The President
Jerusalem, March 9, 2015

Message from the President of the State of Israel to Participants of the 5th Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism

It is always significant when important guests from around the world gather in Jerusalem. Even more so, when the purpose of this gathering is to heal an illness which threatens all of humanity. Antisemitism is a bane on the entire world, and threatens not only Jews and their communities, but the fabric of civilization itself. Your dedicated work at the Global Forum to develop means of response is even more appropriate given the challenges of our time.

The blind hatred of antisemitism eventually spreads and encompasses all, be it in the brutal behavior of the street mob or the cyber mob. We face challenges today in Europe and elsewhere that are both age old, but also quite new. Technology has enabled the creation of incredible platforms for good, but also for evil. The mass movement of peoples in recent decades has enabled economic betterment, but also new manifestations of hatred and violence. And then again there is that ancient and unreasoned hatred from the past, which raises its head in the most surprising places; on an evening newscast in a question aimed at the Israeli ambassador – "What have the Jews done to make this happen to them?"

Thank you for your hard work in the coming days. It is more vital now, than almost ever.

With blessings from Jerusalem,

Reuven (Ruvi) Rivlin
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 5th Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism (GFCA), the premier biennial gathering for assessing the state of antisemitism globally and formulating effective forms of societal and governmental response.

The Forum serves as a meeting place for exchange of knowledge and for formulating the work plan for combating antisemitism globally. The GFCA is an active coalition of heads of civil society, public figures, clergy, political leaders, diplomats, journalists, educators and concerned citizens dedicated to the defeat of antisemitism and other forms of racial and ethnic hatred and the advance of tolerance towards the other in public life.

The Global Forum this year will focus on two main themes:

• **The Oldest Hatred in the Newest Vessels: Confronting Antisemitism and Hate Speech on the Internet and in Social Media**

The information highway has proven an unprecedented tool for accessibility to knowledge, and the advance of free expression and global interconnectedness; but it also presents unique challenges to human dignity - in the form of unfiltered cyberhate, both antisemitic and other forms of severe hate speech, delivered ubiquitously to every multimedia device. How can we increase the decency of the web without harming its essential freedom?

• **The Rise of Antisemitism in Europe’s Cities Today: Means of Response**

The summer of 2014 saw an eruption of mass anti-Jewish protests, followed by a series of deadly attacks in major European capitals not seen in decades. Many Jews today feel limited in their freedom to identify openly as Jews, in their manner of dress or political expression. In parts of Europe, Jewish religious practice is under legislative attack, and the return of Jihadi fighters with EU citizenship marks a security crisis, for Jewish communities first and foremost. Why is this happening today in Europe? Is there a structural threat to Jewish life? What steps can be taken by European leadership to defeat the new wave of antisemitism in Europe?

The concluding day of the Global Forum will be devoted to the work of the twelve working groups on preparing and updating of the Action Plan for Combating Antisemitism 2015 and Beyond. The working groups are organized thematically, are open to all the Global Forum participants, and address the many manifestations of antisemitsm around the world.

We would like to thank you for your active participation in the vital work of the Global Forum, and in the focused and ongoing work of the twelve Working Groups.

Yours Sincerely,

Yuval Rotem
Director of Public Diplomacy

Gideon Behar
Conference Chair Director, Department for Combating Antisemitism and for Holocaust Remembrance

Akiva Tor
Head, Bureau of World Jewish Affairs and World Religions

3rd May 2015
14 of Iyar 5775

Dear Participants,

Welcome to Jerusalem for the 5th Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism.

Your participation in this important gathering constitutes a significant contribution to the concerted effort to confront the scourge of antisemitism. Since first held in 2007, key figures from around the world have convened at this Global Forum under the auspices of Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs in order to discuss the threats posed by antisemitism and to formulate effective strategies for fighting it.

The recent and precipitous deterioration in the physical security of Jewish communities and institutions around the world, and especially in Europe, has underscored the urgency of collective action in the fight against antisemitism. Old forms of antisemitic prejudice are still prevalent, even as new forms manifest themselves using sophisticated means of mass communication in the service of an ancient irrational hatred.

The terror attacks on the Otzar HaTorah Jewish school in Toulouse in March 2012, on the Jewish Museum in Brussels in May 2014, on the kosher supermarket in Paris in January 2015 and the most recent attack in Copenhagen in February 2015, all perpetrated by radical Jihadists, underline the nature and severity of the present crisis.

Egregious manifestations of antisemitism took place on numerous occasions during the summer of 2014, while Israel was contending with a massive bombardment of rockets from Gaza. While there were strong condemnations from some world leaders of this antisemitic rhetoric and incitement, much more can and must be done to address the increasingly frequent voicing of such damaging vitriol. The 5th Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism (GFCA) aims to develop more effective means for dealing with these growing challenges and specifically with the urgent need to translate condemnation into action.

We thank you for your participation in the Global Forum. Our joint activity is vital in the struggle against the ever deepening threat posed by the rise of antisemitism. Together we can make a difference.

Yours Sincerely,

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Avigdor Liberman

Minister for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs
Naftali Bennett
Tuesday May 12, 2015 (Plenary Session - Teddy Hall, International Convention Center)

16:00 Registration Opens
18:00-20:00 Official Opening Session of the Global Forum
Host: Tamar Ish-Shalom, News Anchor, Channel 10
Greetings:
Gideon Behar, Director of the Department for Combating Antisemitism MFA, Israel, and Conference Chair
Speakers:
Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel
Heiko Maas, Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection, Federal Republic of Germany
Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, France
Tim Uppal, Minister of State for Multiculturalism, Canada
Musical Interludes The Oritas Duo and Miriam Toukan
20:00-22:00 Gala Dinner Reception
Stones, Performance by ORTO-Da Theater Group

Wednesday May 13, 2015 (Plenary Session - Teddy Hall, International Convention Center)

8:00 Registration (for previously unregistered)
9:00-10:30 Panel: The Oldest Hatred in the Newest Vessels: Confronting Antisemitism and Hate Speech on the Internet and in Social Media: Defining the Problem
Chair: Ronald Eissens, Chairperson, INACH, The Netherlands
Panelists:
Art Reidel, Co-Chair, ADL Cyberhate Working Group, United States
David Friggieri, Legal and Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Justice, European Commission
Ido Daniel, National Program Director, ISCA, Israel
10:30-11:00 Coffee break
11:00-12:30 Panel: The Oldest Hatred in the Newest Vessels: Toward Solutions
Chair: Ira Forman, US State Department Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism
Panelists:
Paul Giannasi, Head, Cross Government Hate Crime Programme, UK Ministry of Justice
Professor Raphael Cohen Almagor, University of Hull, United Kingdom
Simon Milner, Policy Director, UK, Middle East and Africa, Facebook, United Kingdom
Juniper Downs, Senior Policy Counsel, Google, United States
12:30-14:00 Lunch – Exhibition Hall
Chair: Akiva Tor, Head, Bureau of World Jewish Affairs and World Religions, MFA, Israel
Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem - Coexistence in Israel’s Capital
Closed side event: Meeting of Special Envoys on Holocaust Era Restitution
Chair: Tibor Shalev-Schlosser, Israel Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues and the Restitution of Holocaust Era Assets
14:00-15:30 Panel: The Rise of Antisemitism in Europe’s Cities Today: Means of Response
Chair: Roger Cukierman, CRIF President, France
Panelists:
Professor Todor Tanev, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria
Bas Belder, MEP, Vice-Chair of the EP Delegation for relations with Israel, The Netherlands
Professor Raphael Cohen Almagor, University of Hull, United Kingdom
Simon Milner, Policy Director, UK, Middle East and Africa, Facebook, United Kingdom
Juniper Downs, Senior Policy Counsel, Google, United States
15:30-16:00 Coffee break
16:00-17:30 Panel: Faith as a Resource for Tolerance: Muslim Leaders in Europe on Combating Antisemitism and Extremism, and Promoting Inter-Communal Dialogue
Chair: Rabbi Michael Melchior, Former Minister and Member of Knesset, Israel
Panelists:
Sheikh Dr. Usama Hasan, Senior Researcher in Islamic Society, United Kingdom
Lars Aslan Rasmussen, Councilor, Social Democratic Party Spokesperson, Copenhagen Municipality, Denmark
Imam Yahya Pallavacini, Al-Wahid Mosque in Milan and Vice President of the Islamic Religious Community of Italy
Imam Hassen Chalghoumi, Imam of the City of Drancy and President of the Conference of Imams of France
17:45-19:00 Closed Side Event for Co-Chairs only:
Working Group Chairs Reception at Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Host: Yuval Rotem, Director of Public Diplomacy, MFA, Israel
Speakers:
President Justice Miriam Naor, President of the Supreme Court
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Israel
Justice Eljakim Rubinstein, Deputy President of the Supreme Court
Dr. Nachman Shai MK, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset
19:30-21:30 Dinner – Teddy Hall
Host: Colette Avital, Chairwoman of Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel
Tribute to Abraham H. Foxman on Life Achievement
Presentation of Life Achievement Award by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Edward James Olmos, Filmmaker and Social Activist, United States
We are One: Humanity Must Stand United Against Antisemitism
This day is devoted to the Working Group deliberations under the leadership of the respective Co-Chairs in 12 separate halls. The WG are:

