



Reflect & Plan 2008: 60 years of Israel

Bilateral Seminar for Israeli and German partners involved in exchange-projects

Date: 18th to 22th (25th) May 2008

Location: Lutherstadt Wittenberg and Berlin

The Israel Youth Exchange Council and ConAct are inviting active partner-organisations in German-Israeli exchange projects to participate in the ***Reflect&Plan – Seminar***.

The programme will offer the chance to get together personally, to reflect and improve mutual cooperation in order to develop new ideas and shared projects for the future. The seminar will open up a space to discuss questions of contents, structure and logistics in a productive atmosphere of sharing experiences with other active cooperating partners. Lectures focusing on the topic will offer additional inspiration.

The main focus will be on the topic ***60 years of Israel:***

- Which materials are being used for the preparation of groups on the German side?
- Which activities in the course of the encounters in Israel show the variety and give a sense of the challenges of Israeli daily life?
- How is the history and presence of Israel picked up?
- How do Israeli youngsters see themselves and their country today, and how is it reflected in German-Israeli meetings?
- How is the challenge of shared commemoration of the Shoah dealt with in the programmes?

Target group:

Representatives/group-leaders of German-Israeli youth- and professional exchange projects who are involved in the project-list 2008 or who wish to renew an existing partnership or who want keep-in-touch with their existing partners.

In order to have lasting effects of the work process, the condition for participation is that the project partners – both from Germany and Israel – will be participating in the seminar.

Seminar-Programme

Sunday, 18th May 2008

Arrival of the Israeli partners to Berlin, Transfer to Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Arrival of the German partners to Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Dinner

Opening of the seminar

Introduction of partners and projects

Monday, 19th May 2008 - Thursday, 22th May 2008

Alternating Units of Workshops & Lectures

Unit 1 General aims of German-Israeli Exchanges

Workshop: What are our aims for German-Israeli exchange projects?

Unit 2 60 years of Israel – 60 years youth in Israel

Lecture: Youth in Israel through the decades - Values, norms, dealing with the past

Workshop: How is dealt with the developments of the youth regarding the exchange projects?

Unit 3 Preparation for the youth exchanges – Educational Materials

Workshop: Exchange of experiences and good practice

Lecture: Presentation of educational material and experience of preparing groups for the youth exchange

Unit 4 Shared Commemoration of the Shoah in Youth Exchange Projects

Workshop: Exchange of experience and good practice

Excursion: Visit one of the important memorial sights around Berlin –
Discussion with the educational department of the commemoration site

Lecture: Presentation of a bilateral handbook for common commemoration

Unit 5 German – Jewish dialogue

Lecture: Study: Germans and Jews – United by their past, divided by their present?

Workshop: Impacts on the youth exchange

Workshop: Developing strategies of involving young people in the network of German-Israeli relations, in projects against racism and anti-Semitism, in voluntary work and projects supporting democratic societies in Germany and Israel

Seminar language:

Simultaneous translation German/Hebrew will be provided throughout the seminar, especially in Plenum sessions. Yet, we expect the ability to communicate in English for the workshops.

Time frame of the bilateral seminar:

The bilateral seminar will last from Sunday evening, 18th May, until Wednesday night, 21th May.

From Thursday morning onwards there are different options:

1. The German partner invites the Israeli partner to his organisation/home town from Thursday to Saturday. Travel costs can be funded by ConAct. For the night from Saturday to Sunday the Israeli partner has the option to have another overnight in Berlin before leaving back to Israel on Sunday morning. The time from Thursday to Saturday has to be organised by the project-partners themselves.
2. The Israeli partner leaves back to Israel already on Thursday.

Transfer from Berlin to the airport for the Israeli participants will be provided both on Thursday and Sunday.

Participation fees:

Israeli participants:	400,- NIS participation costs + 25% of the flight costs, up to maximum € 281,-
German Participants:	€ 100,-; - Support of travel costs to Lutherstadt Wittenberg is granted, according to second class of Deutsche Bahn.

Registration:

Both partners – German and Israeli – have to fill in the prepared application form together and send it both to ConAct and the Israel Youth Exchange Council.

- Please send the application for participation **latest until April 25th 2008.** -

Inviting Organisations

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