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The Shoah and Jewish Identity
Challenges in Jewish Education
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Monday, December 26, 2016
Opening Ceremony

Tuesday, December 27, 2016
Jewish Identity During the Shoah
Learning Day

Wednesday, December 28, 2016
Teaching the Shoah in Formal and Informal Jewish Education
Pedagogical Day

Thursday, December 29, 2016
The Shoah in Contemporary Jewish Identity
Contemporary Issues Day
12:00-16:00

Optional Guided Tours of the Yad Vashem Campus
in English, French, Spanish and Russian

Holocaust History Museum
Museum of Holocaust Art
Learning Center
Visual Center

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December 26, 5777, Kislev
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15:30  Buses will leave from the hotels to Yad Vashem

16:00-17:00  Light Meal  Lobby, Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall

17:00-18:30  Opening Ceremony  Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall

M.C. Ephraim Kaye

Opening Remarks  Dorit Novak, Director General, Yad Vashem

Dorit Golender, Vice President, Community Relations, Genesis Philanthropy Group

Candle Lighting  Third Night of Hanukah with Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau

Opening Presentation  Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, Chairman, Yad Vashem Council

Musical Performance  A cappella vocals by Kippalive

18:40  Buses will take participants from Yad Vashem to hotels
Jewish Identity During the Shoah

December 27, 2016

08:00-09:00 Meeting with the FSU group of educators: Masha Pollak-Rosenberg, Director, Educational Guiding Unit, International School for Holocaust Studies. Greetings from Natalie Shnaiderman, Director of Global Grantmaking, Genesis Philanthropy Group

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09:00-12:30 Plenary Session Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall

M.C. Ephraim Kaye

Opening Remarks Dr. Eyal Kaminka, Lily Safra Chair of Holocaust Education; Director, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

09:10-09:30 Challenges of Preserving the Memory of the Shoah in the Jewish World Avner Shalev, Chairman, Yad Vashem Directorate

09:30-10:00 Jewish Identity: Challenges in the Diaspora Naftali Bennett, Minister of Education and of Diaspora Affairs of the State of Israel

10:00-10:45 What was Jewish Identity during the Shoah? Prof. Yehuda Bauer, Academic Advisor, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-11:50 The Shoah, Jewish Identity and the Yad Vashem Archives: Unearthing the Story Dr. Haim Gertner, Director, Archives Division, Yad Vashem; Fred Hillman Chair of Holocaust Documentation

11:50-12:30 Challenges of Jewish Identity in the Lublin Area During the Nazi Occupation Dr. David Silberklang, Senior Historian, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem; Editor-in-Chief, Yad Vashem Studies
### Session I

7 simultaneous presentations in different languages

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17:00-17:30  **Coffee Break**

17:30-18:30  **Closing Session  Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall**

- **M.C. Ephraim Kaye**
- **Candle Lighting** Fourth Night of Hanukah with **Yehuda Mansbach**, Grandson of Rabbi Akiva and Rachel Posner from Kiel, Germany
- **Presentation** **The Legacy of Elie Wiesel**
  Dr. Avraham (Alan) Rosen, Elie Wiesel’s Student and Friend
- **Musical Performance** **The Ramat Gan Municipality Children’s Harmonica Orchestra**, conducted by **Keren Olsher**
  **Alexander Reiss**, Musical Director

18:40  Buses will take participants from Yad Vashem to hotels
Teaching the Shoah in Formal and Informal Jewish Education

December 28, 2016

08:15  Buses will leave from the hotels to Yad Vashem

09:00-10:30  **Plenary Session**  *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

**M.C. Ephraim Kaye**

*Identity Capital in the 21st Century*

*Dr. Eyal Kaminka*, Lily Safra Chair of Holocaust Education; Director, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

*Jewish Identity During and After the Shoah*

*Shulamit Imber*, Pedagogical Director, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem; Fred Hillman Chair in Memory of Janusz Korczak

10:30-11:00  Coffee Break

11:00-13:00  **Pedagogical Workshops for Elementary and Middle School**

**Tommy** (Early Elementary), *I Wanted to Fly like a Butterfly* (Elementary), *Martha* (Elementary), *Circles* (Middle School), *Through Our Eyes* (Middle School), *Outcast* (Middle School), *Stolen Childhood* (Middle School)

