

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday, July 7, 2008

Morning: At 11:30, 11:45, and 12:30 there will be guided tours of the New Holocaust History Museum, The Learning Center, The Visual Center, and the new exhibition “*My Homeland-Holocaust Survivors in Israel.*”

Evening: 20:30

The Opening Ceremony will take place at the Monument to the Jewish Soldiers and Partisans Who Fought Against Nazi Germany.

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Greenspan

Greetings:

Avner Shalev, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate

Professor Yuli Tamir, Minister of Education, Israel

Dorit Novak, Director, The International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

Keynote speaker:

Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, The Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv: *The Legacy of Holocaust Survivors: Jewish and Universal Implications*

Musical Interlude: Dudu Fisher

Musical director: Dror Alexander

The Ramat Gan Municipality Children’s Mouth Harmonica Orchestra in memory of Shmuel Gogol, conducted by Alex Reiss

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

The Morning Session will take place in the Jerusalem International Convention Center (The Teddy Auditorium)

09:00-11:00

Simultaneous translation to Spanish, Russian, and French will be provided.

Racism and Antisemitism in the 19th and 20th Centuries – the Prelude to Destruction

Chair: Dr. Doron Avraham, Director, European Department, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

Speakers:

Professor Omer Bartov - John P. Birkelund Distinguished Professor of European History and Professor of History and German Studies, Brown University, USA: Antisemitism, the Holocaust, and Reinterpretations of National Socialism

Professor Susan Benedict – Medical University of South Carolina, USA: From Caring to Killing: Nurses and Physicians in the Third Reich

Professor Wolfgang Wippermann, Freie Universitat Berlin, Germany: Extermination by Education: Antisemitism and Racism in German Textbooks 1919-1945

Professor David Bankier, Director, International Research Institute, Yad Vashem: Dialectics of Holocaust Uniqueness and its Negation

Professor Dina Porat, University of Tel Aviv’ *The 1930’s and the 2000’s - the Relevance of Historical Comparisons*

11:00-11:30 BREAK

11:30-12:30 Breakout sessions

14:30-18:00 Afternoon Educational Workshops, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

*The Morning Session will take place in the Jerusalem International Convention Center
(The Teddy Auditorium)*

09:00-11:00

Simultaneous translation to Spanish, Russian, and French will be provided.

Teaching the Holocaust in a Multi-Cultural Society – Combating the Phenomena of Racism and Prejudice in the Classroom

Chair: Yossi Gevir, Senior Assistant to the Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate

Greetings: MK Isaac Herzog, Minister of Welfare and Social Services and Minister of the Diaspora, Society, and Fight Against Antisemitism

This will be a [roundtable discussion](#) with the following participants:

Dr. Stephen Smith - Founding Director, Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre, Nottingham, England

Dr. William F. Meinecke Jr. - Historian, Education Department, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, USA

Dr. Mary Johnson - Senior Historian, Facing History and Ourselves, USA

Hon. Daniel Rafecas Esq. - Federal Judge, Argentina

Professor Bodo von Borries - Professor of Education, University of Hamburg, Germany

Shulamit Imber- Pedagogical Director, The International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem, Israel

11:00-11:30 BREAK

11:30-12:30 Breakout sessions

14:30-18:00 Afternoon Educational Workshops International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

Thursday, July 10, 2008

*The Morning Session will take place in the Jerusalem International Convention Center
(The Teddy Auditorium)*

09:00-11:00

Simultaneous translation to Spanish, Russian, and French will be provided.

Building a Better World – The Legacy of the Survivors and Celebrating Israel in its 60th Year

Chair: Dorit Novak, Director, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

Greetings: MK Rabbi Michael Melchior, Chairman, Education, Culture, and Sports Committee

Speakers:

Professor Hanna Yablonka - Historian, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel: *After the Shoah- Choosing to Go Forward*

Samuel Bak - Artist, USA : *Icons of Loss- The Image of the Warsaw Boy in the Art of Samuel Bak*

Major General Ido Nechushtan – Commander of the Air Force, Israel Defense Forces, Israel:

Witnesses in Uniform - Confronting the Past - IDF Trips to Poland

Avner Shalev, Chairman, Yad Vashem Directorate, Israel: *Perpetuating the Legacy of the Survivors for Future Generations: The Challenges for Yad Vashem*

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-12:30 Breakout sessions

14:30-16:00 Afternoon Educational Workshops, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem

17:00-18:00 *The Closing Session will take place in the Family Plaza at the International School for Holocaust Studies.*

Chair: Ephraim Kaye

Keynote Lectures in memory of Dr. Israel Asper:

Natan Sharansky, Former Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Adelson Institute for Strategic Studies : *Democracy, Education and Human Rights*

Professor Yehuda Bauer - Academic Advisor, Yad Vashem: *The Holocaust and the State of Israel*

Professor Kalman Perk, testimony

Musical Interlude: Valeria Ventura with the Atar ensemble members