 2019

- 7:00 am Check-out and departure/flight to Israel

Appendix

Contributors

Ilira Aliai works as an educational coordinator of the project “Living Diversity in Germany and Israel – Challenges and Perspectives for Education and Youth Exchange” at ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange since 2016. She completed graduate studies in German Language and Literature and Cultural Management in Athens and Berlin. She has been active in the fields of civic education and international youth work for many years. Among others she has received scholarships from the German Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) and the Robert Bosch Foundation. Her work focuses on diversity-conscious education in heterogeneous societies, as well as human encounters as a tool against discrimination and xenophobia.

Adi Ben Simhon works in the Scout movement since the beginning of 2016. Her first role in the movement was as an instructor of new immigrants from Europe. Right after she was promoted to the leadership team, in the line of duty she worked one year in the North of Israel and then two more years in the area of South Tel Aviv. In the North she managed the field of integration of children with special needs into the Scout movement and in Tel Aviv she managed the function of all 9 Scout tribes in the area of South Tel Aviv. Nowadays she is working at the headquarters of the Scout movement as a head of HR in the Southern area of Israel. Adi works in the educational field since 2005. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Special Education and Integration of Arts in Education. Currently she is studying to earn her master’s degree in Sociology at Ben Gurion University.

Chen Blatensky has been working in the Arab-Jewish Community Center for three years. Her first job in the center was related to advertising, marketing and managing of delegations. In April 2019 Chen became vice president of the center. The center deals with multicultural life and trying to make community activities more accessible for Yafo’s residents in general and particularly for the Agmi neighborhood population. Beforehand Chen worked for various political campaigns with two members of Knesset, Stav Shapir and Kseniya Svetlova from Avoda and Hamahane Hatziony. She worked as a research assistant in IDC

Herzliya in the field of social psychology especially in researches that explore the conflicts between groups, she was also a teaching assistant at the Faculty of Governance, Diplomacy and Psychology. In addition, Chen worked in the National Student Union in the policy promotions department. Chen holds a bachelor's degree in Governance, Diplomacy and Strategy and she completed her master's degree in Social Psychology.

Prof. Dr. Lars Castellucci is a member of the German parliament since 2013. He serves as Spokesman for migration and integration of the parliamentary group of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), Deputy Domestic Spokesman of the SPD parliamentary group and Commissioner for Churches and Religious Communities of the SPD parliamentary group. In 2000 he graduated with a master's degree in Political Science, Middle and Modern History, and Public Law at the Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg. In 2008 he earned his PhD at the Technical University Darmstadt. Since April 2013 he is Professor of Sustainable Management, in particular integration and diversity management at the University of Applied Sciences for Management (HdWM) in Mannheim.

Özge Erdoğan holds a Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences and currently studies to earn her master's degree in the same field. She has been the honorary Federal Chairwoman of the Federation of Alevi Youth in Germany (BDAJ) since 2017 and is also active in ongoing cooperation projects such as "Tacheles! Clear Edge against Extremism" and "The Children's Summit – We Make the Policy of Tomorrow!", but also responsible for international matters. She also works in the BDAJ as an educational officer for violence prevention and provides trainings for volunteers of the BDAJ in this context.

Dr. Elke Gryglewski was born 1965 and is a political scientist. She did her doctoral dissertation on approaches of Berlin youths of Arab-Palestinian and Turkish backgrounds to the history of National Socialism and the Shoah. Since 1995 she is an academic pedagogical staff member at the House of the Wannsee Conference Memorial and Educational Site. She designs and organizes seminars on different topics in context of the history of the persecution and murder of the European Jews and the exposure to Nazi crimes after 1945. She regularly organizes German-Israeli exchange projects in the field of commemoration within a diverse society. Expertin in consultations to establish a Colonia Dignidad Memorial Site.

