

Plan Together – Experience Exchange!

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

November 27–29, 2018
Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany

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

- 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
- 2:30 pm **Spotlights on German-Israeli Youth Exchange Projects**
Getting to know
- 3:30 pm **Youth in Germany**
Research findings – insights – prospects
- Lecture and plenum discussion
- Dr. Silke Borgstedt
SINUS Institute for Market and Social Research (requested)
- 5:00 pm Coffee break
- 5:30 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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018

- 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
- 3:30 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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018

- 9:00 am **Good Practice in German-Israeli Youth Exchange**
Presentation of 2–3 exchange projects and plenum discussion

Moderation: ConAct
- 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

Jana Prestrich
Participant of a youth exchange program

Rinat Avigur
Coordinator of German-Israeli encounters and volunteer services

Moderation:

Norbert Kron
Journalist and Author, Berlin
- 12:30 pm Closure session
- 1:00 pm Lunch and end of the conference



INFORMATION

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

Participants from Israel, please sign up at: 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.



INFORMATION

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

For Israeli participants

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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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