





Jewish Vars?

An Emergency Conference on Israel-Diaspora Relations and the Future of Jewish Identity

"Go, gather together all the Jews" - Esther 4:16

May 3, 2023 Naftali Building, Room 003, Tel Aviv University

10:00 | Opening Remarks Conference Chair: Prof. **Yossi Shain**

Greetings

A Special Welcome Message from the Honorable Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel (Recorded)

Prof. **Ariel Porat**, President, Tel Aviv University

Prof. **Ronald D. Liebowitz**, President, Brandeis University

10:30 | Panel 1

14:00 | Panel 2

The Growing Rift within Global Jewry: Who Gets to Decide who is a Jew?

Moderator: Shmuel Rosner, Jewish Policy Institute

Prof. Ishay Rosen-Zvi, Tel Aviv University Efrat Shapira Rosenberg, Beit Avi Chai Yair Assulin, Haaretz

16:00 | Panel 3

Israel and the Jewish Diaspora in the Wake of the Judicial Overhaul

Moderator: Prof. Hanna Lerner.

What Does it Mean to be Jewish Today? On the Changing Nature of Faith, Community and Identity

Moderator: Prof. Milette Shamir, Tel Aviv University

Dani Dayan, Chairman, Yad Vashem Prof. Uriel Abulof, Tel Aviv University Dr. Neal Rogachevsky, Yeshiva University Prof. Rabbi Yehudah Mirsky, Brandeis University

12:00 | Keynote Address

Rabbi **Delphine Horvilleur**, Co-Leader, Liberal Jewish Movement of France, Editor, Tenou'a Quarterly

What can the Diaspora teach Israel about Power... in Such a Time?

"Who knows whether you have come to your position for such a time?" (Esther 4:14)

Moderator: Dr. Sarah-Masha Fainberg, Tel Aviv University

13:00 | Lunch Break

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Tova Dorfman, President, World Zionist Organization

Prof. Leonard Saxe, Brandeis University

Naama Klar, Koret International School for Jewish Peoplehood, ANU Museum

Prof. David S. Katz, Brandeis University and TAU (Emeritus)

17:30 |

Closing Remarks: Looking Ahead *Prof. Yossi Shain, Tel Aviv University Dr. Yoav Fromer, Tel Aviv University*

The Event is a Collaboration between Tel Aviv University, Brandeis University and the World Zionist Organization. It is open to the general public, but requires pre-registration here



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