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of the World Council of Jewish Communal Service



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Greetings

Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 11th WCJCS Quadrennial. We look forward to the opportunity to meet, connect and interchange with colleagues coming from so many countries and speaking so many languages: English, Hebrew, French, Spanish and Russian. The excitement is in realizing and experiencing how our Jewish commonality transcends all these differences.

Holding this Conference in Jerusalem demonstrates the central role of Israel, and this year we have the special pleasure of celebrating the 40th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem in June 1967. A few weeks later WCJCS held its 1st Quadrennial.

So much has happened in these four decades both in extraordinary achievements and painful disappointments. And so much has changed since we last met in 2003. Terrorism and war tragically have taken life and significantly changed the lives of countless Israelis, with a significant impact on the social service structure and network in Israel. A revved up anti-Semitism, masked as anti-Zionism has threatened our people in places and to the degree that we never would have predicted.

And internally, we face the challenge of outreach to the unaffiliated, the clash between individualism and community, between integration and assimilation, finite resources and growing needs; and the problems of leadership.

As our keynote speaker, Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks once said: "Jews gave hope to the world" and we gather here with that optimism that we can make a difference, each in our way, strengthened by being part of a world Jewish people and that as professionals we are part of a World Jewish Civil Service.

The major issues we face are reflected in the Conference theme "Building a Strong Jewish Future in a Changing World -- the Role of the Professional." The Plenaries address broad subjects in an interdisciplinary way. The Forums deal with Cluster issues related to Community Building, Human Services and Jewish Education. The Professional Tracks get into the nitty-gritty of Community Planning, Professional Development, Family & Children's Services, Aging, Youth & Young Adults, and Jewish Education.

The magic of the Quadrennial is the cross-fertilization that ensues when diverse individuals with shared values deliberate together. The excitement in the hallways and meeting rooms is real. We are here to support and sustain each other at this urgent time.

We also expect that this conference will further deepen the partnership that we have between Israel and the world Jewish community.

We encourage you to reach out and connect with new colleagues in order to ignite sparks of reflection and dialogue in one-on-one conversations and in group discussions. Our gathering unquestionably is a forum for exploration and inspiration particularly with the presence of professionals from so many different countries. Do feel free to contact anyone of us.

We are indebted to the WCJCS Board members, planning chairs, presenters and professional staff who have made this gathering possible. We wish you all a productive and rewarding experience that will produce long-term residuals for months to come.

With best wishes,

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The registration and information desk will be open during the Conference at the following times:

Saturday, June 23	20:30 – 22:00
Sunday, June 24	07:30 – 19:30
Monday, June 25	07:30 – 14:00
Tuesday, June 26	08:00 – 18:00

Badge

You are kindly requested to wear your badge during Conference sessions and events and present the appropriate invitation/voucher for entry to social events and lunches.

Mail / Messages / Medical Assistance / Lost and Found

Please apply at the Registration Desk.

Conference Opening

The conference will officially begin at 9:45 AM on Sunday June 24th at the Regency Jerusalem Hotel with a Welcome and Orientation session, followed by exciting Plenaries, Cluster Forums, and Professional Track sessions. The Opening Reception and Plenary will take place at the Regency Jerusalem Hotel the same evening.

Translation

The official language of the Conference is English. Simultaneous translation into Hebrew, French, and Russian will be offered during all Plenary and Cluster Forum sessions and select Professional Track sessions. Translation into Spanish will be offered during select sessions. Designated sessions requiring translation into English will also offer translation into English.

Simultaneous translation will be available as follows:

Sunday, June 24 Halls A, B, and C
Monday, June 25 Hall A
Tuesday, June 26 Halls A, B, and C

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Security

All standard security measures are taken by the Regency Jerusalem Hotel and the Quadrennial organizers.

Travel and Accommodation

Dan Knassim Ltd., the official travel agent for the Conference, will operate a Hospitality Desk during the Conference, at which you can arrange additional accommodation, sightseeing tours and rent-a-car. Payment can be made with foreign currency cash, cheque or credit card. Payment in local currency is subject to 15.5% VAT.

Pre-Conference Seminars

JDC-FSU

The JDC, with matched scholarship funds, is sponsoring a pre-conference seminar for a group of 50 professionals from across the FSU to be held June 19 through June 24. The group will include directors of Jewish communal organizations: Heseds, JCC's, Hillel and JDC staff. The seminar will include visits to local Israeli organizations and institutions and a workshop on social marketing.

Fonds Social Juif Unifié

The Fonds Social Juif Unifié, with the support of the Mandel Leadership Institute, is organizing a pre-conference seminar under the theme "Not-for-Profit Organization Leadership and Management". The seminar which begins on June 20, will be attended by social and welfare services professionals from 17 different organizations throughout France.

World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers (WCJCC)/JDC

As part of the Community Building Cluster, the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers in partnership with JDC is sponsoring a pre-conference retreat of the "One Candle Lighting Another - The WCJCC/JDC Mentoring/Professional Exchange Project", whereby distinguished executive directors of JCC's from around the world are teamed with their counterparts from the Former Soviet Union. Representatives from Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Uzbekistan, North America, England and Israel will attend the retreat from June 21 through June 24 and then join the conference.

A special thank you to the AJG (L'association Juive de Gérontologie) for its financial contribution toward the translation and printing of the program book in French.

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08:30-09:30 Professional Tracks Chairs' Meeting Valentino

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Dvora Blum, Ph.D. – Vice President, Israel Planning, UJC-Israel
Andrée Katz - International Program Coordinator, Fonds Social Juif Unifié, France

09:45-10:15 Welcome And Orientation – Conference Program Hall A,B Chairs

Chairpersons: **Jacob Solomon** – Executive Vice President, Greater Miami Jewish Federation, USA
Alan Hoffmann - Director General, Department for Jewish Zionist Education, the Jewish Agency for Israel, Israel
Dr. Marc Cohen – WCJCS European President, Director, OSE Medical Center, France

10:15-11:00 Plenary I – Integration and Individualism: Challenges to Jewish Identity and Community in the 21st Century Hall A,B

The world that today's younger adult Jews inhabit is one that both resembles and departs from the one most familiar to their elders. It is a world where Jews and non-Jews increasingly interact in the most intimate of ways, and it is one that places a premium on voluntarism, autonomy, fluid boundaries, and the search for personal meaning. These circumstances pose challenges to prevailing notions of Jewish identity and community, but they also underlay fascinating and encouraging signs of adaptation, innovation, and renewal

Chairperson: **Max L. Kleinman** – President, WCJCS; Executive Vice President, United Jewish Communities of MetroWest NJ, USA

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Steven M. Cohen** – Research Professor of Jewish Social Policy, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Director, Florence G. Heller/JCCA Research Center, USA
Dr. Dov Maimon – Fellow, The Jewish People Policy Planning Institute, Israel

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break Castel Terrace

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11:30-13:00 Cluster Forum I (3 Concurrent Sessions)

**11:30-13:00 1. Human Services - Our Aging Jewish World Hall B
 – How Prepared Are We?**

A global perspective on aging trends in Jewish communities, an evaluation of current services and programs, a deliberation on the special needs we can anticipate in the future and a discussion on how we should prepare for the challenge of the coming generation.