- **Antisemitism in the Muslim and Arab World** – Teddy Hall C  
  Co-Chairs: Dr. Esther Webman and Itamar Marcus

- **Antisemitism in Latin America** – Oren Hall 2  
  Co-Chairs: Sammy Eppel and Sergio Widder

- **Antisemitism in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe Region** – Room 311  
  Co-Chairs: Mark B. Levin and Dr. Tomas Kraus

- **Antisemitism in the EU and Western Europe Region** – Teddy Hall A  
  Co-Chairs: Mike Whine, Marc Knobel and Esther Voet

- **Antisemitism in the Guise of Delegitimization and Anti-Zionism** – Oren Hall 1  
  Co-Chairs: Dr. Mitchell Bard and Dr. Pascal Markowicz

- **Antisemitism on the Internet and in the Media** – Teddy Hall B  
  Co-Chairs: David Matas and Dr. Andre Oboler

- **Law, Legislation and Enforcement in Combating Antisemitism** – Oren Hall 3  
  Co-Chairs: Prof. Dina Porat, Adv. Talia Naamat and Michael A. Salberg

- **Interfaith Dialogue as a Means for Mitigating Antisemitism** – Room 314  
  Co-Chairs: Jeremy Jones and Father Patrick Desbois

- **Protecting Jewish Religious Practice** – Room 312  
  Co-Chairs: Dr. Dov Maimon and Shimon Cohen

- **Antisemitism on Campus and Education for Tolerance and Mutual Respect** – Room 313  
  Co-Chairs: Dr. Charles Asher Small, Michelle Whiteman and Andi Gergely

- **The Role of International Organizations in Combating Antisemitism** – Oren Hall 4  
  Co-Chairs: Rabbi Andrew Baker and Mark Weitzman

- **Combating Holocaust Denial and Distortion** – Room 310  
  Co-Chairs: Dr. Robert Rozett and Anne-Marrie Revcolevschi

8:00  
Registration (for previously unregistered)
  
9:00–10:30  
**Working Groups** – Session 1

10:30–11:00  
Coffee break

11:00–12:30  
**Working Groups** – Session 2

12:30–14:00  
**Lunch** – Exhibition Hall
  
Chair: **Yoge” Karasent”, Director of Combating Antisemitism, Ministry of Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs, Israel

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

Professor Robert S. Wistrich, Head, Hebrew University Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Israel

Closed side event: Antisemitism and Terror – The Connection  
Chair: Dr. Shimon Samuels, Director for International Relations, European Office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, France

14:00–15:30  
**Working Groups** – Session 3

15:30–16:00  
Coffee break

16:00–17:30  
Parallel Summary WG Plenary Meetings and Presentation of the Action Plans

**Teddy Hall A:**
  
Chair: Daniel S. Mariaschin, Executive Vice President and CEO, B’nai B’rith International, United States  
  
- Antisemitism in the Muslim and Arab World
- Antisemitism in the Guise of Delegitimization and Anti-Zionism
- Antisemitism in Latin America
- Antisemitism on the Internet and in the Media
- Protecting Jewish Religious Practice
- Combating Holocaust Denial and Distortion

**Teddy Hall B:**
  
Chair: Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Associate Dean, Simon Wiesenthal Center, United States  
  
- Antisemitism in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe Region
- Antisemitism in the EU and Western Europe Region
- Law, Legislation and Enforcement in Combating Antisemitism
- Interfaith Dialogue as a Means for Mitigating Antisemitism
- Antisemitism on Campus and Education for Tolerance and Mutual Respect
- The Role of International Organizations in Combating Antisemitism

17:30–18:00  
Coffee break

18:00 – 19:15  
**Summation Plenary** – Teddy Hall A
  
Moderator: Professor Irwin Cotler, Member of the Canadian Parliament, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Speaker of the Knesset, Yuli (Yoel) Edelstein, MK

Robert-Marius Cazanciuc, Minister of Justice of Romania

Presentation of the Global Forum Conference Summary

Professor Dina Porat, Head, Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry, Tel Aviv University, and Chief Historian, Yad Vashem, Israel

Presentation of the Global Forum’s Final Statements

Robert Singer, CEO and Executive Vice President of the World Jewish Congress, United States

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to WG Co-Chairs

19:15 - 21:00  
**Farewell Cocktail** – Foyer

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Mission Statements of the 12 Global Forum Working Groups (by Co-Chairs)

1. Mission Statement: Antisemitism in the Muslim and Arab World Working Group

Co-Chairs: Dr. Esther Webman and Mr. Itamar Marcus

Arab and Muslim Antisemitism, especially Islamist based Antisemitism, is growing and having a major impact in Arab-Muslim countries, on the Palestinian Authority and on Jewish life in the West. With the widespread dissemination of Islamist ideology through satellite TV and the internet, Arab-Muslim Antisemitism is now a dangerous force not only in the Middle East but in Western countries as well. Hate speech is translated into action and terror attacks, carried out by young Arab and Muslim zealots who have fully adopted the crux and the core of radical Islam.

The hate messages of this Antisemitism are many and varied. Some of them are based on various classical Islamic sources that depict Jews as cursed by Allah, descendants of monkeys and pigs and destined for genocide. According to this Islam-based Antisemitism, Jews at best are a protected people and must submit to Muslims, and at worst must all be killed to bring the “hour of resurrection.” Hating, fighting and killing Jews are being presented as part of Allah’s commands.

Other Arab-Muslim Antisemitism focuses on demonizing Jews because of so-called Israeli oppression of Palestinians. Jews all over the world are included in the collective blame for Israel’s behavior. This often is done by using classical western Antisemitic themes, attributing demonic and evil traits and acts to Israel. In 2014 official Palestinian Authority sources libeled Israel using possibly the three worst blood libels in history. Israel was accused of using blood of children for Matzah, the special Passover bread. This behavior was said to be a commandment of the Jewish God, and written in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, the Antisemitic forgery published in Russia in 1903, describing how Jews allegedly plan to subjugate the world under Jewish rule. Furthermore, Israel was accused of intentionally poisoning the wells of Gaza during the recent war.

Often themes deriving from these two major sources of Arab-Muslim Antisemitism intermingle in the same hate speech.

Counter force

Alongside the Muslims who call out to “Kill the Jews,” there is, however, a small but increasingly vocal number of Arabs and Muslims who reject this hate speech. Scholars, clerics, journalists, young people as well as people who themselves were brought up on the hate messages and were themselves disseminating them in the past, criticize Antisemitism and perceive it as a reflection of the grave situation of Arab and Muslim societies. These are the voices from the inside that must be tapped to seek the way to confront the current wave of Arab-Muslim Antisemitism.