Ariella Gill was born 1963 and studied at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa. Since 1995 she is project director of the Israel Youth Exchange Authority. Ariella Gill is a member of the mixed commissions of bilateral work between the authorized representatives of the state of Israel and foreign countries in the field of youth exchange. Furthermore, she is supporting and guiding the Israeli organizations in implementing youth exchange projects.

Deniz Greschner works for Osnabrück University at the Institute for Islamic Theology as a researcher and PhD fellow since October 2018. She is a member of the post doc research group "Social Work in Migration Societies". Furthermore she holds lectures at the Dortmund University of Applied Sciences on topics such as "Processes of Radicalization and Structures of Prevention" and "Anti-racist Social Work". Before she worked for almost eight years for the NGO Multicultural Forum as a project coordinator and project developer. In the last four years she founded a bureau in Dortmund for this NGO and developed a new working field: projects against racism, anti-Semitism and youth exchange. Deniz Greschner also coordinated in cooperation with ConAct a youth exchange within the project "Living Diversity in Germany and Israel – Challenges and Perspectives for Education and Youth Exchange". Deniz Greschner is still advising the Multicultural Forum. She holds a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from Dokuz Eylül University in Izmir and a Master of Arts in European Culture and Economy from Ruhr University Bochum.

Prof. Dr. Linda Juang is a Professor in the Department of Inclusive Education at the University of Potsdam. She received her PhD in Developmental Psychology. She studies how experiences of immigration relate to adolescents' development and adjustment in school, family, and community. Using a mix of methodologies and theoretical frameworks that address both risk and resilience, her work focuses on issues of cultural identity, acculturation, and adolescent well-being. Her research projects have been funded by the German Research Foundation, Humboldt Foundation, and the U.S. National Institute of Health.

Noha Khatib is director of the Center for Humanistic Education in The Ghetto Fighters' House (Beit Lohamei Hagetaot). She is an experienced educator; in 1998 she was s part of the group that developed the bilingual education in

Israel and together with organization Yad Beyad they established first bilingual school. First she worked there as a teacher but later she established and managed the next bilingual school in the village Kera. Those two schools became a part of six shared educational frameworks that exist in Israel. Afterward Noha worked at the Department of Civic Education and Common Life in the Ministry of Education. She was in charge of the development and supervision of all organizations that create collaborative projects for children from different cultural backgrounds. Noha moderates the conflict groups and female empowerment; she develops and leads the multicultural projects that bring different communities in conflict together. Today she manages and leads the Center for Humanistic Education, which develops Arab, Jewish and other groups in the society with an aim to learn from the Holocaust events with the focus on shared life and citizenship in Israel. Noha holds a bachelor's degree in Education and Hebrew Language Studies and graduated in an educational system administrator course at Oranim College. She earned a master's degree in organizational consulting for educational and business organizations.

Prof. Dr. Doron Kiesel was born in Israel. At the age of 10 he moved to Germany with his family. After finishing high school he returned to Israel, served in the army and began to study at the University of Jerusalem. He continued to study Educational and Social sciences at the universities of Jerusalem, Frankfurt am Main and Heidelberg. In 1998 he became Professor for Cross-cultural and International Education at the University of Applied Sciences in Erfurt, Germany. Since 2016 he is Scientific Director at the Education Department of the Central Council of Jews in Germany. Prof. Kiesel has published numerous articles in the field of Intercultural education in migration societies and about the Jewish community in Germany.

Falko Kliewe has worked for ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange as a project coordinator since 2014. For four years he has been coordinating the project 'Living Diversity in Germany and Israel – Challenges and Perspectives for Education and Youth Exchange' which deals with diversity-conscious education in multicultural societies. Before he joined ConAct, Mr. Kliewe gained experience in various fields and institutions, among them the Heinrich Boell Foundation, the Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Racism at Tel Aviv University and the Network for Democracy and Courage where he facilitated workshops on

several forms of group-focused enmity. Falko Kliewe holds an associate degree as a Management Assistant in Publishing, a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Communication and a master's degree in Public Communication.