Chairperson: **Prof. Yitzhak Brick** – Director General, JDC-ESHEL, Israel

Keynote speaker: **Bert J. Goldberg** - President/CEO, Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies, USA

Prof. Sergio DellaPergola - The Shlomo Argov Chair in Israel-Diaspora Relations and Director, Division of Jewish Demography and Statistics, The A. Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Pia Cohen – Head, Social Needs Survey Department, Fonds Social Juif Unifié, France

11:30-13:00 2. Jewish Education - What Should 21st Century Jewish Education Look Like? Hall C

In the era of the global village, will Jewish education become increasingly more similar in communities around the world? How do trends in the realm of intermarriage, attachment to Israel, anti-Semitism, or innovative movements in Judaism affect the Jewish educational agenda today? Are the Jewish educational horizons in Israel and around the globe likely to converge or grow apart? In short, what should 21st century Jewish education look like?

Chairperson: **Dr. Joan Kaye** - CEO, Bureau of Jewish Education of Orange County, California, USA

Keynote speaker: **Dr. Daniel Gordis** – Vice-President, The Mandel Foundation, Israel

Respondents: **Dr. Jonathan Woocher** – Chief Ideas Officer, Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA), USA

Gila Ben-Har - CEO, The Center for Educational Technology, Israel

Dr. Ami Bouganim – Director, Research and Development Unit, Department of Education, Jewish Agency for Israel



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11:30-13:00 **3. Community Building - *The State of Jewish Community Building*** **Hall A**

This forum will paint a broad picture of the current state of community building efforts, strengths and weaknesses of the various communities around the world, the challenges and the successes.

Chairperson: **Yair Geller** – Executive Director, Israel Association of Community Centers, Israel

Speakers: **Howard Rieger** - President and CEO, United Jewish Communities (UJC), USA

Bambi Sheleg - Editor, Eretz Acheret Magazine, Israel

David Saada - Director General, Fonds Social Juif Unifié, France

13:00-14:30 **Lunch** **The Pavilion**

Seating by country and/or geographical region (for locations follow signs or ask at the registration desk)

13:00-14:30 **North American Regional Lunch** **Shamayim**

Participants from North America are invited to enjoy lunch together and a special recognition program arranged by the Jewish Communal Service Association of North America. The luncheon is underwritten with support from United Jewish Communities and JCSA.

Chairpersons: **Ellie Aronowitz** - President, JCSA

Brenda Gevertz – Executive Director, JCSA; Secretary, WCJCS

Guest speaker: **Nachman Shai** - Senior Vice President, UJC and Director General, UJC Israel

Board Meeting - Israel Federation of Community Centers (IFCC)

(Location to be announced)

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14:30-16:00 **Professional Tracks I (8 Concurrent Sessions)**

14:30-16:00 **1. Aging - *Facing Life Limiting and End of Life Issues*** **Hall B**

As people live longer and die longer due to advances in modern medicine there is the dreaded potential of dying hooked up to unwanted machines. What are the laws, cultural and religious practices, Jewish and secular in nature, that impact on the decisions our community makes as we all prepare for and approach end of life? This session will explore the personal and public dilemmas we face, examine current hospice patient centered care practices, the role of advanced directives and health care proxies and compare and contrast laws that govern our end of life care choices and our fate.

Chairperson: **Elisheva Flamm-Oren** – Planning Director, Israel office of the UJA-Federation of New York

Speakers: **Prof. Charles L. Sprung** - Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel

Dr. Barry Kinzbrunner - Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, VITAS Healthcare Corporation of Miami, USA

Rabbi Gabriel Farhi – Chaplain, Georges Pompidou Hospital, Paris, France

Dr. Jean-Marc Mollard – Director, Reseau Ensemble, Paris, France

14:30-16:00 **2. Family & Children - *Long Term Impact of Trauma* Alon**

This session will discuss newest developments and best practices in trauma treatment by internationally-recognized experts in the emerging field of trauma research and service provision. Presentations will address a variety of populations and causes of trauma, and will focus on both children and adults

Chairperson: **Dr. Anita Friedman** – Executive Director of the Jewish Family and Children's Services of Northern California, USA

Speakers: **Dr. Danny Brom** – Director, Israel Center for the Treatment of Psychotrauma/Herzog Hospital, Jerusalem

Dr. Charles Marmor – Associate Chief of Staff for Mental Health, Veterans Administration Medical Center and Professor of Psychiatry, University of California, USA

Dr. Alicia Lieberman - Irving B.Harris Endowed Chair of Infant Mental Health and Professor, UCSF Department of Psychiatry, USA



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14:30-16:00 **3. Youth & Young Adults – Volunteering Models for Personal Growth and Community Service** **Oren**

This panel will highlight the growing prominence of service programs that offer young Jews a chance to work for a week, a month or a year, being in service to others, learning how to make change in communities from Israel to the developing world to American cities. There will be some discussion of trends in this emerging field but most of the panel will be presentations by alumni of such programs, explaining what they did, what they learned and how these experiences are being incorporated into their lives.

Chairperson: **Ruth W. Messinger** - President, American Jewish World Service, USA

Speakers: **Nicky Cregor, MSW** – Social Worker, Jerusalem, Israel

Meara Razon – Youth Leader, Project OTZMA, Israel

Vered Kater, RN - Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Nursing of Children; Assistant Clinical Professor, Saint Louis University

14:30-16:00 **4. Vulnerable Populations - Children/Youth at Risk** **Erez**

Poverty, domestic abuse, adapting to a new culture, and poor educational achievement are only some of the risk factors facing Jewish youth throughout the world. Early identification, models of prevention, education, and treatment of substance abuse, mental health and social problems will be presented.

Chairperson: **Roger Fajnzylberg** – Director General, OSE, France

Speakers: **Diana Klein** - Executive Management, Jewish Family and Children's Services of Northern California

Frema Kuper – Director, "Urim" Parent-Child Center, Social Welfare Division, Holon Municipality, Israel

Joyce Dana – Head, Maguen Noar Service, OPEJ, Paris, France

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14:30-16:00 **5. Jewish Education 1 - Jewish Educational Journeys for Youth** **Hall C**

Jewish educational journeys can facilitate encounters with Jewish roots, as well as with Jews and Jewish communities around the world today – and by so doing, can enable Jewish youth to encounter themselves, enhance their own self-understanding. Journeys can take travelers to Israel, the Jewish center, to other communities around the globe, or they can even be metaphorical. What paradigms are prevalent today, what educational strategies do they employ, and what are their outcomes?

