



## 2021 National Zionism Conference

Zionism Forward: Leadership, Vision, Reality

May 03, 2021 12PM ET - 3PM ET

### Speaker Schedule

#### ZIONISM FORWARD:

Welcome, Opening Remarks, Zionism Forward: Leadership, Vision, Reality  
Spotlighting the American Zionist Movement and its 35 Member, Associate and Zionist Youth Organizations  
*Richard D. Heideman, AZM President*

Remarks on Zionism Across the Spectrum of American Jewish Zionist Organizations  
*Dr. Francine Stein, Chair, AZM National Board*

Messages to the AZM from Israel government officials and diplomats

- Minister Omer Yankelevitch, Israeli Ministry of Diaspora Affairs
- H.E. Gilad Erdan, Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations and the United States
- Hon. Israel Nitzan, Acting Consul General of Israel in NY

Introduction of Gil Troy

Keynote I on Zionism  
*Professor Gil Troy, Author and Historian*

#### LEADERSHIP

Introduction of Leadership

Messages from Members of Congress

- Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-FL-23
- Rep. Lee Zeldin, R-NY-1
- Rep. Kathy E. Manning, D-NC-6
- Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-AL-4
- Rep. Brad Schneider, D-IL-10
- Rep. Elaine Luria, D-VA-2
- Rep. Jamie Raskin D-MD-8
- Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-NC-5

Messages from the National Institutions, WZO, JAFI, KKL and JFNA

- Yaakov Hagoel, Chairman of the World Zionist Organization
- Avraham Duvdevani, World Chairman of KKL-JNF
- Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Executive of The Jewish Agency for Israel
- Michael D. Siegal, Chairman of the Board of The Jewish Agency for Israel
- Eric Fingerhut, President and CEO of The Jewish Federations of North America
- Helena Glaser, Chair of the Zionist General Council
- Dr. Yizhar Hess, Deputy Chairman of the WZO
- Gusti Yehoshua Braverman, Head of the Department for Irigoien and Connection with Israelis Abroad of the WZO

## VISION

Introduction to Vision

Perspectives on Israel and Zionism from the next generation of American Jews  
*India Persuad and Naya Lecht (Alicia Post)*

Zionism and Vision: Making a Difference

- Ambassador Danny Danon, Israel's 17th Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Chairman of the World Likud
- H.E. Max Hufanen Rai, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations
- Natan Sharansky, Prisoner of Zion, Former Minister in Israeli governments, Former Chair of the Jewish Agency, Chair of ISGAP
- Special message from Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Author, Professor and Psychosexual Therapist

Divrei Torah, Denomination Streams

*Rabbi Paul Golomb, AZM Vice President for Programming (8 minutes)*

- Rabbi Rachael Klein Miller, Board Member of ARZA
- Rabbi Eytan Hammerman, Vice President of MERCAZ USA
- Dr. Ernest H. Agatstein, Co-President of RZA-Mizrachi

## REALITY

Introduction to Reality

Remarks of the AZM Executive Director

*Herbert Block, Executive Director of the American Zionist Movement*

Helyn B. Reich Scholarship Alum

- Julia Rubinstein
- Rachel Dushey
- David Halperin
- Jeremy Pesner
- Justin Pollack
- Sarrah Bechor

Israel Baseball Olympic Team

- Peter Kurz, President of the Israel Association of Baseball
- Eric Holtz, Head Coach of the Israel National Baseball Team
- Jonathan Moskot, Pitcher for Team Israel
- Dean Pelman, Pitcher for Team Israel

Introduction of the Honourable Irwin Cotler, Canadian Special Envoy on Antisemitism, Founder and Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights

Keynote II: Combating Antisemitism

Keynote III: Challenges Facing Israel, Zionism, and the Jewish People

*A special dialogue with Malcolm Hoenlein, Vice Chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations*

Closing Remarks / Thank you

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