

Third Forum of Directors and senior professionals in Jewish communities and organisations

OXFORD - JUNE 23rd-25th 2013



Third Forum of Directors
Yarnton Manor, Oxford 2013

PROGRAMME

Sunday, June 23rd

13.00 Welcoming lunch in hotel – Oxford Hotel

14.30 Transfer to Yarnton Manor

15.00 **Opening and presentations**

Mariano Schlimovich – Director of Programmes – ECJC - United Kingdom

15.30 **Leadership and Judaism - The Practice of Leadership Responsibility -**

David Ariel, President Oxford Center for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, United Kingdom

The Jewish notion of leadership is the practice of effective responsibility based on a value system rather than the exercise of authority. In the first session, we will examine the seven principles of Jewish leadership by looking at key anchor texts of Judaism on the topic.

17.00 Coffee break

17.30 **How do we perform during this critical time: Cutting or expanding? How we see the future?**

Emanuele Viterbo, General Secretary, Jewish Community Florence, Italy

Robin Sclafani, Director CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an inclusive Europe, Brussels, Belgium

Hans Vuijsje, General Director JMW, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Moderator: Mario Izcovich Director Pan European Programmes JDC and Leatid, Spain

18.45 Return to the hotel

20.00 Dinner in the hotel

Monday, June 24th

8.30 Transfer to Yarnton

9.00 **Leadership and Judaism - The Practice of Leadership Responsibility -**

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Engaging in a group simulation exercise based on a real event in Jewish history.

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10.15 Coffee break

10.30 **European Jewish Leaders Survey. Overview and results.**

Marcelo Dimentstein, Director JDC ICCD, Oxford, United Kingdom

Presentation of JDC-ICCD's last survey concerning views of European Jewish leaders. Conducted every three years, The European Jewish Leaders' Survey asks Jewish community lay and professional leaders and opinion formers about their views on the major challenges and issues concerning European Jewish life and their expectation for the future five years. In the last edition 328 respondents in 32 countries of Europe gave their views about what the communal priorities should be, which are the perceived threats to Jewish life, antisemitism and security, relationship with Israel, Europe, conversions and intermarriage.

12.00 **Diversity as an opportunity for Jewish communities**

Robin Sclafani, Director CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an inclusive Europe – Brussels, Belgium

Differences can be potential obstacles but also huge resources for community development – both in terms of internal communal diversity and as well as creating opportunities for the community's role within the wider society.

This workshop by CEJI-A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe will explore the ways in which Jewish communities can take advantage of diversity to address a variety of concerns including active participation, Jewish identity development, income generation, and confronting anti-Semitism.

13.00 Lunch

14.00 **Transparency and democracy in our organisations: myth or true?**

Jeremy Newmark, Chief Executive Jewish Leadership Council, United Kingdom

Daniel Jonas, General Secretary, Jewish Community of Gothenburg, Sweden

Robert Ejnes, Chief Executive FSJU, Paris, France

Grazyna Pawlak, director, Moses Schorr Foundation, Warsaw, Poland

15.15 Coffee Break

15.30 **From training professionals to training leaders: Identifying opportunities, building careers....**

Nicky Goldman, Executive Director, LEAD: Inspiring Jewish Leaders – United Kingdom

Mario Izcovich, Director Pan European Programmes – JDC and Leatid, Spain

16.45 Coffee break

17.00 **Dilemmas faced at Jewish communities**

Diego Ornique, Regional Director JDC Europe, Paris, France.

Dilemmas and challenges faced by Jewish leaders: A dialogue focused on the challenges and opportunities derived from the social, economic and Jewish trends in Europe and the implications when running Jewish communities and organizations

18.30 Return to the hotel

20.15 Dinner in Hotel

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Tuesday, June 25th

9.00 **Hot issues in Europe – group discussion**

*Moderated by **Mariano Schlimovich** – Director of Programmes – ECJC, United Kingdom*

The European agenda presents us with hot topics and issues promoted by governments or by general consensus which force us to re-think our communities structures. Some countries already had been discussing aspects which are vital to Jewish communities. Will it happen everywhere?

10.15 Coffee break

10.30 **Jewish organisations: New trends of organisations.**

Successful models. Engaging new people. Engaging new target groups.

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11.30 Wrap up session & Follow up

12.30 Lunch and Farewell