The Working Group will have three sessions:

Working Group Session 1: Analysis of the messages of today’s Arab and Muslim Antisemitism, with focus on both Palestinian Antisemitism and global Islamic Antisemitism. This first part will include the presentation of texts, videos, cartoons and educational materials, from official and other sources. This group will feature a number of speakers, who will present, examples of this hatred being disseminated, in Arab countries, in Europe, and in the Palestinian Authority.

Working Group Session 2: The second session will be built around Muslims who have experienced indoctrination to Antisemitic hatred. The presenters will be people who were brought up on this hate speech as Muslims or exposed to this hate speech, and at a certain point in their lives rejected it. They will explain two processes: The process of education and indoctrination that inculcated hatred. They will describe the environment that fomented the hatred of Jews they personally experienced, and how it influenced them. Next, they will explain what happened in their lives that made them reject the hatred. Finally, they will recommend what steps need to be taken to fight the Antisemitism that they know from the inside. Muslims from the PA, the Middle East and Western countries will be invited to offer their insight based on their personal experiences as they relate to Palestinian and global Islamic Antisemitism.

Working Group Session 3: The third session will be a discussion among all the workshop participants and speakers to examine ways that have been described in the first two sessions. There will be an attempt to synthesize the information to create a clear picture of the following:

Identify and categorize the different hate messages of Muslim-Arab Antisemitism among Arab-Muslim countries, the PA, and Muslims in the West.

Identify the means of dissemination of different messages, especially to youth, in both the closed and more open environments.

Build mechanisms to expose, counter and undermine the means of dissemination of Antisemitism in Western countries and in the Palestinian Authority.

Create an international public mechanism for exposing and publicly delegitimizing the hate speech that is expressed in Middle Eastern countries and that cannot be fought from the inside. The goal would be to formulate recommendations to reduce the scope of the Antisemitism and neutralize its influence.

The goal is that the working group will produce a paper that defines the nature of Muslim-Arab Antisemitism, describes its means of transmission and creates a concrete plan to combat it, including combating the means of transmission.


Co-Chairs: Mr. Sammy Eppel and Mr. Sergio Widder

Rationale

Latin America is not exempt from the threat and the scope of the so-called “new” antisemitism. Attacks against “Israel” and “Zionism” have replaced the usual antisemitic discourse against Jewish individuals. The “collective Jew” is the new target.

Such discourse is expressed on governmental and on civil society levels, and often end with accusations against Israel as “an Apartheid regime”, and therefore suggesting that it should be “diluted”. The tactics to strengthen this strategy include political, diplomatic, legal, economic, academic and cultural initiatives, among others, aimed at isolating Israel.

The trend is now mainstream and has achieved a level of “political correctness”.

The “BDS” (“Boycott – Divestment – Sanctions) movement is becoming more visible in the region. It is growing and promoting the cancellation of a free trade agreement between Israel and the South American Common Market (MERCOSUR).

The main axes which fuel antisemitism in Latin America are the growing Iranian presence and the echoes of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Many Latin American countries have already recognized Palestine as a State.

Iran is gaining influence by itself and through radical groups that publically defend the Tehran regime and its proxies, and has expanded its media scope in the region.

At a governmental level, the countries of the so-called “ALBA” (“Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas”) bloc have become the main vector for such rhetoric. At the civil society level, the radical World Social Forum (which held a special edition dedicated to the Palestinians in November, 2012) as well as grassroots “social movements” are vehicles to lead the “struggle against imperialism”. These groups are the main advocates for BDS initiatives and also constitute a powerful lobbying coalition against Israel.

But as there are threats, we can also find opportunities. There are political and religious forces that are willing to cooperate in the battle against antisemitism.
Among religious groups, growing communities such as Evangelicals are ready to join the Jewish communities to defend theirs and Israel’s rights. The Catholic groups, now inspired by the leadership of a Latin American Pope, Francis, are also deeply involved in interfaith dialogue and are also concerned about radical Islam.

No effort should be spared in building coalitions with groups that are willing to join the defense of Israel and the Jews. Among them, it would be important to note the large number of Latino / Hispanic people in the U.S., who maintain close ties with their countries of origin and are also worth to be reached out.

Goals
The purpose of the working group on “Antisemitism in Latin America” is to address current trends in the antisemitic discourse and practices in the region, especially in relation to the guise of ordinary anti-Jewish actions as “anti-Israeli” / “anti-Zionist”. The aim is also to identify future threats and discuss courses of action to prevent its evolution.

The group will discuss actual cases and try to outline proposals for best practices in terms of prevention. We will pay particular attention to initiatives connected to the BDS movement. The WG will welcome models of best practices to share with fellows from across the region. A desirable outcome would be a preliminary inventory of resources already available.

We will also encourage synergy, especially through social networks, as a way to promote proactive initiatives and to counter attacks.

Expectations
We aim that participants have the chance of overseeing the current situation of antisemitism in Latin America, share their national experiences and cases, and identify the basic threats and challenges in Latin America.

We do not think that there is a recipe to combat antisemitism, but we expect to elaborate a series of guidelines and proposals that can help Latin American communities to better contain and prevent antisemitism.

Co-chairs: Mr. Mark B. Levin and Dr. Tomas Kraus

The Working group on Antisemitism in the Former Soviet Union (FSU) and Eastern Europe will discuss current antisemitic trends in the region, and review progress made since the group’s last meeting in 2013.

Since the 2013 GFCA Conference, we have seen an alarming rise in global antisemitism and xenophobia. In this global context, combatting antisemitism in the FSU and Eastern Europe presents a unique set of challenges. Many countries in the region continue to confront issues of national identity that spur Holocaust revisionism and reinterpretation of cooperation with the Nazis as a national liberation struggle or as part of a just war waged against Communism.

Also, in some countries there is a tendency to compare the crimes of Nazism to the crimes of Communism. Unlike in many other countries, anti-Israeli sentiments in Eastern Europe and FSU are not that frequent, but traditional antisemitic stereotypes are pervasive among the general public, and are not always combated through mainstream educational efforts. In addition, in some countries the weak rule of law and pervasive corruption hinders implementation of such legislation and there is inconsistency in local governments’ condemnation of incidents of antisemitism. Coalition building with other ethnic and religious groups, and international and regional political organizations is happening in some, but not all countries in the region and if so, they do not bring any substantial improvement.

The Working Group will review current hate crime legislation and other government policies to combat antisemitic trends in the region, and discuss recent attempts by some governments (such as Ukraine and Hungary) to distance themselves from the far right groups and individuals.

The Working Group members will be asked to share specific examples of strategies undertaken by their organizations/government institutions to combat antisemitism in their respective countries. In addition, the group will discuss ways to promote coalition building, improve education about antisemitism, and enhance hate crime legislation and its enforcement.

4. Mission Statement: The EU and Western Europe Region Working Group
Co-Chairs: Mr. Mike Whine, Mr. Marc Knobel and Mrs. Esther Voet

An analysis prepared for the 10th Anniversary of the OSCE Berlin Conference on Antisemitism by INACH and LICRA indicated a disproportionate number of antisemitic incidents took place during July and August 2014 in 10 EU states, sparking serious concerns about Jews’ safety and their future continued existence in Europe.

The failure of EU States to monitor data on hate crime, including antisemitism, despite legally binding agreements to do so, set in motion a series of initiatives within the European agencies. In recent months. Commencing in late 2013 with the Lithuanian, then Greek and recently Italian Presidencies, the European Commission and FRA held conferences and seminars for government and police officials to assist them to monitor hate crime and publish disaggregated data, including on antisemitism.

The reason for doing so is clear. Without evidence the agencies are unable to produce strategies to combat antisemitism. However, a second problem also emerges, and that is despite the willingness of the agencies to act, certain governments are unwilling to take effective action.

In November 2013, FRA published its groundbreaking survey of Jewish people’s experiences and perceptions of discrimination and antisemitic hate crime in eight EU Member States. Despite wide variations, this showed that 66% of all respondents consider antisemitism to be a “very big” or “fairly big” problem in their countries.