Chairperson: **Elan Ezrachi** - Director General, Masa Israel Journey, Jewish Agency for Israel, Israel

Speakers: **Keith Berman** – Director, Young Judea Year Course in Israel

Razi Mamet – Director, Jewish Agency's Netanya-Cincinnati Partnership, Israel

Ephraim Teitelbaum - Regional Delegate, Greater South-West region, Fonds Social Juif Unifié, France

14:30-16:00 **6. Jewish Education 2 - Jewish Educational Journeys for Adults** **Brosh**

Jewish educational journeys, both literal and metaphorical, are not only for youth. Increasingly today, adults are on "Jewish journeys" as well that afford them opportunities for self-discovery, professional training, building bridges to counterparts around the Jewish world, and more. What models are available to adult seekers? What is the added value of employing journeys as a strategy for professional development? Where do adults go on their educational journeys?

Chairperson: **Varda Rafaeli** - Director of Content and Programming, The International School for Jewish Peoplehood Studies, Beth Hatefutsoth, Israel

Speakers: **Patricia Cipora Harte** – Vice President, Program Services, Jewish Community Centers Association, USA

Eli Gur – Director, Jewish Renewal Department, Israel Association of Community Centers

Julian Resnick - Director, The Living Judaism Synagogue Transformation Initiative of the Movement for Reform Judaism, UK

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14:30-16:00 **7. Professional Development - *Training for Leadership vs. Training for Management*** **Hall A**

Growing leaders, growing managers – how do the skill sets traditionally related to leaders and managers interrelate in today's high-paced and complex work environments? How can organizations assess their future staffing needs and think strategically about investing limited critical resources in preparing staff to tackle the challenges which lie ahead? This session will present a brief theoretical outline and survey current best practices in the field of leadership development while drawing on the applied models in place today in several cutting edge settings.

Chairperson: **Rebecca Caspi** - Assistant Executive Vice President and Executive Director, Worldwide Human Resources, JDC

Speakers: **Alan Mann** - Executive Vice President, Community Services, JCC Association of North America, NY, USA

Dr. Dvora Geller – Lecturer, Faculty of Industrial Engineering and Management, Technion; Faculty of Management, Tel Aviv University; School of Business Administration, The College of Management, Israel

Marina Goutman - Director, Buncher Community Leadership Program

14:30-16:00 **8. Community Planning & Development - *What is Community Planning and Development?*** **Eshel**

Much of the debate around community development comes from the wide range of definitions it is given. This first session will focus on providing a theoretical and conceptual understanding of community planning and development, providing the context for later discussions. Dr. Ronit Davidovich-Marton, who has extensive experience in the economic and social aspects of community planning, having worked in this field for the Jewish Agency for many years, will provide an overview of community development applying her knowledge of Israel to working with Jewish communities around the world.

Chairperson: **Neil Taylor** – Director of Community Services, Jewish Care, UK

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Ronit Davidovich-Marton** – D.M.R. Planning & Development, Israel

16:00-16:30 **Coffee Break** **Castel Terrace**

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16:30-18:00 **Professional Tracks II (9 Concurrent Sessions)**

16:30-18:00 **1. Aging - *Coping with Being an Aging Holocaust Survivor (1): Social Service Needs*** **Erez**

This session will explore the psycho-social models adapted to survivors' needs and expectations and discuss community and long-term care issues

Chairperson: **Dr. Serge Reingewirtz** - Chief Medical Doctor, The Rothschild Foundation, France

Speakers: **Dr. Nathan Durst** - Clinical Director, Amcha; Lecturer, Haifa University, Israel

Debora Fajnwaks – National Coordinator, Passerelles, France

Dr. Svetlana Shklarov - Interdisciplinary Graduate Program, University of Calgary, Canada

Allen Glicksman, Ph.D. - Director of Research and Evaluation, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, USA

16:30-18:00 **2. Family and Children - *Innovative Models in Adolescent Development*** **Hall B**

Work with youth is an especially creative, challenging and important component of services to support families and children to achieve their highest levels of functioning. Clinical and social service programs with youth often require unique sensitivity, expertise and the ability to work with teens who demonstrate a wide range of functioning from those with serious challenges to those who are higher functioning. Successful models of for working with a variety of youth will be presented including teens with special needs, immigrant populations and children with special gifts and opportunities.

Chairperson: **Mario Izcovich** – JDC Director of Pan-European Programs and Coordinator of Jewish Children's Initiative in Western Europe

Speakers: **Zion Gabai** – Executive Director, Elem–Youth in Distress, Israel

Debby Perelmutter - Vice President, Services to the Jewish Community, Jewish Child Care Association, USA

Eugenia Lvova – Director, Adain Lo Jewish Family Center and Director, Russian Jewish Congress, St. Petersburg, Russia

Orly Knafo Ohayon - Psychosocial Support Service for Families and Children, OSE, Paris, France

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16:30-18:00 **3. Youth & Young Adults - *Models of Engaging Unaffiliated Jewish Youth*** **Brosh**

This session will explore creative endeavors which seek to engage youth not actively involved in the Jewish community either through self-identification and/or lack of participation religiously or communally.

Chairperson: **Dr. Yael Barenholtz** - Director of Research and Evaluation, Youth & Society Administration, Ministry of Education, Israel

Speakers: **Eyal Reiz** – General Secretary, Hashomer Hatzair, Israel
 Viviane Eskenazi - Delegate, Rhône Alpes region, Fonds Social Juif Unifié, France
 David Kaplan – Community Division Director, United Synagogue-UK
 Inna Alexeeva – Head of PR Department and Jewish Renaissance Fellow, Saint Petersburg Hillel, Russia

16:30-18:00 **4. Vulnerable Populations - *The AIDS Pandemic: A Major Challenge for the 21st Century*** **Hall C**

Throughout the world the HIV/AIDS pandemic is disrupting lives, devastating families, and destroying communities. This panel will bring together persons dealing with the epidemic and its physical, social and economic consequences in Israel, Europe, Africa and elsewhere in the developing world. They will discuss various interventions from prevention education to home based and family care to advocacy for drug access, sharing lessons and perspectives with each other and the audience.

Chairperson: **Ruth W. Messinger** - President, American Jewish World Service, USA

Speakers: **Dr. Lucy Steinitz** - Regional Senior Technical Advisor for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Family Health International, Windhoek, Namibia and African Field Representative, Stephen Lewis Foundation
 Joseph Marceau – Director General, MAAVAR Agency, France
 Dr. Gideon Hirsch - Executive Director, Israel AIDS Task Force

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16:30-18:00 **5. Jewish Education 1 - *The Emergence of Large-scale Learning Gatherings*** **Oren**

Limmud has emerged as a powerful model that brings large numbers of diverse people together for Jewish learning. What is its special appeal? What is shared – and what is distinctive – about *Limmud* gatherings in Europe, North America and Israel? What is distinctive about this mode of Jewish learning and what can be applied to other Jewish educational settings?