**Room 214**  Shlomit Steiner, Yad Vashem (English)

**Room 304**  Eliana Rapp-Badichi, Yad Vashem (Spanish)

**Room 207**  Arièle Nahmias, Yad Vashem (French)

**Room 208**  Binyamin Charvit, Yad Vashem (French)

**Room 209**  Учебные пособия Международной школы изучения Холокоста (“Тропою памяти”, “Транспорт”, “Детские мечты”) – Ноа Сигаль, Анна Риненберг, Яд Вашем
## Pedagogical Workshops for High School

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13:00-13:45  Lunch Break

14:00-14:30  **Plenary Session  Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall**

Some Thoughts on the Shoah and Jewish Identity  
**Prof. Steven Katz,** Slater Professor of Jewish and Holocaust Studies, Boston University

14:45-16:00  **Workshops**

*Room 209  English*

Shoah Films and Jewish Identity: Classroom Suggestions  
**Rich Brownstein,** Israel

*Room 210  English*

Using Technology: Unique Programs in the Jewish World to Ensure the Memory of the Shoah  
**Michael Voskoboynik,** Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, IN, USA

*Room 211  English*

The Impact of Elie Wiesel on Shoah Education  
**Dr. Avraham (Alan) Rosen,** Israel

*Room 302  French*

Art as Resistance in the Shoah  
**Eliad Moreh-Rosenberg,** Yad Vashem

*Room 303  Russian*

Особенности Холокоста на территориях Советского Союза  
проф. Илья Альтман, основатель и сопредседатель Российского научно-просветительного центра «Холокост»

*Room 301  English with Spanish translation*

The Music of the Jewish People in the Shoah: Jewish Identity and Self-Affirmation  
**Tamar Machado-Recanati,** Israel
16:00-16:30  Coffee Break

16:30-17:45  **Roundtable Discussions**  
Moderated by Yad Vashem staff

*Ten roundtables in English will be in rooms 209, 210, 211, 212 and 213.*  
*Three roundtables in French will be in room 303.*  
*Three roundtables in Spanish will be in room 302.*

The discussions will focus on the following questions:

1. How can teaching about the Shoah add additional layers of meaning to our Jewish identity?
2. How do you integrate the Shoah into your curriculum? In which classes do you teach the Shoah?
3. What do you feel is lacking in your approach to teaching the Shoah?

Посещение учебного центра “Размышления о прошлом и будущем” и Художественного музея Яд Вашем – Ноа Сигаль, Маша Полак-Розенберг, Яд Вашем

18:00-19:00  **Closing Session**  *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

M.C. Ephraim Kaye

Candle Lighting  Fifth Night of Hanukah with Capt. Daniel Colthof (Res.), IDF Deputy Chief Cantor

Presentation  **Testimony of Rev. Chris Edmonds**  
Son of MSgt. Roddie Edmonds, an American soldier recently recognized by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations for saving American Jewish soldiers in a POW camp in Germany in January 1945

19:15  Buses will take participants from Yad Vashem to hotels
08:00 Buses will leave from the hotels to Yad Vashem

08:30-10:30 **Plenary Session**  *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

M.C. Ephraim Kaye

08:30-9:00 **Being Jewish in a Troubled World**
Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, UK
Filmed specially for this conference

9:00-9:45 **Jewish Demographic Trends in the 21st Century**
Prof. Sergio Della Pergola, Hebrew University, Israel

9:45-10:30 **Combating Antisemitism and the BDS Movement**
The Honorable Irwin Cotler, PC, OC, Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 **Panel Session**  *Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall*

How the Shoah Shapes Contemporary Jewish Identity

Moderator: Ephraim Kaye

Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Vice Chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, USA

Patrick Petit-Ohayon, Director of Education, Fonds Social Juif Unifié, France

Rabbi Marcelo Polakoff, Latin-American Jewish Congress, Argentina

Rabbi Boruch Gorin, Chairman of the Board, Jewish Museum and Center of Tolerance, Russia

Vic Alhadeff, CEO, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, Australia
12:30-13:30  Lunch Break

