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JUNE 16–23, 2019

NGF 31

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Sunday, June 16, 2019

- 2:00 - 5:00 PM NGF Network Leadership Seminar Cohort 4
Arrival and Registration
- 6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner
- 7:15 - 10:00 PM **Welcome to the NGF Network Leadership Seminar
Getting to Know Each Other**
Joshua and "Leadership Transitions"
Prof. Steven Windmueller

Monday, June 17, 2019

- 7:30 - 8:45 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 - 11:45 AM **NGF Network Leadership Seminar, cont.**
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch
- 1:15 - 3:15 PM **NGF Network Leadership Seminar:
Gender & the Jewish Community**
Prof. Channa Pinchasi & Prof. Steven Windmueller
- 2:00 - 5:45 PM New NGF Fellows: Arrival, Registration & Orientation -
Ohalo Manor Lobby
- 6:00 - 6:45 PM **Welcome to NGF 31**
Rabbi Jeni S. Friedman, Executive VP MFJC
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner
- 8:15 - 10:00 PM **What Can we Learn from Each Other?**
Followed by *Kvutzot*
- 10:00 PM Coffee Break and Snacks
- 10:15 PM *Ma'ariv*

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

- 7:15 AM *Shacharit*
- 7:30 - 8:45 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 - 12:00 PM **Global Jewish Identities: A Multiplicity of Voices**
Prof. Daniel Fainstein, Prof. Galeet Dardashti,
Prof. Channa Pinchasi, Prof. Steven Windmueller
- 12:15 - 1:45 PM Lunch

Tuesday, June 18, cont.

- 2:00 - 4:00 PM **Workshops, Session 1**
**NGF Network Leadership Seminar:
Israel/Diaspora Relations I**
Prof. Shaul Magid & Prof. Steven Windmueller
Israeli Music: Contesting National Culture & Identity
Prof. Galeet Dardashti
Arguments for the Sake of Heaven
Prof. Channa Pinchasi
Spinoza: The First Modern Jew? History of an Icon
Prof. Daniel Fainstein
Biblical Perspectives on Contemporary Issues
Rabbi Prof. Saul Berman
- 4:00 -7:00 PM Free Time
Mincha, 4:15pm
- 4:30 -5:30 PM Fellow-Led Elective: Ruben Shimonov
Mizrachi & LGBTQ+: An Intersectional Experience
on the Margins
- 5:45 - 6:45 PM Fellow-Led Elective: Melissa Shaw
Talking & Listening across our Jewish differences
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner
- 8:15 - 10:00 PM **Where Do I Stand?**
David Jacobson. Followed by *Kvutzot*
- 10:00 PM Coffee Break and Snacks
- 10:15 PM *Ma'ariv*

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

- 7:15 AM *Shacharit*
- 7:30 - 8:45 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 - 12:00 PM **Zionism, Zionist Identity & the Start Up Nation**
Prof. Shaul Magid & Dr. Einat Wilf
- 12:15 - 1:45 PM Lunch
- 2:00 - 4:00 PM **Workshops, Session 2**
**NGF Network Leadership Seminar:
21st Century Jewish Leadership**
Andrés Spokoiny & Prof. Steven Windmueller
Israeli Music: Contesting National Culture & Identity
Prof. Galeet Dardashti
Arguments for the Sake of Heaven
Prof. Channa Pinchasi
Spinoza: The First Modern Jew? History of an Icon
Prof. Daniel Fainstein
Biblical Perspectives on Contemporary Issues
Rabbi Prof. Saul Berman

Wednesday, June 19, cont.

- 4:15 PM Coffee Break and Snacks
Mincha
- 4:30 - 5:30 PM Fellow-Led Elective: Nico Riethmüller
Disinhibition Workshop
- 5:45 - 6:45 PM Fellow-Led Elective: Belle Yoeli
Navigating Antisemitism, Anti-Zionism,
and Anti-Israel rhetoric
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner
- 8:15 - 10:15 PM **Jewish Identity: Ideas & Ideologies**
Andrés Spokoiny. Followed by **Kvutzot**
- 10:15 PM *Ma'ariv*