Chairperson: **Raymond Simonson** - Executive Director, Limmud

Speakers: **Ruth Ouazana** - Founder and Chairperson, Limoud France
 Dassee Berkowitz - Co-Chairperson, Limmud NY
 Elana Levi Zrihen - Limmud Galil

16:30-18:00 **6. Jewish Education 2 - *Fresh and Innovative Approaches to Text*** **Eshel**

Historically, Jewish education and the study of Jewish texts have been nearly synonymous. What constitutes Jewish “text” and what are the novel modes of engaging them today? In a visual, auditory, and digital age, do arts bring additional tools, opportunities or enhancements to the study of text?

Chairperson: **Helene Tigay** - Executive Director, Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education of Greater Philadelphia, USA

Speakers: **Stephen Hazan Arnoff** - Managing Editor, *Zeek: A Jewish Journal of Thought and Culture*, USA
 Robbie Gringras – Artist in Residence, Makom Israel Engagement Network, Israel
 Deborah Goldman Golan – Director, ATID BAMIDBAR R.A., BAMIDBAR Center for Creative Pluralistic Jewish Study, Yeroham, Israel



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16:30-18:00 **7. Professional Development - Lay-Professional Relations** **Hall A**

The relationship and respective roles of professionals and volunteer leaders serve as a decisive strategic lever in a Jewish communal organization's capacity to fulfill its mission. However, the lay-professional dimension has evolved very differently across different societies and cultures. In this session, you will gain new insight into the cultural and organizational influences which shape the roles and relationship of volunteer leaders and professional leaders differently across the international Jewish landscape.

Chairperson: **David Ben-Ichou** – Head, Welfare Department, Fonds Social Juif Unifié, France

Speakers: **Stephen Hoffman** – President and CEO, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, OH, USA

Shlomit Shulov Barkan, Ph.D - Faculty Member, Nonprofit Management Area, School of Business, Center for Academic Studies, Israel

Simon Gurevičius – Executive Director, Jewish Community of Lithuania

16:30-18:00 **8. Community Planning & Development - Are Grassroots Organizations the Engine of Change Processes?** **Alon**

This session will explore the importance of grassroots organizations in society and their relationship within the private, public, and third sectors. What are the ways to make the best use of these inter-sector relationships to benefit the people grassroots organizations serve? What are the steps for creating a breakthrough to a better future for Jewish communities around the world?

Chairperson: **Dalia Lev-Sadeh** - JDC-Former Soviet Union Division

Speakers: **Dr. Elisheva Sadan** - Senior Lecturer and **Dr. Dorit Barak** - Lecturer, Paul Baerwald School of Social Work, Hebrew University, Israel

Sarale Shadmi-Wortman - Director of Community Department, Shdemot Center for Community Leadership, Oranim Academic College of Education, Israel

Leonid Kolton – Director, St. Petersburg Jewish Welfare Center Heses Avraham, Russia

Jay Roth – Executive Vice President, Harry and Rose Samson Family JCC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

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16:30-18:00 **9. Mentoring & Professional Exchange - JCC's Seeking Excellence Seminar (by invitation only)** **The Terrace**

A session of World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers (WCJCC)/JDC's Mentoring/Professional Exchange Project: "One Candle Lighting Another"

Presenter: **Alan Mann** - Executive Vice President, Community Services, JCC Association of North America, New York, USA

18:00-19:30 **Light Dinner Reception** **Castel Terrace**

In recognition and celebration of its 50th Anniversary, the **Wurzweiler School of Social Work (WSSW) of Yeshiva University, New York**, is pleased to sponsor the Opening Reception of the World Council of Jewish Communal Service Quadrennial. Within a "methods based" approach to social work, a unique Wurzweiler feature is its flexible Block Program, which allows students already in professional settings to obtain an MSW degree in three successive summers (two if the student has a BSW) in residence in New York.

Greetings: **Prof. Sheldon R. Gelman** - Dorothy and David I. Schachne Dean, Wurzweiler School of Social Work; Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Yeshiva University, USA

19:30-21:30 **Plenary II - Building a Strong Jewish Future in a Changing World - Role of the Professional** **Hall A, B**

What are the changes taking place both outside and within the Jewish world that are having major impact on Jewish life and will affect our future? What are the directions and actions that need to be taken by the organized Jewish community in response to these changes that can help us build and ensure a strong Jewish future? What role should the professionals play in this response?

Chairperson: **Alan Hoffmann** - Director General, Department for Jewish Zionist Education, the Jewish Agency for Israel, Israel

Keynote Speaker: **Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks** – Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, UK

Speakers: **MK Isaac Herzog** – Minister of Social Affairs and Social Services; Minister of the Jewish Diaspora, Society, and the Fight Against Anti-Semitism, Israel

Dr. Misha Galperin - Executive Vice President, Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, USA

Prof. Uriel Reichman – President, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel



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Inauguration of the Ted Comet Exemplar Award

In recognition of his extraordinary career and leadership dedicated to World Jewry, the **Ted Comet Exemplar Awards** have been created to honor Ted Comet and recognize the contributions of Jewish Communal Professionals who are now striving to further international understanding and cooperation benefiting the Jewish People

Presentation: **Max L. Kleinman** – President, WCJCS; Executive Vice President, United Jewish Communities of MetroWest NJ, USA

21:45	World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers (WCJCC) - Reception (by invitation only)	Castel Terrace
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A reception in honor of conference participants from JCC's around the world sponsored by the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers.

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08:00-09:30	WCJCS Board Meeting	Valentino
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08:00-09:30 **Authors' Forum (3 Concurrent Sessions)**

Three concurrent sessions of the Author's Forum will consist of short oral presentations by professionals from around the world. The Authors' Forum provides an opportunity for professional interaction and the sharing of key findings of recent projects. Full annotated papers will be posted on the WCJCS website.