To address these mounting concerns, the OSCE convened a conference on the 10th Anniversary of the Berlin Conference, at government and civil society levels in November. The Final Declaration, published by the Swiss Chairmanship in Office was agreed, with slight modification, at the OSCE Ministerial Conference in Basal in December 2014. Based on the important agreement of ten years ago, it requires participating states to renew and increase their commitment to counter antisemitism by consulting civil society, collecting data on and prosecuting antisemitic crimes, facilitating cooperation between governments and civil society, encouraging best educational practices, promoting dialogue and strengthening civil society capacity.

These initiatives are vital if European Jews are to be persuaded that their governments are willing to protect their safety and security, which is their right as citizens and tax payers. The Jewish contribution to European civilization and culture is immeasurable. But more than that, if European governments fail to protect their Jews they will be failing to protect themselves, and their citizens.

The Mission of the Working Group on the EU and Western is to draw attention to these dangers, by inviting representatives of European Jewish communities and to work with our governments and the European agencies to fulfill their commitments and to ensure the security of our communities.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Mitchell Bard and Dr. Pascal Markowicz

Rationale
The effort to delegitimize Israel has been ongoing since the rebirth of the state. The campaign gained momentum following the Durban Conference, which laid out a strategy promoting “a policy of complete and total isolation of Israel … the imposition of mandatory and comprehensive sanctions and embargoes, the full cessation of all links (diplomatic, economic, social, aid, military cooperation and training) between all states and Israel.”

We now see the campaign manifesting itself in a variety of ways, including efforts to mobilize boycotts of Israeli universities, to discourage artists, musicians and others from the world of culture from visiting and performing in Israel, to prevent sporting events and Israeli participation in international competitions, to convince universities, trade unions, churches and others to divest from Israeli companies and/or domestic companies doing business with Israeli, and to isolate Israel in international forums.

This task force aims to show the link between antisemitism and delegitimization of Israel, to determine where overlaps between agencies dealing with the issue occur and might be merged, and what new legal, political, and economic strategies that may be employed to preempt and defeat BDS campaigns. For example: changing the law to sentence boycott activists.

Expectations
We also want to share our information concerning the global boycott campaign, to improve communication and intelligence about the delegitimizers to better anticipate their activities so help can be provided to those who need assistance. Besides defensive measures, our goal is to identify offensive steps that can be taken to set the agenda with regard to discussions about Israel, to help create a more positive image of Israel and to educate the majority of people who are ill-informed or ignorant about Israel and can potentially become friends.

Five Points For The Future:
• Label BDS supporters ISRAEL DENIERS.
• Publicly, do not talk about the threat posed by Israel Deniers – portray the entire movement as fringe, ineffective, and anti-peace.
• Use Abbas statements and PA opposition to BDS – including arrests of deniers – to discredit the campaign against Israel.
• Never use the “A” word in any connection with Israel, even when rebutting allegations that Israel has some similarity to South Africa.
• Focus on a positive Israeli agenda, prepare for the worst.

6. Mission Statement: Antisemitism on the Internet and in the Media Working Group

Co-chairs: Mr. David Matas and Dr. Andre Oboler

Rationale
The rationale for the existence of this working group is the urgent need to tackle the spread of antisemitism through mass communications channels. The prevalence of the internet in all its various forms, the facilitation of the spread of antisemitism through the internet, and the need to do something specific drawing on specialist skills to combat the spread of hate through the internet makes this working group essential. The existence of hate in the media is also of critical importance, both for its own sake, and because antisemitism in the media becomes accessible through the internet.

Goals:
The working group would address and discuss what is being done, and what needs to be done, to mitigate or prevent the spread of antisemitism through the internet and the media. The aims are to develop an appreciation of the extent of the problem, share best practices and develop approaches to analysis and techniques to combat the spread of antisemitism through the internet and the media.

Action plan for discussion in 2015:
The working group in 2015 would consider, amongst other proposals, recommendations that the working group through the Global Forum should:
• Establish a website to make this Working Group’s output public. The site would be an archive of the past, current and ongoing work of this working group.
• Compile models of best practice and make them publically available through the working group’s website.
• Publish a list of experts, both organisations and individuals, with their agreement, working in the area of online and media antisemitism with profiles on each. News from these experts and organisations related to their work on online antisemitism would be shared through the site.
• Maintain a newsletter for people interested in the topic of online antisemitism.
• Propose and support the development and enforcement of national laws which address hate on the internet.
• Promote transnational coordination to respond to global concerns about hate on the internet.
• Propose and support the development and enforcement of national laws which address hate on the internet, as well as the promotion of relevant international treaties such as the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime.
• Combat the manipulation of search engine results to promote antisemitism.
• Address specifically the promotion of hatred through social networks.
• Develop and share tools to monitor online hate, and data from these tools to enable global action.
• Engage with monitors of online public forums and other online spaces, including in social media, to advance their understanding of antisemitism.
• Facilitate the sharing of information within the Global Forum from organisations and experts monitoring the media, and engage with media organisations when collective action on media antisemitism is required.

Co-Chairs: Prof. Dina Porat, Adv. Talia Naamat and Mr. Michael A. Salberg

Rationale
The working group will raise issues and offer possible solutions in legislating for the prohibition of antisemitism in Europe, North America and Australia.

Antisemitic actions and expressions are generally regulated as subcategories of the prohibitions on (1) non-discrimination, (2) crimes motivated by religious or racial hatred ("hate crimes" or aggravating circumstances) and (3) incitement to hatred ("hate-speech"). Further to the European Union Framework Decision of 2008 on combating racism and xenophobia, all Member States were required to amend their laws and add prohibitions on hate crimes, incitement to hatred, and Holocaust and genocide denial. Holocaust denial is prosecuted in some European countries under the general incitement to hatred clause, while others have enacted specific laws on Holocaust denial. Both the incitement to hatred and Holocaust denial clauses require that the speech must reach a certain threshold in order to be deemed prohibited.

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The United States, famous for its staunch protection of the first amendment, requires the highest standard yet, and prohibits only "fighting words" or speech that causes an imminent danger of violence. These varying degrees of prohibitions (and punishments) among the countries constitute a platform for internet users to easily circumvent national prohibitions by using U.S. servers for their websites. It has, in essence, turned the US to an internet haven for hate mongers and Holocaust deniers. The working group will discuss these and other legal aspects of combating Antisemitic expressions on the internet.

The working group will also discuss, and offer policy changes to, the current legal framework for prohibiting the dissemination of neo-Nazi propaganda and symbols, as well as the existence of neo-Nazi parties and groups, across Europe, the Americas and Australia.

Goals
The working group aims to:
• Discuss and analyze the above mentioned problem areas in US and Europe law, as well as recent rulings.
• Raise possible solutions, including:
  • Discuss and offer best practices;
  • Discuss possible amendment of laws to prevent creating internet havens in the US;
  • Discuss enactment and amendment of laws prohibiting Neo-Nazi propaganda, symbols and groups.
• Formulate an action plan based on the group's discussion and recommendations.

Expectations
The working group will formulate an action plan for advocating necessary amendments in the legislative efforts to combat antisemitism; namely, calling for clear cut, enforceable definitions of what constitutes Antisemitism and Holocaust denial.


Co-chairs: Mr. Jeremy Jones and Father Patrick Desbois

Rationale
This Working Group will consider the opportunities and limitations of interfaith dialogue as a means for combating antisemitism, through considering "best practice" examples and seeking to improve knowledge of, and to develop networks within and beyond, participants.

We will assess the ways in which participants in dialogue have modified attitudes towards their interlocutors, and how this may be reflected when it comes to anti-Jewish preconceptions. We will also look at the way partnerships and coalitions of different religious groups can play a constructive role in combating antisemitism.

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The Working Group will consider the way in which The Action Plan from the 4th Global Forum has been utilised to further activity against antisemitism. Having identified deficiencies in the Plan and its implementation, the Working Group will produce an Action Plan enhanced and improved by participants.