Thursday, June 20, 2019

- 7:00 AM *Shacharit*
- 7:30 - 8:45 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 - 12:00 PM **Secular Jewish Identity**
Rabbi Sivan Maas
- 12:15 - 1:45 PM Lunch
- 12:45 - 1:45 PM The Impact of the Trump Presidency on
American and World Jewry
Prof. Steven Windmueller
- 2:00 - 4:00 PM **Workshops, Session 3**
**NGF Network Leadership Seminar:
Israel/Diaspora Relations II**
Rabbi Sivan Maas & Prof. Steven Windmueller
Israeli Music: Contesting National Culture & Identity
Prof. Galeet Dardashti
Arguments for the Sake of Heaven
Prof. Channa Pinchasi
Spinoza: The First Modern Jew? History of an Icon
Prof. Daniel Fainstein
Biblical Perspectives on Contemporary Issues
Rabbi Prof. Saul Berman
- 4:00 - 7:00 PM Free Time
Mincha, 4:15pm
- 4:30 - 5:30 PM Fellow-led Elective: Pamela Malchuk-Alcala
Enhancing Leadership Skills through Self-Care
- 5:45 - 6:45 PM Fellow-led Elective: Emma Daitz
The Village Under the Forest: Film & Discussion
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner
- 8:15 - 10:00 PM **Wall Street vs. Start Up Nation:
Overcoming Cultural Differences**
Benji Lovitt

Friday, June 21, 2019

7:15 AM	<i>Shacharit</i>
7:30 - 8:45 AM	Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00 PM	Unpacking Philosophies of Jewish Identity Rabbi Prof. Samuel Lebens
12:15 - 1:45 PM	Lunch
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Open Space: The Conversations You've Been Waiting to Have
4:15 - 7:00 PM	Free Time
4:15 - 5:15 PM	Fellow-Led Elective: Rachel Neumann Digital Judaism: Connecting Remote Communities
5:30 - 6:30 PM	Fellow-Led Elective: Marcos Gandelsman Openness & Inclusivity as Jewish values
7:00 PM	Group Photograph
7:30 PM	<i>Mincha</i>
7:45 PM	Communal Kabbalat Shabbat, D'var Torah by Marlene Bethlehem, President MFJC, Dinner with D'var Torah by Fellow & Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, June 22, 2019

7:30 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
8:45 - 11:15 AM	Traditional Shabbat Service
9:30 - 10:30 AM	Alternative Shabbat Study Prof. Channa Pinchasi
11:30 - 11:45 AM	Communal Kiddush
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Social Justice & Jewish Identity Rabbi Prof. Saul Berman
1:45 - 3:00 PM	Lunch - D'var Torah by Fellow
3:15 - 4:15 PM	Fellow-Led Elective: Aya Shechter Leadership Lessons from Tisha B'Av: Text Study
4:30 - 5:30 PM	Fellow-Led Elective: Gavi Ziegler Is collaboration between denominations possible or wishful thinking?
5:30 - 6:30 PM	The Prophet, the Prostitute, and the People with Rabbi Prof. Sam Lebens
6:30 PM	<i>Mincha</i>
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Seudah Sh'lisheet - D'var Torah by Fellow
8:15 - 8:45 PM	Kvutzot
9:45 PM	<i>Ma'ariv & Havdallah</i>
10:15 PM	NGF Beit Cafe

Sunday, June 23, 2019

7:00 AM *Shacharit*
7:30 - 8:45 AM Breakfast
9:00 - 11:00 AM **Design Thinking: Ideas & Actions**
Rabbi Jeni S. Friedman
11:00 - 12:00 PM **Where to from here?**
12:00 - 1:00 PM Check Out and Pick Up Box Lunches

Attendance: **compulsory**/optional

L'HITRAOT NGF 31!

FELLOW BIOGRAPHIES



Jaime Azrad

Jaime, from Mexico, is a communications consultant to various NGO's in Latin America's Jewish community. He holds a BA in Communication Studies from Universidad Anahuac in Mexico City. Jaime is a founding member of Moishe House—Mexico City. He is also an Igniter for ROI Mexico.



Tamar Azulay

Tamar lives in Oslo, Norway. She works in the legal department of the Norwegian Central Bank. Tamar holds a Master's of Law degree from the University of Oslo. She is a board member of Det Mosaiske Trossamfund—the Jewish Community of Oslo and a volunteer for Bnei Akiva.