08:00-09:30	Authors' Forum – Session A - Jewish Peoplehood/ Education / Youth Services	Hall A, B
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Chairperson: **Prof. Sylvia Barack Fishman** – Professor of Contemporary Jewry and American Jewish Sociology, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department, Brandeis University and Co-Director of the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute

- Presentations:**
- The Challenge of Marginalization of Baalei Teshuvah***
Prof. Roberta G. Sands - University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice, Philadelphia, PA, USA
 - Park Chaverim: An Inclusive and Accessible Playground in Park Ra'anana***
Michele Shapiro and **Adi Noi** - Beit Issie Shapiro, Ra'anana, Israel
 - Abba and Me: Ethiopian Fathers and Their Young Children***
Nomi Arbel - Gevanim Center for Community Diversity (GCCD), Lehavim, Israel
 - Development of Partnerships in the Community for the Advancement of the Education and Welfare of Children and Youth***
Dafna Barashi and **Dr. Michael Ganor** - Jerusalem Association of Community Councils and Centers, Israel
 - The Ewa & Dan Abraham Project: A New Cultural and Educational Initiative***
Maureen Wise - The Ewa & Dan Abraham Project, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, FL, USA
 - The Value and Beauty of the Mifgash – Building Jewish Peoplehood***
Roberta Bell-Kligler and **Paula Mills** - Shdemot Dept. of Jewish Peoplehood/OREN, Oranim Academic College, Tivon, Israel



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Convergent and Divergent Dimensions of Jewish Peoplehood

David Mittelberg - Shdemot Dept. of Jewish Peoplehood/OREN, Oranim Academic College, Tivon, Israel

Yearning for a Voluntary Diaspora: The Place of Israel in American Jewish Identity as Reflected in Birthright and the Wexner Fellowships

Dylan Tatz - American Jewish Committee, New York, USA

08:00- 09:30 Authors' Forum – Session B - Aging Erez

Chairperson: **Yaacov Kabilou** – Community Services Director, JDC-ESHEL, Israel

- Presentations:**
- Examination of Issues in Family Care of the Elderly***
Jenny Brodsky and **Shirli Resnizky** - Center for Research on Aging, Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute, Israel
 - Palliative Care Services in Israel and Abroad***
Dr. Netta Bentur and **Shirli Resnizky** - Center for Research on Aging, Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute, Israel
 - Honoring Life: Psychological Issues and Community-Based Practice Implications in Service to Holocaust Survivors***
Jenni Frumer - Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service, West Palm Beach, FL, USA
 - “נוחי אחיך עמך” – Caring for the Aging Survivors of the Holocaust***
Ella Harel - Nini Czopp, Israel

Dental Needs among the Elderly: A Community Model at Yad Sarah

Dr. Avi Zini - Yad Sarah, Israel

Evaluation of a Developing Model for Intervention in Elder Abuse in Israel

Dr. Ayelet Berg-Warman - Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute and **Dr. Sara Alon** – JDC-ESHEL, Israel

Edith Kremsdorf Day Centre – Welcome and Care Unit for the Elderly

Dr. Marc Cohen and **Dr. Grigori Nekritch** – OSE, Paris, France

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Neighbor Helping Neighbor: An Older Adult Community Building Initiative

Annette Botnick and **Jenni Frumer** - Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service, West Palm Beach, FL, USA

Building Community Within a Geriatric Long Term Care Setting: Creating a Jewish Environment

Bianca Stern - Occupational Therapy Department, Baycrest, Toronto, Canada

08:00- 09:30 Authors' Forum – Session C – Community Building Brosh

Chairperson: **Armand Lauffer** - Prof. Emeritus, The University of Michigan; Consultant, Nonprofit Management and Fundraising; Editor, Sage Publications

- Presentations:**
- Terror and Triage***
Dr. Norman Linzer - Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, NY, USA
 - The UK Government's Community Cohesion and Integration Agenda: The Changing Role of the Jewish Professional in Representative Bodies after 9/11 and 7th July London Bombings***
Alexander Goldberg - Board of Deputies of British Jews, UK
 - Developing Community Resilience: Community Emergency Centers in Jerusalem***
Ruth Geva - Jerusalem Association of Community Councils and Centers, Israel
 - Social Accompaniment of Jewish Political Asylum Seekers in France***
Judit Talvard - CASIP-COJASOR Foundation, Paris, France
 - New Communities in the New World: The Case of Russian Jewish Community in Boston***
Irene Belozersky - Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Boston, USA
Dr. Ariel Borshevsky - Oranim Academic College, Tivon, Israel



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Chronic Health Challenges and American Jewish Communal Service Agencies

Rabbi Gail Glicksman - Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncote, PA, USA

Expectancies of Motherhood and Disruptions of Fertility: The Role of the Infertility Counselor

Linda G. Klempner, Ph.D - Women's Health Counseling & Psychotherapy, Teaneck, NJ, USA

Proposal to Establish the World Center for the Jewish Family

Rina Cohen - Division of Adult Education, Ministry of Education, Israel

09:45-11:00 Plenary III - Global Threats to Israel and the Jewish People Hall A,B

In a rapidly changing world there are increasing external threats to Israel and world Jewry. Local and global terrorism, a potentially nuclear Iran, radical Islam, and renewed anti-Semitism in North America, Europe, and the Former Soviet Union, compel us to be much more attentive and proactive. The Jewish communal professional must draw upon appropriate expertise and help lead the assessment in order to develop relevant solutions within our communities.

Chairperson: **Ted Sokolsky** - President, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto

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Keynote Speaker: **Efraim Halevy**- Head of the Center for Strategic and Policy Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel; former head of the *Mossad*

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11:00-18:30 Professional Tracks III – Field Visits

Field visits are a part of the Professional Tracks program. Pre-registration is required at the conference registration desk. Light Lunch will be served during the Field Visits.

11:00 -18:30 1. Vulnerable Populations – Caring for Special Needs Populations (Field Visits)

We will visit various Jerusalem area programs provided by the following organizations:

ISRAEL ELWYN serves more than 1700 children and adults with special needs. The ultimate goal of all of Israel Elwyn's programs is to provide individuals with the tools needed to lead more independent lives within the community.

SHEKEL, a non-profit organization for the development of community based services for people with special needs. Shekel's professional staff and volunteers from Israel and abroad provide a continuum of services in the community for 6000 people with special needs from all sectors of society on a daily basis and thousands more in other programs.

Coordinator: **Tuca Yalin-Mor**

Hosts: **David Marcu** - Executive Director, Israel Elwyn

Clara Feldman - Executive Director, SHEKEL - Community Services for People with Special Needs

11:00 -18:30 2. Youth & Young Adults and Jewish Education (Field Visits)

We will visit community projects, youth leadership educational projects, and Jewish identity projects from the personal and *Klal Yisrael* perspective.

Coordinators: **Dr. Yael Barenholtz** - Director of Research and Evaluation, Youth & Society Administration, Ministry of Education, Israel

Irit Brook - Director, Youth Movements Department, Youth & Society Administration, Ministry of Education, Israel



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11:00 -18:30 **3. Professional Development – *Changing Perceptions of Career and Career Paths (Field Visits)***

What can we learn about changes in the workplace, in the general career world, and their implications on Jewish Communal Careers? We will identify some of the major trends that are emerging within the 21st Century career world as the demise of the traditional hierarchical career, transition to a more fluid and individual career choice emerges, and work is seen in terms of markets with the lack of a job anchor. Through the lens of three institutions and guidance from our scholars-in-residence, we will explore how these changes impact our Jewish Communal work.