Co-Chairs: Dr. Dov Maimon and Mr. Shimon Cohen

Against the background of demographic shifts including the mass migration of non-European populations to Europe, the recent attempt to restrict rights to normative Jewish practice in Europe could be viewed as the latest juridical/political aspect of a larger identity backlash against multi-cultural policies. While apparently directed also against practices of other religions, this new and vigorous opposition to particular religious practices particularly affects the status of Judaism, and may, in the long term, pose a serious challenge to the future thriving of European Jewish communities and beyond.

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It is worthwhile to consider whether current approaches and methodology utilized by Jewish communities, winning short-term votes and attaining back-door agreements but not always engaging with the wider developments in public opinion will protect Jewish practices over the long-term. There is no certainty that answers and institutions that have been effective in the past will adequately fit tomorrow’s challenges.

Goals
Assess existing national and trans-European communal mechanisms and launch an “out-of-the-box” process to develop a bold vision able to meet future developments as they emerge. As numbers and political sway diminish within some European Jewish communities, coordination with non-European Jewish actors could be considered in order to elaborate a global coordination mechanism and propose a comprehensive and professional response.
Expectations
1. Learn from the Jewish people response to the attempts to ban ritual slaughter in Holland and circumcision in Germany.
2. Map and assess the coming attempts to Jewish rituals and Jewish life in Europe.
3. Discuss some of the critical policy dilemmas.
4. Discuss models of pan-European and international coordination mechanisms.

Open issues and policy dilemmas

Political
• Should Israel be involved and/or lead in these Diaspora affairs?
• Should Israeli top-level politicians address this issue with their European counterparts?
• Should American Jewry lobby within the US political establishment or directly intervene at the local political European level?
• Is there a need for greater coordination internationally to aid local communities often lacking political know-how and financial resources? Is there room for Jewish communities to coordinate collective action with the much more numerous Muslim communities?
• What are likely to be the costs and benefits of such a strategy?

Communal
• What could be the cumulative effects of what we call a growing de-legitimization of the Jewish religion on the core Jewish population and on disaffiliated Jewish families? What will be the symbolic and economic effects on communal life?
• Should we encourage protest and resistance, or laying low?
• Should they seek the intervention of international and Israeli actors and how would that impact the community’s status?
• Should Jews claim that Judaism and liberalism share the same basic universal values or should they seek support from within more conservative circles?
• Should Jewish rights be afforded in a derogatory fashion as separate ethnic communities or within the pure law itself as regular citizens?

Action items
• Should we develop a Jewish legal mechanism to confront existing and expectable new claims against Jewish practice?
• Should we build coalitions with the numerous opponents of state intrusion in religious life, and should we refuse such state interference into religious affairs?

10. Mission Statement: Antisemitism on Campus and Education for Tolerance and Mutual Respect Working Group

Co-Chairs: Dr. Charles Asher Small, Ms. Michelle Whiteman and Ms. Andi Gergely

College campuses, as well as the academic and intellectual environment have become increasingly hostile to pro-Israel Jewish students and scholars. According to various polls and findings, between 40% and 78% of U.S Jewish students have experienced or been sensitized to antisemitism on their campus.

The State of Israel is the target of an ongoing and increasingly shrill campaign of defamation and delegitimization by radical political Islamism on the one hand and the extreme left in the post-modern moment in the West. This anti-Israel campaign is especially active in the university and academic context. Israel is increasingly demonized on campus and also within the course curriculum, exposing Jewish students and intellectuals to harassment and intimidation which threaten to advance and career development. Eighty-four percent of the speakers at UCLA’s Gustav E. von Grunebaum Center for Near East Studies, according to an AMCHA study, had engaged in negative activity during the academic years 2010-2013. The university campus has become the frontline of the propaganda war against Israel and the Jewish people.

The campaign against Israel has increasingly adopted classic antisemitic discourse under the guise of anti-Zionism and Israel bashing, as an emerging academic literature now conclusively proves. This campaign has successfully exploited the language of human rights, including contemporary post-modernist notions, which cloak its hateful and illiberal message. The use of traditional antisemitic imagery and comparisons between Israel and Apartheid or Nazi Germany, mixed with post-colonial mythologies, are entering into mainstream discourse, even within respected academic institutions throughout Europe, North America and beyond.

Biased scholarship and anti-Israel departments on campuses internationally develop curriculum disconnected from historical reality, which encourages the de-legitimatization of the Jewish State, preparing a generational bias against Israel.

These developments have been generally tolerated by university leadership on the basis of misguided notions of academic freedom. Yet, the university leadership ultimately bears responsibility for bias in scholarship, uncivil discourse and a climate of intimidation.

The impact of funding, and potential funding, from Gulf States to academic institutions in the West comprises an element to this issue. The groups that may be funding, directing, influencing and/or manipulating anti-Israel agitation and the forces behind this anti-Israel academic campaign have not been well documented, yet undoubtedly play a role in the psychological war against Israel.

Although Jewish students are absorbing the brunt of the anti-Israel campaign on campuses, they soon graduate and leave the campus environment. It is thus that the institutional and organizational foundations of the university must be the focus of any solution: Trustees, administration, faculty and funding.

The Working Group will develop and then put forth an action plan to address these issues, as well as research projects and policy development initiatives to be carried out in the future by members of the Working Group.


Co-Chairs: Rabbi Andrew Baker and Mr. Mark Weitzman

Antisemitism is clearly a problem of international scope. Any analysis of antisemitism quickly reveals how many of its most prevalent themes and tropes travel across borders and boundaries. Thus any attempt to fight it must include measures aimed at combating the increasingly globalized reach of antisemitism. In recognition of this the Working Group on International Organizations will focus on regional and international bodies that offer additional tools to highlight the problem and secure governmental commitments to address it.

There are several European bodies that require our attention. These include the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which in December 2014 adopted a new declaration on combating antisemitism, approved by the 57 participating States; the Council of Europe and its European Commission on Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) which conducts periodic reviews of all its members; and the European Union and the European Parliament. While the United Nations has been a problematic venue since the infamous Durban Conference in 2001, the UNGA session on negative in January 2015 and Joint Statement offer new, positive developments.

We will review these initiatives and the official statements and declarations, with the goal of trying to push respective governments to follow through on them. This includes realistically assessing the political prospects of future activity. To do so will mean looking at the strategies of those who might oppose interventions on antisemitism and to develop realistic strategies to help achieve our goals.

Other organizations, such as the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and the
European Shoah Legacy Institute (ESLI) are multinational international organizations that already have a focus on issues related to antisemitism and Holocaust denial and distortion. IHRA has already made a significant contribution with its “Working Definition of Holocaust Denial and Distortion” while ESLI is still in its formative stage. We will discuss ways of strengthening these organizations statements and actions on antisemitism.

Also to be discussed are the international NGO’s, especially those that already have expressed interest in fighting antisemitism. For example, the Inter-parliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism (ICCA) already has an existing network of parliamentarians that have committed themselves to be active participants in the fight against antisemitism and has developed the London Declaration on Combating Antisemitism. After a somewhat dormant period, the ICCA is gearing up to hold a third international meeting in Berlin at the end of this year.

A primary goal of our meeting will be to reactivate and draw upon these existing networks to try and build active international coalitions to combat antisemitic manifestations. This will be aided by reports of specific examples, of actions, policies and strategies that can be used in this effort.

12. Mission Statement: Combating Holocaust Denial and Distortion Working Group

Co-Chairs: Dr. Robert Rozett and Anne-Marie Revolevschi

Holocaust denial has its roots in the Nazis’ attempts to wipe out the traces of their murderous activities toward the end of the war itself. It became clear in the West, the province of the extreme far right and glorifiers of Nazism, both at the margins of society. But since the start of the 21st century, the denial and distortion of the Holocaust, whether linked to antisemitism or antizionism, has gained much ground around the world and are omnipresent in both traditional and new media.

Today it can be said to be mainstream in much of the Arab and Moslem world. In the West, it has gained many adherents, but there, distortion and various related issues such as banalization, trivialization and diminution, have developed. A salient expression of this is the Double Genocide, which for political reasons seeks to strike a parallel between Nazi and Stalinist crimes. The use and misuse of Holocaust and Nazi imagery against Israel and the Jewish people, and the crass manipulation of Holocaust denial for political means are other no less a problem, and perhaps even more so.