Iona Bacht

Iona, from Sao Paulo is a legal counsel in the pharmaceutical industry. She is working towards a Master's degree in Contracts Law. Iona attended a leadership training program in Israel and went on to found and lead Noam, a youth organization in Sao Paulo.



Joshua Brown

Joshua from Australia, now lives in New Zealand. He is a business development executive for a global money transfer company. Joshua serves on the board of the Wellington Jewish Center and the Zionist Federation in New Zealand. He established a networking group for Jewish professionals which has become the largest Jewish group in Wellington. He holds a MA in Economics from Victoria University.



Felipe Cusnir

Felipe, from Brazil, studied law at PUC-RIO. He is an attorney specializing in capital market and banking law. He was the First Secretary of the Jewish Federation of Rio de Janeiro. Felipe is the Rosh Chinuch of Chazit Hanoar, a Zionist youth movement, for whom he develops Jewish identity focused activities



Emma Daitz

Emma is a doctoral student at the University of Cape Town. Previously, she was involved in community organizing with the South African Jewish Voice for a Just Peace. Emma is connected to Temple Israel in Cape Town. She is an alumna of the South African Regional NGF in 2018.



Haris Dajc

Haris is a professor of History at the University of Belgrade. He is involved with the Federation of Jewish Communities of Serbia and the Belgrade Jewish Community. The Serbian government has appointed Haris its representative and Chairman of the Supervisory Board for Jewish Restitution Law. He holds a Ph.D. in History from the Univ. of Belgrade.



Beth de Beer

Beth holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, and a Master's degree from Columbia University. She is an impact advisor and has founded a global network for consultants to share knowledge, resources, and opportunities. Beth is a board member of two non-profits, one specifically focused on facilitating meaningful dialogue around financial decisions and Jewish values. She lives in Brooklyn, NY.



Stuart Diamond

Stuart left his career in public service to become the director of the Cape SA Jewish Board of Deputies. He holds a degree in Management from the University of Cape Town. Stuart is a governor of the Cape Town Jewish school system, Herzlia, and has served on the board of Maccabi South Africa.



Jorge Galindo

Jorge was born in a Spanish enclave of North Africa. He now lives in Spain where he studied Economics at the University of Seville. Jorge is the program director at Makom Sefarad. He leads services, coordinates Shabbat hospitality and provides guidance to foreign Jewish students. He is also a board member of Beit Rambam, the progressive Jewish community of Seville-Andalusia.

Marcos Gandelsman



Marcos is studying Psychology, at a university in Recife, Brazil. He is a Jewish educator in the youth movement Habonim Dror. Marcos is also a Jewish studies teacher in his community's elementary school. He organizes cultural events for Jewish youth and the wider local society for an organization called Zehut.

Daniel Grauer



Daniel from Colombia, is the COO of his family's product packaging company. He holds a MBA from NYU and a BA from Boston University. Daniel is a diplomat for the World Jewish Congress, contributing to the fight against antisemitism, Israel defamation and holocaust denial. He belongs to the Confederacion de Comunidades Judias de Colombia, the national body that represents Colombian Jewry.

Karoline Henriques



Denmark native Karoline now lives in Jerusalem. She holds a MA in the Sociology of Religion from the University of Copenhagen. Karoline works as a political analyst. She is an informal consultant to the New York based 929—Read Tanakh team and serves as a mentor to ROI programs. Karoline is an alumna of NGF 23, 25, 26 and the 2011 Israel Regional NGF.

Noa Hermele



Noa is the rector and founder of Paideia Cultural College, the first Jewish College in Sweden. He also serves as Deputy Director of its sister institution – Paideia Institute for Jewish Studies. Noa holds Master's degrees in Philosophy, Mathematics and Education. He has been a board member of the Forum for Jewish Studies at Uppsala University and an active member of the Jewish Community of Stockholm.

Agnieszka Jablonska



Born and raised in Wroclaw, Poland, Aga is working on her Master's degree in Jewish Studies at the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg. At the same time, she is doing research on Wroclaw's 18th century Jewish cemetery. Previously, Aga worked in Brussels specializing in event management, communication strategies and corporate social responsibility policies.