David Krausz was born in the UK and immigrated to Israel as a child. He graduated in Political Science and Communication at Bar-Ilan University and is currently in process of a PhD research, focusing on youth participation in the Israeli society. He served as Executive Director of the Israel Youth Exchange Council (1999–2006), National Coordinator of the Euro Mediterranean Youth Program (2000–2006) and Advisor to the Ministry of Education and the Israel Youth Exchange Authority for the Euro Med Youth Program (2006–2016). Since 2006, he is the Head of Administration of External Relations at Bar-Ilan University.

Christine Mähler is the Director of ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange, the German federal office guiding the national youth exchange program between Germany and Israel. Christine Mähler is a psychologist and mediator. She has done qualitative research on the impact of the Holocaust on members of the second generation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Germany and Israel. Before founding ConAct she was an educational coordinator at the NGO Action Reconciliation Service for Peace and at the memorial site of Sachsenhausen. Christine Mähler has been involved in German-Israeli encounters for thirty years. For quite a number of years she was chairwoman of the Young Forum of the German-Israeli Society and member of the executive board of the German-Israeli Friendship Association. She lived and studied in Israel for two years.

Žaklina Mamutovič is a social educator, anti-bias, Betzavta and diversity trainer. She earned a master's degree in Social Work as a Profession of Human Rights in 2011. She works both with children in primary school as well as with adults from different working and living areas. Her activities are implemented not only in institutions but also in self-organized political groups.

Dr. Uki Maroshek-Klarman is the Academic Director of the Adam Institute for Democracy and peace and one of its founder. She has developed numerous programs on Democracy, Civic and Peace education, which have been published in books, manuals and articles. The publications are part theoretical,

part practical based on her unique method – the ‘Betzavta Method’, both engaging and challenging. Through hands-on activities, games and small group discussions, the method encourages participants to reframe external conflicts as internal dilemmas, providing all sides with an incentive to look beyond all-or nothing situations, and to generate solutions that benefit everyone. Her Betzavta Method was internationally adapted since 1996, in Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, England, Ireland, Holland, Romania, Poland and other countries in Europe. For the past 20 years Dr. Maroshek-Klarman has been conducting in Germany “Train the Trainers” seminars in the Betzavta Method. Most of publications have been published in Hebrew and Arabic, and some were translated into English, German, Polish and Russian. On September 2019 the Adam Institute together with the Center for Applied Policy Research (CAP) at the University of Munich received the Shimon Peres Prize for its joint project “More Than One Democracy”.

Eli Nechama is the director of the boarding school ‘Beit Ayeled’ since September 2019. Between 2011 and 2019 Eli was the director of the ‘Bialik Rogozin School’, a unique school for migrant workers, asylum seekers and refugee children who come from 51 different countries and belong to all faiths. Between 2003 and 2010 he was principal of ‘A.D. Gordon School’ in Tel Aviv, one of the most prestigious and unique schools in Israel. The school is specialized in the integration of students with vision problems and the blind. The film made about the Bialik Rogozin School by HBO, ‘Strangers No More’, won the Oscar for the best short documentary in 2011. In the same year the school was awarded the National Prize for Education by the Ministry of Education. Eli Nechama has led the school to impressive achievements and has been chosen by the Time Out Magazine as one of the hundred most influential people in the City of Tel Aviv for the year 2015.

Keren Pardo was born in 1978 in Tel Aviv, Israel. She lived in Berlin from 2001 till 2010 and graduated with a diploma in Social Work/Social Pedagogy at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin. During and after her studies in Berlin she organized and facilitated different German-Israeli projects. Between 2010 and 2013 she coordinated the new German-Israeli volunteer program “Kom-Mit-Nadev” at the Council of Youth Movements in Ramat Efal, Israel. Keren works currently for the Israeli Volunteer Association.