It is the mission of this working group to suggest and facilitate activities to fight against these interrelated phenomena, ensure that people everywhere understand that these acts cut into the heart of truth and memory of all people everywhere, and gather information on ongoing initiatives on these issues.

Since Holocaust Denial and Distortion are also part and parcel of antisemitism in the other Global Forum working groups, such as the Law and Internet working groups, an important task of this working group will be to focus on education and provide clear and useful information to help other groups fulfill their tasks.

Note: The Working Groups Mission Statements were not prepared by the Israeli government, and as such do not necessarily represent any official position. They represent the outcome of the independent Working Groups’ Co-Chairs working process and their expectations for the 5th GFCA.

5th GFCA Co-Chairs, Moderators and Speakers BIOs (by alphabetical order)

Ambassador Colette Avital, Chairwoman of the Head Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel. Holds an MPA from Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and Honorary Doctorate degrees from the College of New Rochelle and Welsey College. Held a variety of key Foreign Ministry posts, including Director of the Training Division and Deputy Director General for Information, Media Communication and Culture. Led Ministry’s efforts to upgrade the status of women in Diplomatic Service. Served in Montreal, Brussels, Paris, New, Ambassador to Lisbon and Consul General in New York and Deputy DG of the MFA in charge of European Affairs. In 1999 she turned to politics, and won, in the primaries of the Labour Party, a Knesset seat. Served in the 15th, 16th and 17th Knessets in the Education, Law and Constitution, Defense and Foreign Affairs and The Status of Women Committees. She also headed the Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs as well as the Ethics Committees. In 2000 formed an Inquiry Committee for the Location and Restitution of the Assets of Holocaust Victims, that published its report in 2005. Subsequently a law that she initiated created a State Company for the restitution of these assets. Awarded the Palmes Academiques and subsequently Officer Of La Legion d’honneur by the French Government; the Cavaliere dell’ordine della Repubblica by the Italian Government and the National Order for Merit with the rank of High Officer by the Rumanian Government. Received the highest decoration awarded by the Portuguese Government: Gran Cruz do Infante Dom Enrique. Her public activities include: Chairperson of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies; Chairperson of the International Harp Contest as well as the Zimrya (International Festival of Choirs); member of the Leadership Council of the Claims Conference; Secretary general of the WJRO; member of the board of the Ghetto Theatre.

Rabbi Andrew Baker is Director of International Jewish Affairs of the American Jewish Committee. In 2009, he was appointed Personal Representative on Combating Antisemitism of the Chair-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and continues to serve in this position. He is Vice President of the Jewish Claims Conference and has served on restitution and historical commissions in the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Romania and Slovakia. In recognition of his work in Europe he was decorated by the Presidents of Germany (2003), Lithuania and Russia (2005). In 2009, he is a past President of the Interfaith Conference of Washington, a former Commissioner of the District of Columbia Human Rights Commission, a past President of the Washington Board of Rabbis and a former chaplain at San Quentin Prison.

Dr. Mitchell Bard is the Executive Director of the nonprofit American Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE) and the director of the Jewish Virtual Library, the world’s most popular and comprehensive online encyclopedia of Jewish history. In 2013, Dr. Bard was named one of the “top 100 people positively influencing Jewish life” by the Algemeiner newspaper. He appears regularly in the media and his work has been published in academic journals, magazines and major newspapers. He has written and edited 24 books, including After Anatevka – Tevye in Palestine, The Arab Lobby, and Death to the Infidels: Radical Islam’s War Against the Jews.

Nir Barkat has served as Mayor of Jerusalem since 2008, inspiring Jerusalemites with his vision to transform Israel's capital city into one rich in culture, youth, education, economic development, innovation and tourism. Before entering public service, Mayor Barkat co-founded BRM Technologies, a pioneering software house and later venture capital firm that developed and marketed ground-breaking anti-virus software now standard on personal computers throughout the world. His early successes as Mayor are rooted in his business methods and entrepreneurial approach to City Hall. Mayor Barkat returned to Jerusalem where he attended Hebrew University and earned a degree in computer science. He is married to artist Beverly Barkat, with whom he has three daughters.

Ambassador Gideon Behar, The Conference Chair. The director of the Department for Combating Antisemitism at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel since 2011. He served as Israel’s ambassador to Senegal 2006-2011, as deputy head of the Jordan, Syrian and Lebanon Department 2002-2006, political counselor at Israel’s embassy in Berlin 2000-2002, and deputy head of mission of Israel's diplomatic office in Tunisia 1996-2000; He won M.A. degree at Islamic Fundamentalism and B.A. at Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at the Hebrew University. He was awarded by President Wad of Senegal the “Grand
Officer de l'Ordre National du Lion" for his unique contribution to Senegal, as well as a special award from Senegal's NGOs umbrella organization, CONGAD, for his humanitarian work in Senegal.

**Bastiaan Belder** (born 25.10.1946) has been a Dutch Member of the European Parliament (EP) since 1999. He currently serves as a Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and as Vice-Chair of the EP Delegation for relations with Israel (2014 - 2019). In the previous mandate (2009 - 2014) Belder served as the Chair of that Delegation. Topics of specific interest to Belder are the fight against anti-Semitism in Europe, the security of Israel as a Jewish State and the strengthening of EU - Israel relations. Other topics of interest include the Arab world, Iran, Turkey, China, Ukraine, Russia and the persecution of Christian minorities in the world. Has close contact with the Knesset, the EU Mission to Israel, the European Rabbinical Centre and the European Jewish Community Centre (EJCC). He regularly organizes events on topics of importance to European Jewry and Israel at the European Parliament. A Member of the Reformed Political Party (Staatkundig Gereformeerde Partij, SGP) which ran a joint list with the ChristianUnion (ChristenUnie) during the last European elections.

**Naftali Bennett** Minister of Economy, Jerusalem, and Diaspora Affairs of Israel and Chairman of the Jewish Home party. Joined the Knesset after careers in the Israeli hi-tech sector, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), and public service. A commander in one of IDF’s most elite combat commando unit. Today, he is a Major (Res.) in the IDF command Unit, “Sayeret Matkal”. In 1999, co-founded with three friends and served as CEO of Cyota, an anti-fraud software company until it was sold in 2005 for $145 million. After his service in the Second Lebanon War, turned to public service, as Chief of Staff to then-opposition leader Benyamin Netanyahu, contributing to the growth of Likud from 12 MKs to 27. The leader of the Likud’s education reform team. Before running for Knesset, served as the CEO of the Council of Judea and Samaria (Yesha) and created a non-profit organization, MyIsrael, which connects the broader Israeli public with Zionism and Jewish values. Born to American immigrants, grew up in Haifa, LLb. from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, married and has four children.

**Ambassador Nissim Ben Shitrit** Director General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Israel since 2013. Previously held the following positions at the Ministry: Deputy Director General for Asian Affairs, 2007 - 2013 Ambassador to Israel; Japan; 2005 - 2007 Senior Deputy Director General and Head of Administration Division; 1982 - 1986 Counsellor, Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC, U.S.A.; 1973 - 1975 Deputy Counsellor, Israeli Embassy in Ankara, Turkey; and many other positions. Holds a BA degree in History of the Jewish People and in Bible Studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**Robert Marius Cazanciu** Minister of Justice of Romania, Magistrate by profession, Robert Cazanciu held many leadership positions in the judicial system and Romanian public administration. He has consistent managerial and diplomatic experience that helped him implement Fruitfully, serious legislative and structural reforms. With an important experience in communication, he understands very well its potential and obtains two good results for the Romanian public administration. In 2014 and 2015 on the processes made in the reform of justice and the fight against corruption, inside the Mechanism of Cooperation and Verification. He is a trainer for the National Institute of Magistracy and the National School of Court Clerks on communication and public relations issues.

**Imam Hassen Chalghoumi** Imam of the city of Drancy & President of the Conference of Imams of France. A French Imam and the President of the Conference of Imams of France which positioned itself in the Mechanism of Cooperation and Verification. He is a trainer for the National Institute of Magistracy and the National School of Court Clerks on communication and public relations issues.