Neebashnee Kristnasamy

Neebashnee, from Cape Town, is a strategic program manager in the financial services industry. She holds a BA degree from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal. She is involved with Limmud SA. Neebashnee is an alumna of the 2018 S.A. Regional NGF.

Rachel Levy



Rachel is an independent journalist, editor and author working for Dutch and international media outlets. She is currently creating an innovative international Jewish media company. Rachel holds Master's degrees in International Relations and Jewish Studies from the University of Amsterdam. She is a member of the European Jewish Parliament and an alumna of NGF 5 and 7



Alon Lichtenstein

Alon, from Cape Town and Tel Aviv, is the founder of a sales development company. He holds a Master's degree from the University of Cape Town. Alon is an alumnus of the 2018 South African Regional NGF.

Sam Loeffler



Sam is a freelance assistant director in the Swedish film industry. He studied screen writing and directing at the International Film School of Sydney. Sam is an activist in the internal political system of Stockholm's Jewish Community. He is working on a B'nei Mitzva program that focuses on development of Jewish identity as well as traditional teachings and readings.

Pamela Malchuk-Alcala



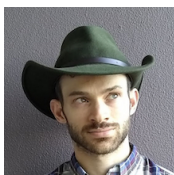
Pamela was born in Chile but now makes Long Island, NY her home. She holds a Master's in Social Work from Adelphi University. Pamela works with teens and youth at Temple Sinai of Roslyn. One of her responsibilities is running leadership classes for the Madrichim of the temple's religious school. When she lived in Chile, she was active in the youth movement called Bet-El.



Jonathan Marcus

Jonathan, from Germany, holds graduate degrees in Future Studies and Marketing. When not working in real estate, he is involved with Limmud in Germany and in other parts of Europe. Jonathan is an alumnus of NGF 30 in Germany.

Shalev NessAiver



Shalev, currently living in Canberra, Australia, works remotely for an education technology startup designing personalized education plans. He studied computers and dance at the University of Maryland. Shalev is also setting up after school activities for a Jewish day school, hosting events and study groups, and planning a Jewish learning retreat at a kosher vegan farm.

Rachel Rocky Neumann



Rachel is an economist/data scientist living and working in Australia. She has a Master's in Econometrics from Monash University. Rachel is a member of the ACT Jewish Community in Canberra and was a youth leader in the Hineni movement. She plans to become a Yoetzet Halacha.

Jeremy Pesner



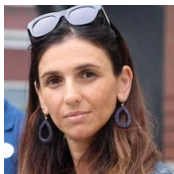
Jeremy is a multidisciplinary technologist, researcher and Ph.D. candidate with a computer science and policy background. He is a member of several communities, including Repair the World, Presentense, the Israel Tech Challenge and Israel Government Fellows. Jeremy is also a fellow of StartingBloc, the Hive Global Leaders Program, the Mankind Project, Baltimore Corps and the Center for Applied Rationality. He lives in New Jersey.

Nico Riethmuller



Nico is a rabbinical student at Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano. He is the founder, director and editor of eldiariojudío.com, a Jewish news website. He has a degree in Sociology from the Universidad de Chile. Nico has served as an educator and facilitator for Jewish youth movements in Chile. He is an alumnus of NGF 30 in Germany.

Gila Rockman



Gila is the Director of Service and Citizenship at Shalem College in Israel. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Bar Ilan University. Gila is an active board member of her community synagogue and the Afikim Family Enrichment Center. She co-founded the annual "Run4Afikim" - the world's longest charity run. Gila is an alumna of NGF 25 in Israel.

Melissa Shaw



Melissa is a writer, theater artist, and educator. She is currently on the faculty of the Foundation for Jewish Camp's Cornerstone Fellowship. She is a Teaching Artist for multiple organizations, including Brooklyn Arts Council and Community Word Project. Melissa also facilitates state-wide workshops for the Anti-Defamation League. She holds an MFA from Sarah Lawrence College. Melissa lives in New York City.

Aya Shechter



Aya was born and raised in Israel and is currently living in Los Angeles, Ca. She is the Senior National Operations Director of the Israeli-American Council (IAC). She holds Master's degrees from Bar Ilan University and Cardozo School of Law and is currently pursuing another degree at Spertus Institute. Aya is an alumna of various NGF programs in Israel.

