

# Plan Together – Experience Exchange!

## German-Israeli Conference Presenting the New Practical Guidebook for Youth Exchange

November 27–29, 2018  
Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany

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Youth associations and youth education experts have been planning German-Israeli encounter programs for more than 60 years. Numerous projects and partnerships for exchange exist for decades and they are maintained by the same or by various group leaders. Good practice is passed on, however, time and again questions emerge in the process of planning the program which to answer is challenging not only for newcomers. How do we find the proper partner organization for an exchange project? Which thematic priority do we want to set and how do we organize a meaningful program appropriate for young people? How do we acquire participants and which young people do we want to reach out to? What role does history play and how do we connect it in a reasonable way with today's societies? How much fun is needed and which project do we want to develop jointly? Which educational methods can we use and how do we take into account young people's increasing diversity of individual and cultural identities? How will we finance the whole project? And after all, how do we communicate those issues with our German/Israeli partner?

The new **practical guidebook for German-Israeli youth exchange *Plan Together – Experience Exchange!*** offers answers and varied suggestions for a diversity-conscious, meaningful and lively organization of German-Israeli exchange programs.

**Now we are going to present it – you are cordially invited!**

The conference addresses group leaders and coordinators of German-Israeli exchange programs in Germany and Israel. Specialists of youth services and educational work are warmly welcomed as well if they are interested in launching encounter programs with Israel or Germany respectively.



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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

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- 2:00 pm      **Opening of the conference**
- Christine Mähler  
ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange
- Caren Marks  
Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry for  
Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
- Rogel Rachman  
Head of Public Relations, Embassy of the State of Israel in Germany
- Naftali Dery  
Advisory Board of the Israel Youth Exchange Authority,  
Managing Director of the Council of Youth Movements in Israel
- 2:30 pm      **Spotlights on German-Israeli Youth Exchange Projects**  
**Getting to know**
- 4:00 pm      Coffee break
- 4:30 pm      **Youth in Israel**  
**Research findings – insights – prospects**  
Lecture and plenum discussion
- We Don't Need Another Hero:  
Heroes and Role Models in Germany and Israel.***
- Dr. Yaron Girsh  
David Yellin Academic College of Education  
Mandel Leadership Program
- 7:00 pm      Dinner

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## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018

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- 9:00 am      **Plan Together – Experience Exchange!**  
*Presentation of the practical guidebook for German-Israeli youth exchange*
- Input and plenum discussion
- Jonas Hahn  
ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange,  
and the bilateral working group
- Ilira Aliai  
ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange,  
and the team of “Living Diversity in Germany and Israel”
- Presentation of the work groups
- 10:30 am      Coffee break
- 11:00 pm      **Theory – Practice – Practical Guidebook**  
*Exchange of experiences on practice and on possible uses of the new  
guidebook*
- Workshops
- 1. Preparation and planning process of (youth) exchange**  
Christin Wunderlich, ConAct  
Ariella Gill, Israel Youth Exchange Authority
- 2. Planning the content of exchange programs**  
Jonas Hahn, ConAct
- 3. Dealing with dynamics of German-Israeli exchange**  
Christine Mähler, ConAct  
Shlomit Ronen, Council of Youth Movements in Israel
- 4. Public relations – social media – documentation**  
Rebecca Görmann, ConAct
- 5. Reflection – evaluation – follow-up**  
Tanja Berg, Educator, Berlin (requested)  
Yonit Stern, Municipality of Tel Aviv (requested)
- 1:00 pm      Lunch break

3:00 pm **Living Diversity in German-Israeli Youth Exchange**  
*Educational methods for diversity-conscious encounters in German-Israeli exchange projects*

Workshops

**1. Getting to know & language animation**

Christin Wunderlich, ConAct  
Rinat Avigur, Educator, Berlin

**2. Identity & biography**

Ilira Aliai, ConAct  
Ron Zohar, Israeli Scouts

**3. Dealing with history**

Christine Mähler, ConAct  
Merav Levy, Municipality of Jerusalem, International Exchange Division

**4. Discrimination & exclusion**

Falko Kliewe, ConAct  
Maria Radinski, Brit Olam – International Volunteering & Development

**5. Empowerment & participation**

Katharina Schubert, ConAct  
Galit Fine, Hashomer Hatzair

6:00 pm Dinner

7:30 pm **Back to the Fatherland**

Movie night and plenum discussion

BACK TO THE FATHERLAND is the story of young people leaving their home country to try their luck somewhere else. A universal tale in today's globalized world, weren't these young women and men moving from Israel to the countries where their families were persecuted and killed less than a century ago, Germany and Austria.