Scholars-in-Residence:

Dr. Ron Meier - Senior Vice President, Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence, UJC, New York, USA

Ryan Hass - Director Professional Education & Training, Worldwide Human Resource Development, JDC, Israel

Planned visits: **Education Professionals - Mandel Leadership Institute, Jerusalem**

The Mandel Foundation believes that exceptional leaders are key to improving society and the lives of people around the world. The mission at the Mandel Leadership Institute is to partner with these leaders and train them to channel their creative energies into practical endeavors.

Congregation Professionals - Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem.

The Schechter Institute is one of Israel's leading academic centers for modern Jewish learning. The Graduate School boasts 750 graduates with advanced degrees in Jewish Studies. The Schechter Rabbinical Seminary has ordained 65 rabbis who have assumed leadership positions in Israel and around the world.

Business Sector - Malam, Jerusalem

Malam is one of Israel's leading IT service providers. See how this leading high tech company incorporates a work force, which is different than the general workforce. This visit will also include a representative from JDC's initiative, which integrates the Haredi workforce into the general workplace.

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11:00 -18:30 **4. Community Planning & Development – *A Journey to the Northern Negev (Field Visits)***

This field visit will demonstrate the complexity of life in the Negev through interaction with local professionals. We will visit the Bnei Shimon Regional Council which encompasses a large geographic region with a diverse population of varied ideological and socio-economic background. We will hear from local leaders about the communal strategy that this region has chosen to apply and their relations with the local Bedouin population. Next we will visit a Bedouin settlement, to see how its inhabitants manage their lives and learn about their accomplishments and challenges. Finally, we will hear about the strategic plan for the development of the Negev, one of the key challenges for the State of Israel.

Coordinator: **Dalia Lev-Sadeh** - JDC-Former Soviet Union Division

11:15–18:30 **5. Aging**

A. Aging - *The New Older Adult: The Aging of the Baby-Boomers* **Brosh Redefine Work/Life Balance**

We are a globally, aging society. We need to work, we want to work, and yet, our elderly parents and growing children still need our care and attention. How does the baby boomer generation balance work and life, take care of themselves, and still cure society's ills? During this session our panelists will present a snapshot of challenges and opportunities and what's new about being "older."

Chairperson: **Genie Cohen** - Executive Director, International Association of Jewish Vocational Services, USA

Speakers: **Karen Goldenberg** - CEO, Jewish Vocational Service, Toronto, Canada

David Saltman - CEO, Jewish Community Services of South Florida, USA

Prof. Yossi Tamir - Director General, TEVET Employment Initiative, JDC-Israel

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B. Aging - *Aging in Place: A Global Look at Innovative Models of Care* Hall A,B

This panel will present and examine innovative models of care that have successfully created supporting communities for their country's aging population.

Chairperson: **Genie Cohen** - Executive Director, International Association of Jewish Vocational Services, USA

Speakers: **Anita Altman** - Deputy Managing Director, Department of Government Relations & External Affairs, UJA-Federation of New York, USA

Ronit Nissenboim – Deputy Director of Community Housing, JDC-ESHEL, Israel

Leonid Kolton - Director, Jewish Welfare Center Hesed Avraham, St. Petersburg, Russia

C. Aging – *Aging in Place (Field Visits)*

We will visit MELABEV Community Clubs for Eldercare, an award winning agency which runs a full spectrum of services for the elderly of Jerusalem suffering from Alzheimer's-like symptoms and for their family caregivers. Next, will visit Jerusalem area Warm Homes (Bateem Chameem) which bring together small groups of elderly immigrants from similar backgrounds, who meet at least twice a week at the home of a host family. Finally, we will visit Yad Sarah's headquarters to view their medical devices distribution center.

Coordinator: **Yaacov Kabilou** – Community Services Director, JDC-ESHEL, Israel

11:15–18:30 6. Family & Children

A. Family & Children - *Domestic Violence in the Home: Models of Identification and Treatment* Hall A,B

Increasing attention to the problem of violence within families is a focus of professionals and policy worldwide. The long term impact on children and youth is profound as is the harm created for individuals and communities. This session will present a range of best practices in the identification and treatment of domestic violence in the context of different cultures. Elevating the capacity of helping professionals in the medical and social service fields to identify domestic violence will be discussed as well as new approaches for engaging adults, families, and children in treatment.

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Chairperson: **Yael Hermel** - Director of Services for the Individual and the Family, Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Services, Israel

Speakers: **Dr. Dorit Eldar-Avidan** – Lecturer, The Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Affairs, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem & the Redzyner School of Law, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

Lacey Roth, MSSA – Assistant Director of International Operations, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Dr. Greer Glazer – Dean, School of Nursing and Health Sciences, University of Massachusetts, Boston and Chair, Leadership & Empowerment in Women's Health Steering Committee, ISHA Project

Dvora Itzik - Coordinator of Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse, Ministry of Health, Israel

Brigitte Djian – Couples and Family Counselor, "La Maison des Familles et des Cultures", OPEJ (Oeuvre de Protection des Enfants Juifs), France

B. Family & Children – *Trafficking in Human Beings: Community and International Responses* Brosh

Human trafficking is gaining increasing attention as a world-wide problem that affects members of the Jewish Community as well. This session will discuss models for service provision to victims, and will also present innovative political initiatives designed to bring the Jewish Community together with other groups in one common effort against trafficking of women and children.

Chairperson: **Chaim Posner** - Deputy Director, TEVET Employment Initiative, JDC-Israel

Speakers: **Diana Klein** - Executive Management, Jewish Family and Children's Services of Northern California, USA

Rinat Davidovitch - Director, Maagan Shelter for Women Victims of Trafficking, Israel

Ilan Cohn – Senior Program Officer, Center for International Migration and Integration (CIMI), JDC-Israel

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C. Family & Children – *Domestic Violence in the Home (Field Visits)*

Visits to Jerusalem area institutions including a shelter for battered women, a center for prevention and treatment of domestic violence, and a supervised visitation center for enabling contact between parents and children in high conflict family environments.

Coordinator: **Yael Hermel** - Director of Services for the Individual and the Family, Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Services, Israel

12:00-15:00 **Senior Executive Seminar**
Major Issues Confronting Jewish Communities in Europe
(by invitation only)

Chairperson: **Stephen Hoffman** – President and CEO, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, OH, USA
Aharon Abramovitch - Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel

Presentations: France: **David Saada** - Director General, Fonds Social Juif Unifié
United Kingdom: **Jon Benjamin** - Chief Executive, British Board of Jewish Deputies
Germany: **Stephan J. Kramer** - Secretary General, Central Council of Jews in Germany

Location: Beit Avi Chai, 44 King George Street, Jerusalem

18:30-21:00 **Festive Evening - In Honor of the 40th Anniversary of Jerusalem's Reunification**

Location: The Israel Arts and Science Academy, Schusterman Family Campus, Jerusalem

Dinner reception followed by a festive cultural program featuring music and dance performances.