**Imam Rabbi Abraham Cooper** a lifelong activist for Jewish and Human Rights on five continents, is the founder and Chairman of the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s Center for Moral & Social Action. Widely recognized as a pioneer and international authority on Digital Terrorism and Hate, he also travels extensively in Asia promoting closer ties with religious and political leaders. Rabbi Cooper is the project manager of the Center’s new historic exhibition, The 5,000 Year Relationship Of The Jewish People With The Holy Land. Co-organized with UNESCO, it recently opened at UN headquarters. Newsweek listed Cooper together with Rabbi Marvin Hier as #8 most influential Rabbis in the US. Rabbi Cooper is a founding member of Israel’s Global Forum on antisemitism.

**Irwin Cotler, Canadian MP** former Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada, Emeritus Professor of Law at McGill, and an international human rights lawyer. Reformed the Supreme Court appointment process and made it the most gender-representative Supreme Court in the world; First-ever aboriginal and minority justices to the Ontario Court of Appeal; initiated the law on human trafficking; crafted the first national law on assisted suicide in Canada; launched the first National Children’s First National Child Justice Initiative; was the first Canadian to introduce a law for the protection of children from domestic violence; co-founded the first international organization for the Jewish Child Protection (OPEJ). He was also a member of several boards including the Club Med and also integrated the Executive council of the French Banking Association. Active in many social and educational institutions of the Jewish community, whether in CASIP, the Unified Jewish Social Fund (USFJ) or Alliance Israélite Universelle where he sits on the board as the Vice President. Made the fight against antisemitism his main priority. Published in 2008 an autobiographical book. A Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honor.

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**Shimon Cohen** Founder and chairman of The PR Office a London based public relations consultancy. A media relations and reputation management specialist. Advises a wide range of clients ranging from multinational corporations, to public and voluntary sector organisations. Works with clients in professional services, real estate, entertainment, technology and the voluntary. Throughout the 1980s, served as executive director at the office of the Chief Rabbi of the Commonwealth and as private secretary to the Chief Rabbi, Lord Jakobovits. Active in Jewish community affairs as the Campaign Director of Shechita UK and advises the United Synagogue, the Conference of European Rabbis and a host of communal education and welfare organisations.

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Yuli (Yoel) Edelstein, MK Speaker of the Knesset since March 2013. Born in Czernowitz (former Soviet Union). In 1979, during his studies at the Institute for Foreign Languages in Moscow, he applied to emigrate to Israel, and was rejected by the authorities. As a Russian Refusenik, Mr. Edelstein was active in Zionist circles in Moscow where he also taught Hebrew. In 1984, he was arrested by the KGB on trumped up charges of drug possession and sentenced to 3 years in a Soviet labor camp. Following his release in 1987, he emigrated to Israel. One of the founders and leaders of Yisrael BeAliyah, a party of new immigrants. Minister of Immigrant Absorption until 1999. Till 2003 - Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Chairman of the Yisrael BeAliyah Knesset Faction and Deputy Minister for Immigrant Absorption. 2003-2006, MK again appointed Deputy Speaker of the Knesset. Served as Chairman of the Lobby for the Golan Heights and Chairman of the Israel-Canada Parliamentary Friendship Group. Till 2013 - Minister of Public Diplomacy and Diaspora.

Ronald Eissens is General Director and co-founder of the International Human Rights NGO Magenta Foundation and co-founder and board-member of the International Network Against Cyber hate. He instituted the world’s first Cyber Hate Complaints Bureau, the First Sailing Internet connection, did food and medical transports to the Jewish Community in the besieged city of Sarajevo, live reporting on the antisemitism during the 2001 UN World Conference Against Racism, web-casted the name-reading of all Dutch Jews murdered during the Holocaust and created awareness and counter-speech campaigns on antisemitism and Holocaust denial. He has published extensively on the subject of Cyber Hate.

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Paul Giannasi, Head of the Cross Government Hate Crime Paul works in the Ministry of Justice in the United Kingdom. He leads the cross-government Hate Crime Programme which brings all sectors of government to coordinate efforts to improve the response to hate crime across the criminal justice system. Paul has 30 years experience as a police officer and is a member of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) Hate Crime Group. He manages True Vision (www.report-it.org.uk) on behalf of the police and is the author of the 2014 Police Hate Crime Manual which offers guidance to all UK police officers and partners. He is the co-author of the 2014 ‘Routledge International Handbook on Hate Crime’. Paul was awarded an OBE in the 2014 New Year Honours list for services to policing, equality and human rights.

Tzachi Hanegbi, Deputy Foreign Minister, Israel. Hanegbi holds a B.A. in International Relations and an L.L.B. from the Law School of the Hebrew University. In 1984 he was appointed as an adviser to FM Yitzhak Shamir, and in 1986 as the Head of Prime Minister Shamir’s Bureau. He was elected for the first time as a member of the Knesset for the Likud Party in 1988. During the 13th Knesset he was a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Between 1996 and 2003, he served in various Ministerial positions, including Health, Justice, Environment, Transportation, and Public Security. In 2004, he was appointed by PM Sharon to be Minister in the PM’s Office in charge of Israel’s Intelligence Services and the strategic dialogue between Israel and the United States. Later on he chaired the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee for 6 years. In June 2014, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and later that year also became acting Minister of Health.

Sheikh Dr. Usama Hasan Senior Researcher in Islamic Studies at the Quilliam Foundation (the world’s first counter-extremism think-tank) is a scientist and religious scholar, holding traditional certifications and MA, MSc and PhD degrees (Cambridge and London). Served as an imam for 30 yrs in UK mosques, participated in interfaith dialogue and action for the past 15 yrs, and worked closely with the UK Board of Deputies of British Jews, Patron and trustee of the Israel-Palestinian Parents’ Circle, UK (Bereaved Families’ Forum), the UK Forum for the Discussion of Israel and Palestine (FODIP) and One Voice Europe (OVE), who campaign for a two-state solution. Lectured “Is Islam antisemitic?” in a London Limmud event 2013.

Anne Hidalgo Mayor of the City of Paris. Born in Spain, Master’s degree in social sciences and Masters of Advanced Studies in social law and unionism, started her professional career as a labour inspector. Advisor to various Ministers from 1997 until 2002, she’s been elected City Councillor (15th district) in 2001 and appointed First Deputy to the Mayor of Paris in charge of gender equality and the time management office (2001-2008) and of urban planning and architecture (2001-2014). She’s been an elected member of the Ile-de-France regional assembly (2004-2014) and is Mayor of Paris since April 5, 2014. Fulfilling many other responsibilities, she’s been since December 2011 president of the standing committee on gender equality of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and in October 2013 she’s been elected co-president of UCLG. Mrs. Hidalgo is a member of the national council of the Socialist party (since 2000), national secretary (2000-2008) and member of the national board (since 2003). She’s published three books, has been decorated by the Spanish and the French governments.

Malcolm Hoenelein is the Executive Vice Chairman/CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the coordinating body for 50 national Jewish organizations. In addition, he has been a long-time past president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the coordinating body for 50 national Jewish organizations. He received his B.A. University of Pennsylvania and completed his doctoral studies at the University of Oxford where he taught International Relations and was a Middle East specialist at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. He was the Founding Executive Director of the JCRC of Greater New York and of the Greater
New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Mr. Hoenlein appears regularly in the media, has three weekly broadcasts and has lectured and met Jewish officials around the world.

Tamar Ish-Shalom is the presenter of the daily evening news on Channel Ten Israel. She previously hosted the channel’s morning show. In the past she was the European Correspondent for Israel’s Channel Two and the presenter of their “Night Studio” program.

Jeremy Jones AM is the Director of International and of Community Affairs for the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council. Australia’s most respected authority on antisemitism and leading figure in interfaith dialogue, he has been awarded the Australian Human Rights Medal and made a Member of the Order of Australia, for his work in these areas in Australia and internationally. He has represented Australia and the Jewish world in major international human rights conferences in Asia, Europe, Africa, North America and Australia, and is published widely on human rights, Australian society and inter-religious dialogue.