13:30-14:45  **Five Simultaneous Panel Discussions**

In English with simultaneous translation into Spanish, French and Russian

**Room 213**  PANEL 1: The Educational Impact of Trips to Poland and Other Memorial Sites in Eastern Europe

Moderator: **Orit Margaliot**

*Sue Hampel*, Co-president, Jewish Holocaust Centre in Melbourne, **Australia**

*Nili Amit*, Museum of the History of the Jewish People in Warsaw, **Poland**

*Alejandra Tolcachier*, March of the Living, **Argentina**

*Rabbi Naftali Schiff*, JRoots, **UK**

*Isaac Touitou*, Principal of ORT Daniel Mayer, **France**

*Michel Benoilid*, Principal of ORT Strasbourg, **France**

*Pierre-Jérôme Biscarat*, Director of Pedagogy, Yahad In Unum, **France**

*Alex Danzyg*, Yad Vashem

**Room 301**  PANEL 2: Coping with the New Antisemitism: The Challenge for Educators (English only; no translations)

Moderator: **Richelle Budd Caplan**

*Antisemitism Today: Theory and Ways to Confront It*  
*Goals and Objectives of a New Yad Vashem Educational Program*

*Dr. Noa Mkayton* and *Shani Lourie*, Yad Vashem

*Antisemitism Online: Who are the perpetrators? What are they talking about? What can we do about it?*

*Yogev Karasenty*, Director of Combating Antisemitism, Israeli Ministry of Diaspora Affairs
Room 212  PANEL 3: Holocaust Denial, BDS and Anti-Israel Activities on College Campuses: The Challenges
Moderator: Yoni Berrous
Yosef Tarshish, President, World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS), UK/Israel
Ido Daniel, Director, Israeli Students Combating Antisemitism, Israel
Ashley Densham, Co-Founder, Kehilat Kolenu, Australia
Dean Levitan, Campaign Director, Stand Up, Australia
Andrea Nisnevich, Political Assessor in Human Rights and Education, Argentina
Evan Gottesman, Rutgers University, Hillel, USA
Liat Deener-Chodiker, University of Maryland, Hillel, USA

Room 209  PANEL 4: How Do We Teach About Israel, Zionism and the Shoah to Deepen Our Jewish Identity?
Moderator: Shaya Ben Yehuda
Rabbi Dr. David Hertzberg, Yeshivah of Flatbush Middle School, NYC, USA
Avishay Fligelman, Yeshivat Emuna High School, Mexico
Rabbi James Kennard, Mt. Scopus Day School, Australia
David Dishon, Co-founder and Director of Jewish Studies at the Hartman Torani High School for Boys Jerusalem, Israel
Rabbi Joshua Levy, Executive School Consultant, Torah Umesorah, USA
Alexander Engels, Director, Moscow Jewish Heritage History and Holocaust Museum, Russia

Room 303  PANEL 5: How Can Shoah Programming Reinforce Informal Jewish Education?
Moderator: Rabbi Moshe Cohn
Sasha Friedman, Szarvas JDC Camp, Hungary
Mina Pasajlic, Program Director, Szarvas JDC camp, Hungary
Barbara Spectre, Global Ambassador, PAIDIEA, Sweden
Alon Friedman, CEO, Hillel, Israel
Rabbi Nelly Shulman, Member, Steering Committee, Limmud Moscow, Russia
Tamara Donnenfeld, Director of Lifelong Learning, Temple Beth Am, USA
14:45-15:15  Break

15:15-16:30  **Roundtable Discussions**

Moderated by Yad Vashem staff

Ten roundtables in English will be in rooms 209, 210, 211, 212 and 213.

Three roundtables in French will be in room 303.

Three roundtables in Spanish will be in room 302.

Three roundtables in Russian will be in room 301.

The discussions will focus on the following questions:

1. Where do we go from here?

2. What are we taking away from this conference that will enable us to be more effective educators?

3. How can Yad Vashem assist you?

4. How can we help each other?

16:30-17:30  **Light Meal**  Lobby, Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall

17:30-18:30  **Closing Conference Session in Memory of Izzy and Babs Asper**

Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall

M.C.  **Ephraim Kaye**

Remarks  **Shai Abramson**, Consultant, The Asper Foundation, Israel

Candle Lighting  Sixth Night of Hanukah with **Natan Sharansky**

Presentation  **The Jewish People, Israel and the Memory of the Shoah: Reflections**

Natan Sharansky, Chairman, The Jewish Agency for Israel

Musical Performance  **Dudu Fisher**

18:40  Buses will take participants from Yad Vashem to hotels
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