Produced by: **Danny Katz** – Events Department, Israel Association of Community Centers

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The WCJCS expresses its deep appreciation to the sponsors of this Festive Evening:

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08:45-11:15 Plenary IV & V Hall A, B

08:45- 10:00 Plenary IV - Professional Development and Women's Advancement

This plenary will examine the changes necessary to enable an increasing number of women to assume greater leadership positions in Jewish communal life. It will also explore the potentially transformative impact these changes may have on the vitality and efficacy of our communal organizations and institutions.

Chairpersons: **Maxyne Finkelstein** - CEO, The Jewish Agency for Israel in North America

Laurie Heller – President, Laurie Heller & Associates, Israel

Speakers: **Sivanie Shiran** - Director of Leadership Programs, Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community, USA

Tsiona Koenig-Yair - Executive Director, The Israel Women's Network

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10:00-11:15 Plenary V - Responding to Israel's Critical Social Challenges: Role of Government, Voluntary Agencies, and World Jewry

This plenary will examine the major social issues facing Israel today, exacerbated by the War in Lebanon; assess the services being rendered nationally and locally by government and the voluntary sector, define the needs that have to be met; and explore the role of world Jewry in sharing this responsibility.

Chairpersons: **Jacob Solomon** - Executive Vice President, Greater Miami Jewish Federation, USA

Danny Pins - Director, Division for Immigrant Integration, JDC-Israel

Speakers: **Prof. Jack Habib** – Director, Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute, Israel

Udi Praver – Head, Policy Planning Division, Israel Prime Minister's Office

Sari R. Revkin - Executive Director, YEDID-The Association for Community Empowerment, Israel

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break Castel Terrace

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11:45-13:15 Professional Tracks IV (8 Parallel Sessions)

11:45-13:15 1. Aging - Changing Trends in Home Care and Institutional Care Hall C

While nursing care is a key component of caring for the elderly, the last decade has brought about many alternative care services to serve a growing aging population. This session will explore recent developments in home care facilities, supportive communities, and day care centers that provide the elderly with a caring and safe home environment and postpone the need to be institutionalized.

Chairpersons: **Dr. Marc Cohen** – Director, OSE Medical Center, France

John Lemberger – Director, Geriatric Administration, Maccabi Healthcare Services, Israel

Speakers: **Esther Reiss** – Director, Elderly and Survivors Division and Long Term Care Division, National Insurance Institute, Israel

Neil P. Newstein - Executive Director - Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service, West Palm Beach, Florida, USA

Betty Elkaim – Director General, Adiam, France

Michèle Bourdeau – Tikva Program, The Rothschild Foundation, France

11:45-13:15 2. Aging - Coping with Being an Aging Holocaust Survivor (2): Health Needs Eshel

This session will explore the most significant medical and/or psychological issues among survivors

Chairperson: **Prof. Jacob Menczel** - Director, Department of Osteoporosis, Herzog Hospital, Israel

Speakers: **Dr. Eva Fogelman** - Co-Director, Psychotherapy with Generations of the Holocaust and Related Traumas and Child Development Research, Training Institute for Mental Health, New York, USA

Gail Kleinman, LCSW, BCD - Faculty Member and Supervisor for the Contemporary Center for Advanced Psychoanalytic Studies at Farleigh Dickinson College, NJ, USA

Dr. Emilie Scherz Passow - Transcending Trauma Project, Philadelphia, USA



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11:45-13:15 **3. Family & Children – New Initiatives for Strengthening the Family** **Erez**

This session will analyze changes in family structure in the context of changing societies, analyze trends shaping families in different cultures, and discuss emerging new approaches for best helping families to be successful in fulfilling their functions in the context of community.

Chairperson: **Dr. Rami Sulimani** – Director General, Ashalim and Division Head, Youth & Education, JDC-Israel

Speakers: **Amy Weiss** - Director, Parents Place, Family Resource Centers, San Francisco Bay Area, USA

David Harris – Director of Operational Services, Norwood (UK)

Dr. Maria Herczog - Senior Researcher, National Institute of Criminology, Budapest, Hungary, member of UN CRC

Michèle Heyman – Head of Family Social Services, CASIP-COJASOR Foundation, France

11:45-13:15 **Youth & Young Adults - Relationship Between Education and Building Intentional Communities** **Hall B**

Joint session with Jewish Education 2 – see description on page 37

11:45-13:15 **4. Vulnerable Populations - Substance Abuse Among Our Children** **Brosh**

Substance abuse among Jewish youth has become a fact of life. Adolescents and young adults from all cultures, religious affiliations, and representing all education and income levels are drawn to drugs and alcohol in alarming numbers. The Israel Anti Drug Authority (IADA) under the aegis of the Prime Minister's Office and F.E.G.S Health and Human Services System, N.Y., one of the U.S.'s largest health and social service networks will discuss their respective initiatives and their Memorandum of Understanding to prevent and treat substance abuse among Jewish youth. We will look at the culture and traditions of the Jewish family and the notions that surround the use and abuse of substances and also commemorate the UN International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (June 26th).

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Chairperson: **Dr. Meir Hovav** – Past Chair, Treatment and Rehabilitation Committee, Israel Anti-Drug Authority, Israel

Speakers: **Gail Magaliff** – CEO, F•E•G•S Health and Human Services System, New York, USA

Haim Messing - Director General, Israel Anti-Drug Authority, Israel

Sonia Douek – Manager, Community Development, Family Carers and Dementia Services, Jewish Care (UK)

11:45-13:15 **5. Jewish Education 1 - Weaving Jewish Learning and Social Action Together** **Oren**

In the classic discussion of whether study or action has priority in Judaism, one resolution of the debate rests on the claim that study leads to action. Is there, in fact, an intrinsic link between Jewish learning and action? In what ways might prior Jewish learning render social action more meaningful or beneficial, and could social action, in turn, affect the experience of Jewish learning associated with it?

Chairperson: **David Mittelberg** - Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Senior Consultant to Shdemot, Dept. for Jewish Peoplehood -OREN, Oranim, Academic College of Education

Speakers: **Yael Burg** – Area Head Voluntarism, Voluntarism & Philanthropy Division, JDC-Israel

Robert Sherman - Executive Director, Bureau of Jewish Education, San Francisco

Michel Elbaz – Director, Leon Askenazi Institute, France

11:45-13:15 **6. Jewish Education 2 - Relationship Between Education and Building Intentional Communities** **Hall B**

How do informal Jewish educational frameworks today contribute to the building of intentional Jewish communities such camps or youth movements? In what ways do such frameworks facilitate engaging in social action, and are there any distinguishing characteristics of Jewish education and action in this context?