Yogev Karasenty is the Director for combating Anti-Semitism at the Ministry of Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs. Previously, Yogev served as an adviser to the Chairman of the Jewish Agency and as the Director of Planning and Evaluation branch in JAFI’s Strategy, Planning and Content Unit. There he played a key role in developing the compromise plan for the Western Wall, developing outreach policies for Israelis abroad and new strategies to promote Aliya and attainable conversion. Prior to that, he served as a fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute, where among others he authored the new paradigm for Israel-Diaspora relationships (commissioned by the Israeli Government), and “Changing the Relationship Model: Israel, Israeli Migrants, and Jewish Communities”.

Marc Knobel is a former researcher from the Simon Wiesenthal Center. He was also Vice President of the International League against Racism and Antisemitism and a member of the Observatory of Antisemitism. An expert in antisemitism and Islamic and extreme right-wing movements, he has published numerous papers articles and books in this area. He has also participated in a number of collective publications. As the specialist of the issue of extremism on the Internet, Marc Knobel is now a researcher at the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions (CRIF). He also serves as President of J’accuse, an association fighting against racism and antisemitism on the Internet.

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Lt. Col. (res.) Avital Leibovich is the director of AJC Jerusalem. For over 20 years, she served in a wide range of senior media and public relations positions within the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). She represented the IDF as Spokesperson to the International Media and served as head of the Foreign Press Branch. Before coming to AJC, Lt. Col. Leibovich served as head of the Interactive Media Branch of the IDF Spokesperson’s Unit, which she created as a response to the rapidly growing influence of social networks around the world. Lt. Col. Leibovich holds a BA from Bar-Ilan University, an MA in international relations from University of Haifa, and a diploma in public relations from Bar-Ilan University.

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Avigdor Liberman is the Director of Foreign Affairs. Israel. Was born in 1958 in Moldova to Esther and Lev Liberman. He grew up in a strong Zionist environment and at the age of 20 immigrated to Israel with his parents. He has a B.A. in International Relations and Political Science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Following the 1996 elections, Liberman was appointed Director General of the Prime Minister’s Office, serving in this role until December 2001. In 2002, Mr. Liberman founded and was named as Minister of National Infrastructures, Minister of Transport and Minister of Strategic Affairs. Since 2009 Liberman has served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs where he oversaw a review of Israel's foreign policy in light of the changing regional and global reality for the improvement of the State of Israel’s image and standing. Avigdor and his wife, Eli, live in Nokdim and have three children and three grandchildren.

Heiko Maas Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection of the Federal Republic of Germany since Dec. 2013. Studied law at the University of Saarland and completed the state examinations in law. He was first elected to the Land parliament of Saarland in 1995 and then re-elected in 1999. From 2001 to 2005 he served as a Member of the Federal Parliament, as a member of the SPD parliamentary group in the federal parliament, and as a member of the Committee for Education, Research and Technology. He has served as a member of the Parliamentary Group of the Social Democrats since 1995. Since 2005 he has been a member of the SPD and since 2005, he has been a member of the SPD Executive Committee. Heiko Maas is married and has three children.

John Mann is the Co-founder and Chairman of the Inter-parliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism. He is also Labour Member of Parliament, based in Bristol. He has been a member of the highly influential Treasury Select Committee. John has also been Parliamentary Private Secretary to then minister for the Olympics Tessa Jowell, and for Richard Caborn, then Minister for Sport. Previously he worked for the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AEEU), the TUC and TULO. He is also a former Chair of Labour Students. Since 2005 he has been Chair of the All-Party Group Against Antisemitism and commissioned the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism.

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Tim Uppal
Minister of State (Multiculturalism), Canada. First elected to the House of Commons in 2008 and re-elected in 2011. In 2013, appointed Minister of State (Multiculturalism). Previously, he was appointed Minister of State (Democratic Reform) in May 2011. Prior to that, was a member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration and served as Acting Chair of the Standing Committee on Health. In December 2010, his private member’s bill, An Act to Establish a National Holocaust Monument, was passed through the House of Commons with unanimous all-party support. For over a decade mentored youth-at-risk through sportand coached soccer and wrestling (kabaddi). Was involved in the World Masters Games held in Edmonton. Also hosted a community radio show on CKER FM in Edmonton. Mr. Uppal’s long history of showbusiness and his personal history when he was named The Outstanding Young Edmontonian for 2005 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and when he was awarded an Alberta Centennial Medalion from the Government of Alberta.

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Miram Toukan a soloist singer, born1982, is a Christian Arab singer from the Israeli northern village of Tibhlin. Toukan is the first Arab participant of Kokhav Nolad (A Star is Born), an Israeli song contest styled after American Idol, and the first to sing in Arabic on the show. In the course of her participation in the TV show, Toukan created a song that was dedicated for her father, an Arab soldier who was killed in 1982 fighting for Israel. The song is about singing the quarter tones required for Arabic music. She often combines motifs from Arabic music in Jewish and western-style Israeli music, creating powerful and unconventional new renditions. Her performance of the great poem of Haim Nachman Bialik’s poem to Arih Einstein’s melody, “Haschinen, Gadat Knfeisch”, gained special praise and admiration from judges and audiences alike. Toukan continued to study law at University of Haifa.

“The Ortas Duo” Orit Orbach (Clarinet, Flutes) and Orit Dukler (Piano, Keyboards). “The Ortas” created a show which introduces Jewish, Klezmer and Israeli music with new and unique flavors in original and surprising arrangements. Their wide repertoire includes tunes as: Adon Olam, Kol HaOlam Kulo, The Rabbi Elimelech, Fiddler on the Roof, and others. Orit Orbach is a soloist and chamber player playing together with orchestras over the world and collaborating as a duet with the Israeli Philharmonic, The Hagen Symphony, The Bulgarian Philharmonic, the Guernier Quartet, with Shlomo Mintz, Daniel Barenboim, Yuri Bashmet, Raphael Wallfisch, Maria Peraiah and others. Has a BM from New England Conservatory and MM from the Northwestern University, USA. Orit is an expert in Jewish music. Orit Dukler is a well-known pianist, composer and arranger. She graduated from “Rimon” Music School and has a MA in Music Therapy. Orit accompanies many Israeli artists as David Da’or, Lea Shabat, Miri Mesika, Chani Livne and others. Orit is the music producer of Jewish Women Cantor performances. Orit Orbach and Orit Dukler are part of the international well-known “Eve’s Women Band”. With the Band they have performed all over the world, in England, Denmark, New York and the USA, South Africa, Russia, Germany, Poland, Greece, Yugoslavia, China, Thailand and others.

“ORTO-DA” Theater Group Artistic Director: Yimon Tzafrir. Established in Israel at the initiative of Yimon Tzafrir, with Yifat Zandani Tzafrir & Avi Gibson Barel joining in 1996. The group focuses on studying and performing through the use of an original international language, based on the research of human and physical behavior. The Orto-Da name expresses the tension between the desires to save old ways of thinking and the ambition to create new ones. The first half of the word is cut from the orthodox, which expresses the cultural memory and roots. The second half of the word is cut from the word Dada, the cultural movement that explored new territories of art. Combining the two words together creates an artistic harmony. In Hebrew, the word “Or-Orto” divides into two different words: Or means “Light” and Toda means “Thank You”. “Orto” is a visual poetic event, created by Yimon Tzafrir. This performance is inspired by “The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Monument” by Nathan Rapport (1911-1987). “Stones” tells a story through the eyes of a sculpture that comes to life. This is an ironic journey through the twentieth century, a journey among spirits and memories. “Stones” has won many prizes, including: Chosen to be one of the best 10 shows among 200 international entries, Germany/NRW. 2007, Both ‘Audience Choice’ and ‘Artistic Committee’ Awards in the FERIA DE TEATRO DE CASTILLA Y LEON. Spain. 2007. Best show –Puff Theatre Festival-Pula, Croatia, 2008.