Gil Levanon  
Director, Israel

Kath Rohrer  
Director, Austria

**Reflecting the presence of the past and educational impacts of the film**

Dr. Nili Keren  
Kibbuzim College of Education, Israel

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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018

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- 9:00 am      **Youth in Germany**  
*Research findings – insights – prospects*  
Lecture and plenum discussion  
  
***Where does the youth pulse beat?***  
  
Matthias Rohrer  
jugendkulturforschund.de – Jugendkulturforschung und  
Kulturvermittlung e.V.
- 10:30 am      **Flashlight: Presentation of ConAct's work material for German-Israeli  
exchange programs**
- 11:00 am      Coffee break
- 11:30 am      **We Don't Forget, We Go Dancing**  
*German-Israeli exchange writes stories*  
  
Presentation of short stories from the story collection at  
**[www.dont-forget-dance.com](http://www.dont-forget-dance.com)**  
  
Jana Prestrich  
Participant of a youth exchange program  
  
Rinat Avigur  
Coordinator of German-Israeli encounters and volunteer services  
  
Ella Thiäner  
Participant of a youth exchange program  
  
Moderation:  
  
Norbert Kron  
Journalist and Author, Berlin
- 12:30 pm      Closure session
- 1:00 pm      Lunch and end of the conference

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## INFORMATION

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### Conference venue and lodging

Luther Hotel Wittenberg

Neustraße 7–10

06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg

<https://www.luther-hotel-wittenberg.de>

### Language

Simultaneous translation (German/Hebrew) will be provided in plenum sessions. All the workshops will be held in English.

### Conditions for participation

The conference addresses professionals and group leaders of exchange projects in Germany and Israel.

German participants pay a participation fee of €80.00 and get their travel costs reimbursed within Germany after handing in the original train tickets (Deutsche Bahn, 2. class).

**Please note:** Different regulations apply for public servants. Since it is not possible to finance participation for public employees from KJP funds, the reduced participation fee of € 30 applies to them. Costs for overnight stay, breakfast and travelling have to be paid by the participants or their employer. The accommodation will be booked by ConAct. Final payment follows after the conference. We are happy to help for further inquiries in this regard.

Public servants are persons who are employed at municipalities, districts, federal states or the federal government and who accompany the German-Israeli youth and professional exchange within their employment status. Persons who volunteer for these public institutions are exempt from the scheme, as well as public employees who perform the exchange as part of a voluntary activity.

Israeli participants receive flight cost subsidies of €280.00. The flight will be reserved by the inviting organizations.

Lodging, conference program and cultural program is included.

### Application

For the application, please sign up online.

Participants from Germany, please sign up at: [www.conact-org.de/fachtagung](http://www.conact-org.de/fachtagung)

Participants from Israel, please sign up at: [www.conact-org.de/conference](http://www.conact-org.de/conference)

**Please note:** The sign-up is the first step for application. Since the number of participants is limited, you will receive a confirmation for participation later.



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**For further information please contact the inviting organizations in Israel or Germany**

For Israeli participants

Israel Youth Exchange Authority

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For German participants

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[www.ConAct-org.de](http://www.ConAct-org.de)

### Conference lead

- Christine Mähler, ConAct
- Ariella Gill, Israel Youth Exchange Authority (IYEA)

### Inviting organizations of the project

**ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange** works on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, supported by the federal states of Saxony-Anhalt and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. ConAct administers the funding of German-Israeli youth exchange, supports and qualifies German-Israeli exchange partnerships and advances German-Israeli youth contacts. ConAct is formally connected to the Protestant Academy of Saxony-Anhalt in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, yet as a state institution it is not being connected to any religion. Thanks to the invitation of Lutherstadt Wittenberg, the office of ConAct is located in the historical city hall.

**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 is working in cooperation with the Israeli Ministry of Education and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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