Ruben Shimonov

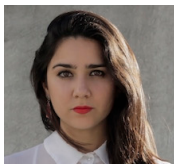


Ruben is a Jewish educator, community builder, and social innovator based in New York City, by way of Seattle and Uzbekistan. He is the Co-Founder and Director of the Sephardic-Mizrahi Q Network—a grassroots movement for LGBTQ+ Jews from Sephardic and Mizrahi backgrounds. He also serves as Vice-President of Education and Community Engagement on the American Sephardi Federation's Young Leadership Board. Ruben holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Washington.

Roy Shukrun



Roy, from Canada, is working on a Master's in Jewish Studies at McGill University. His research focuses on Moroccan Jewish experience and identity in the modern and contemporary periods. Roy spent some time in Korea where he taught English.



Nurit Simbler

Nurit, from Argentina, is a graphic artist and administrative assistant at Fundacion Pardes, a Jewish education center located in Buenos Aires. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Anthropology from Rosario National University.



Luciana Slipakoff

Luciana holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Buenos Aires. She is the coordinator of AMIA's (Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina) senior services department. Luciana lives in Buenos Aires.



Mila Stojanovic

Mila, from Serbia received a B.A. and M.A. in education from the Teacher Education Faculty in Belgrade. She is the education coordinator of Haver Serbia, a nonprofit seeking to create a more tolerant and open society. She develops and implements programs for public schools about Judaism and the Holocaust. Mila also volunteers with several community programs.



Anina Valle Thiele

Anina, from Luxembourg, is a journalist and correspondent for Berlin's Jewish newspaper. She is the organizer of Luxembourg's presentation at the Frankfurt Book Fair. Anina has a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Bonn. She serves on the board of the Liberal Jewish Community of Luxembourg.



Belle Yoeli

Belle was born and raised in New York City. She currently serves as Chief of Staff to AJC's (American Jewish Committee) CEO. Belle graduated from Binghamton University with a B.A. in Political Science, Spanish, and Judaic Studies. She earned her M.A. in Government from the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC) in Israel.



Gavi Ziegler

Gavi, from Cape Town, recently received Rabbinic ordination. He is the campus rabbi at a local C.T. Jewish day school. Gavi twice served as the co-chair of Limmud South Africa. He is an alumnus of the 2018 S.A. Regional NGF.

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Rabbi Prof. Saul Berman is a Professor of Jewish Studies at Stern College of Yeshiva University, and an Adjunct Professor at the Columbia University School of Law in New York.



Prof. Galeet Dardashti is an Assistant Professor of Jewish Music and musician-in-residence at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.



Prof. Danny Fainstein is Dean and professor of Jewish Studies at the Universidad Hebraica in Mexico City. He is a member of the MFJC Board of Trustees.



Rabbi Prof. Sam Lebens is a Senior Research Fellow in the Philosophy Department at the University of Haifa.



Benji Lovitt has performed for audiences around the world including Hillels, Birthright Israel, Jewish Federations, JCCs, Masa Israel Journey, and more. His perspectives on Israel have been featured in print, on TV and radio. He works regularly with Jewish organizations to promote Israel.



Prof. Shaul Magid is a Professor of Religious Studies and the Jay and Jeannie Schottenstein Chair of Jewish Studies in Modern Judaism at Indiana University.



Rabbi Sivan Maas is the Dean of T'mura, the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism, the institute for training secular humanistic leadership and rabbis, Israel.



Prof. Channa Pinchasi is the Director of the Be'eri School for Teacher Education at the Shalom Hartman Institute. She also founded the Cheider Mishelach forum, Israel.



Andrés Spokoiny is the President and CEO of the Jewish Funders Network. Originally from Argentina, Andrés has a multidisciplinary academic background including business, education, and rabbinical studies in different institutions around the world. He is fluent in Hebrew, English, Spanish, Portuguese and Yiddish and is proficient in Russian and German.



Dr. Einat Wilf is a leading intellectual and original thinker on matters of foreign policy, economics, education, and Israel and the Jewish People. She is the author of six books, and a former Member of Knesset.



Prof. Steven Windmueller is an American scholar and Jewish communal professor. He is a Professor Emeritus of Contemporary Political Issues and American Jewish Affairs at the Hebrew Union College —Jewish Institute of Religion.

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