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Chairperson: **Saul Kaiserman** – Mandel Jerusalem Fellow at the Mandel Leadership Institute, Jerusalem, Israel; Director of Life-Long Learning, Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York, USA

Speakers: **Maggie Bar-Tura** - Chief Operating Officer, Foundation for Jewish Camping, USA

Elan Gazit – Secretary General, *Hamahanot Haolim* Youth Movement, Israel

Fred Cherbite - Secretary General, International Forum of Jewish Scouts (IFJS)

Simon Parizhsky – Director, “Eitan” Center for Jewish Community Learning, St. Petersburg, Russia

11:45-13:15 **7. Professional Development - Professional Education and Mentoring** **Alon**

The best resources Jewish institutions possess are their personnel. Therefore, training and developing the cadre of Jewish professionals is of paramount importance. In recent years, some cutting edge models of professional exchange and mentoring have been developed. Come meet the participants in these unique programs and learn how you can advance your own professional career and your institution.

Chairperson: **Lew Stolzenberg** - Senior Consultant, Former Executive Director of the Staten Island JCC, NY, USA

Speakers: **Neil Taylor** – Director of Community Services, Jewish Care, London, UK

Alona Van Yu – Director of Jewish Community Center, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Dr. Ron Meier - Senior Vice President, Mandel Center for Leadership Excellence, UJC, NY, USA

Cathrine Fischer Schwartz - Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, CT, USA

Andres Spokoiny – JDC Area Director for Poland and the Baltic States; Director of Leatid, European Center for Jewish Leadership, Paris, France

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11:45-13:15 **8. Community Planning & Development - Governance and Management of Communities** **Hall A**

This session will explore the following: Are there core principles of governance and communal management that apply no matter the context or location? Can we bolster each other in thinking through our organizational challenges, and apply learning from around the world to each other's issues?

Chairperson: **Jean-Charles Zerbib** - Israel Representative, Fonds Social Juif Unifié

Keynote speaker: **Alberto Senderey** – Regional Director, Europe and Latin America, JDC

Respondents: **John Fishel** – President, Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, USA

Dr. Mike Naftali - Chairperson, Brit Olam-The International Israeli-Jewish Volunteer Movement, Israel

Eugenia Lvova - Director, Russian Jewish Congress, St. Petersburg and Director, *Adain Lo* Jewish Family Center, St. Petersburg, Russia

13:15-14:30 **Lunch** **The Pavilion**

13:15-14:30 **World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers (WCJCC) Board Meeting & Lunch (by invitation only)** **Valentino**

Chairperson: **Menachem Revivi** – Chair, WCJCC Advisory Committee, Israel

13:45-14:30 **Becoming the Fundraiser You Would Like to Be: Overcoming the Psychological Barriers to Fundraising** **Brosh**

Join us after lunch for a resource development workshop on how to enjoy fundraising rather than fear it.

Workshop Leader: **Laurie Heller** – President, Laurie Heller & Associates, Israel



Tuesday, June 26, 2007

14:30-16:00 Cluster Forum II (2 Concurrent Sessions)

14:30-16:00 **1. Jewish Education & Community Building - From Individual Identity to Community Building to Peoplehood** Hall A

What is Jewish Peoplehood today, in a world of rapid technological changes, religious-secular tensions, shifting national boundaries and alliances, etc.? What are the connections between strengthening individual Jewish identity, community-building, and fostering attachment to the Jewish people, and what educational strategies would best address the challenges of doing all three effectively?

Chairperson: **Dvora Blum, Ph.D.** - Vice President, Israel Planning, United Jewish Communities, Israel

Speakers: **Barry Schrage** - President, Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Boston, USA

Hasia Israeli - Director General, Beth Hatefutsoth -The Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, a World Center for Jewish Peoplehood, Israel

Jean-Jacques Wahl - Director General, Alliance Israélite Universelle, Paris, France

14:30 -16:00 **2. Human Services - Sexual Boundaries in the Jewish World Today: A Multi Disciplinary Jewish Approach** Hall B

Violations of sexual boundaries in professional settings are an alarming reality. Why are Jewish professionals, rabbis, and top government leaders engaging more and more in sexual harassment? What do Jewish tradition and Jewish law teach about how we conduct ourselves as we interact with others? How do United States and Israeli laws approach sexual harassment? What is the experience in other countries? What roles should the Jewish community and professionals have in dealing with this crisis?

Chairperson: **Emily Levy-Shochat, MA** – Senior Program Officer, The Moriah Fund, Israel

Speakers: **Dr. Steven Huberman** - Dean and Professor of Social Work, Graduate School of Social Work, Touro College, USA

Sara Berelowitz - Founder and Board Member, Crisis Center for Religious Women, Israel

Noam Lerner - Advocate, Israel

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16:00-16:30 Coffee Break Castel Terrace

16:30-18:00 **Plenary VI – Ethical Issues of Leadership & Quadrennial Closing** Hall A, B

Chairpersons: **Howard Weisband** – Associate President, WCJCS; Senior Advisor to the President on Israel Affairs, Yeshiva University, Israel

Gail Magaliff – CEO, F•E•G•S Health and Human Services System, New York, USA

Jewish leaders in both government and organizational life in Israel and worldwide have been under fire, investigation, and trial for serious questions revolving around their ethical, moral, and fiscal responsibilities. Why has this phenomenon seemed to have increased multi-fold? Is it simply increased media attention and public awareness, or is there really a breakdown in leadership quality and ethics? What role do we have, as Jewish communal professionals, to assess and repair this situation in order to better assure the future of the Jewish people?

Keynote Speaker: **Hon. Dalia Dorner** – Former Justice, Supreme Court of Israel

Recognition of founding members of the World Council of Jewish Communal Service (WCJCS)

Presentation: **Ted Comet** – Executive Vice President, WCJCS; Hon. Associate Executive Vice President, JDC

How do we sum up our deliberations during this, the 11th Quadrennial Conference of the World Council of Jewish Communal Service? Have we created new relationships and friendships in order to strengthen our professional network? What do we take home with us that will make us better professionals and improve our respective organizations and agencies?

Closing Remarks: **Avraham Infeld** – President, Chais Family Foundation, Israel

18:00-19:30 **WCJCS Board Meeting** Valentino

18:00-19:30 **Mentoring & Professional Exchange - Wrap-Up and Evaluation Session (by invitation only)** Brosh

A session of the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers (WCJCC)/JDC's Mentoring/Professional Exchange Project: "One Candle Lighting Another"

Chairpersons: **Smadar Bar-Akiva** - Executive Director, World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers, Jerusalem, Israel