Lena Reichstetter is a member of the education team at Anne Frank Educational Center and coordinates the project “Antisemitism and Racism in a Post-migrant Society”. She holds a master’s degree in Gender, Globalization, and Rights as well as a degree in Political Sciences and Judaism from National University of Ireland Galway and Free University Berlin. Prior to her employment at Anne Frank Educational Center, she was working and researching issues such as intersectional, feminist education, women's empowerment and the importance of addressing anti-Semitism through adult education.

Katharina Schubert has been with ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange since 2014. She was initially responsible for public relations and later worked as an educational coordinator for the project “Living Diversity in Germany and Israel”. She previously worked in exhibitions, public relations, and event management at the Foundation New Synagogue Berlin – Centrum Judaicum, at the Buchenwald Memorial, and the Memorial Museum in the “Runde Ecke” in Leipzig. Katharina Schubert is a historian and specialist in Jewish Studies with a focus on memory cultures and identity issues in Germany, Israel and the USA. She also volunteered with Action Reconciliation Service for Peace in Jerusalem for a year and a half.

Susanne Ulrich was born 1961 in Düsseldorf. She studied Science of Administration (including Politics, Law, Economy, History and Sociology) at the University of Konstanz. Since 1995, she has been employed at the Center for Applied Policy Research (C.A.P) at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. She was responsible for the project Education for Democracy and Tolerance. Together with colleagues she worked out a concept and a definition of tolerance. She also developed and adapted special programs for teaching democracy and tolerance. Susanne Ulrich works with different target groups, for example with teachers, students, administrators and police officers. In July 2003, Susanne Ulrich became the director of the Academy Leadership & Competence at the Center for Applied Policy Research. She also developed the concept of ‘Participatory Evaluation’ together with Florian Wenzel. She consulted and evaluated a number of programs, institutions and projects since then.

Jutta Weduwen is Managing Director of Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ASF). She studied Sociology in Hamburg, Jerusalem and Berlin. After working for four years in the Heinrich Boell Foundation in the Middle East department in project control, she joined ASF in 2001. She initially worked as a consultant for Israel, then headed the project area 'interculturality' and in 2012 became managing director. She is a member of the spokes council of the Federal Committee Church and Right-Wing Extremism, on the board of Xenion (psychosocial aid for the politically persecuted) and in the Ecumenical Preparatory Committee of the Intercultural Week. Her work focuses on: history and narratives in the migration society, Israel, anti-Semitism and racism, international voluntary services. She has two grown children and lives in Berlin.

Ron Zohar, a lecturer and consultant in the fields of education and the Israeli society, runs leadership groups and workshops, for youth in exclusion and their educational teams and guides educational teams that are working in the social and geographical periphery. Previously, Ron managed the Immigrant and Periphery Department of the Scouts Youth Movement for four years. In his role, he was responsible for integrating into the Scouts, immigrants across the country and youth from the social and geographical periphery of the State of Israel. In addition, Ron was responsible for training all the employees, with the tools of cultural competence, the common good and living together, for making greater adjustments and openness for diversity in the Scouts. Prior to his work in the Scouts, Ron ran the boarding school in Yamin Orad Youth Village for about three years. Yamin Orad is an educational youth village for at-risk youth, with about 400 youth and teenagers, most of them new immigrants from Ethiopia, the former USSR, France and Brazil. Before he managed the Jerusalem District of the Scout Movement, where he was responsible for 22 branches and about 5,000 participants. In his role, Ron was responsible for building and leading a multi-year strategic plan, work plan and educational programs, recruitment, training and guidance of the educational teams, policy and budget management. The Jerusalem District of the Scout Movement was characterized by a wide range diverse groups. Ron studied Undergraduate Education at the Hebrew University and joined the youth leadership program at the Mandel Institute of Education.

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Inviting organizations of the project

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The Israel Youth Exchange Authority (formerly Israel Youth Exchange Council) is the coordinating office of International Youth Relations in Israel and the respective partner organization of ConAct. It works on behalf of the Israeli Ministry of Education and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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