

AZM BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

MARCH 5-6, 2017

ZIONISM:

THE COURAGE TO DREAM



ZIONISM: THE COURAGE TO DREAM 120 YEARS AND BEYOND

March 5-6, 2017 / 7-8 Adar 5777

SUNDAY

7TH FLOOR

1:00PM REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

GALLERY 710-712

2:00PM WELCOME AND OPENING PLENARY

Dr. Francine Stein, Co-Chairman, AZM Biennial Assembly

GREETINGS

Galit Peleg, Consul for Public Diplomacy, Consulate General of Israel

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: THE FUTURE OF
NATIONHOOD IN ISRAEL**

Professor David Passig, Bar-Ilan University

3:30PM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Introduced by Rabbi Paul Golomb, Co-Chairman, AZM Biennial Assembly

4:15PM BREAK

ROOM 710-712

4:30PM PLENARY 2: INTRODUCTIONS TO BREAKOUT SESSION

Plenary Chairman: Ellen Hershkin, President, Hadassah
Issues Facing American Zionism

BREAKOUTS

ROOM 717

ISRAEL: CENTER, PARTNER OR THEME PARK

A DISCUSSION OF ZIONISM IN THE DIASPORA
Professor Sylvia Barak Fishman, Brandeis University

ROOM 708

WHY ZIONISM IS NOT A FOUR-LETTER WORD

RETRIEVING A WORKING UNDERSTANDING OF ZIONISM IN
THE 21ST CENTURY FOR A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERSHIP
Rabbi Josh Weinberg, Executive Director, ARZA

ROOM 706

CHALLENGING THE THREE NO'S

ANTI-ZIONISM, ANTI-SEMITISM, ANTI-ISRAEL POLICY AND ACTION
Dr. Elana Heideman, Executive Director, Israel Forever Foundation

ROOM 711

TALKING ABOUT ISRAEL

HOW TO CONDUCT AN INCLUSIVE CONVERSATION
Dr. Yehezkel Landau, Senior Associate, Center for the Study of
Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations

CELEBRATORY DINNER IN HONOR OF KAREN RUBINSTEIN*

6:15PM RECEPTION

7:00PM DINNER PROGRAM

8:00PM BUFFET DINNER

8:45PM DESSERT

*pre-registration required

MONDAY

8:15AM BREAKFAST

GALLERY 710/712

9:00AM PLENARY 3: THE COURAGE TO DREAM: ZIONISM AT 120

Plenary Chairman: Sarrae Crane, Executive Director, Mercaz USA

ZIONISM: IS IT AN INFINITE IDEAL?

Dr. Esther Serok, Representative of the
WZO Executive in North America

THE BALFOUR INITIATIVE

Dr. Elana Heideman, Executive Director
of the Israel Forever Foundation

**9:45AM PLENARY 4: PRO-ISRAELISM OR ZIONISM:
WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?**

Plenary Chairman: Gideon Aronoff, Chief Executive Officer, Ameinu
Presenter: Professor Steven M. Cohen, Hebrew Union College

10:15AM PRESENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Kenneth Bob and Sondra Sokal
Co-chairmen, Strategic Planning Committee

10:30AM BREAK

**PLENARY 5: ENGAGING AMERICANS IN ZIONISM:
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN**

10:45AM INTRODUCTIONS TO BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Plenary Chairman: Liz Berney, Director of Special Projects, ZOA

ROOM 706

**ENGAGING THE AMERICAN JEWISH
COMMUNITY IN ZIONISM**

Dr. Cheryl Fishbein, Chair Jewish Council for Public Affairs

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ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATION

Sara Zebovitz, Coordinator, American Zionist Youth Council

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**STRENGTHENING AMERICAN ENGAGEMENT
WITH ISRAEL IN A DIGITAL WORLD**

Gerald Ostrov, CEO and Founder, The ReThink Israel Initiative

ROOM 717

**120 YEARS OF ZIONISM: LEARN ABOUT MATERIALS
AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

THROUGH THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

Dr. Esther Serok, Representative of the WZO Executive to North America
Yosef Perlmutter, Shaliach, WZO Department of Diaspora Activities

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12:00PM PLENARY 6: BUSINESS SESSION

Plenary Chairman: Kenneth Bob, President, Ameinu,

Credentials Report: David Newman, ARZA

Treasurer's Report: Judy Shereck, Hadassah

Nominations Committee Report: W. James Schiller, BZD
Elections

Membership Committee Report: W. James Schiller, BZD

DISCHARGE OF OUTGOING OFFICERS AND PRESENTATION TO RABBI VERNON KURTZ

Dr. Marilyn Wind, President, Mercaz USA

FAREWELL ADDRESS

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, Outgoing President, AZM

Introducing Herbert Block , Incoming Executive Director of AZM

12:45PM BUFFET LUNCH

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & NEWLY ELECTED LEADERSHIP

Seymour Reich, Part President, AZM

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH NEWLY INSTALLED PRESIDENT

ROOM 706-708

LEADERSHIP MEETING WITH NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Incoming and Outgoing Officers and Board Members Invited

OUR THANKS TO THE AZM ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

Dr. Francine Stein and Rabbi Paul Golomb, Co-Chairmen
Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, Immediate Past President
Karen J. Rubinstein, Executive Director

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