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Gathering of B'nai B'rith Europe in Berlin

Reflecting on the future of Jewish Communities in Europe

21 January 2018 Berlin

President of B'nai B'rith Europe Serge Dahan and B'nai B'rith German Lodges, organise a meeting and discussion with the European representatives of B'nai B'rith, the local Jewish community, German political figures, European experts and journalists to address the future of Jewish life in Europe.

Since 2012, at least 14 people have been killed in antisemitic attacks all over Europe. Even though Jews make up less than 1% of the population in France, 30% of all hate crimes recorded in 2017 were antisemitic (source Licra).

The EU Fundamental Rights Agency the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) launched the biggest survey ever done in Europe on the perceptions and experiences of Jewish communities with Antisemitism in May 2018. The data will enable the European Union and national governments to develop its policies on combating antisemitism in the future.

To what extent does this influence the way EU states lead the fight against antisemitism? What else should be done in order to face the rise of antisemitism? Is there a future for Jews in Europe?

Join us and our speakers to address these and other concerns on the future of Jewish life in Europe.

10:30 - 11:00 Registration and Coffee

11:00 - 11:15 Greetings

Dr. Andras Kain

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President of B'nai B'rith Lodge in Berlin

Mr. Serge Dahan
President of B'nai B'rith Europe

11:15 - 12:30 The Future of Jews in Europe (Part 1)

The situation in Germany and the function of the Federal Government
Commissioner for Combating Antisemitism

by Dr. Felix Klein

Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and
the Fight against Antisemitism

An educational response to prevent Antisemitism

by Ms. Robin Sclafani

Director of Ceji, A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 14:30 Jewish Life in Germany

H.E. Jeremy Issacharoff

Ambassador of the State of Israel in Berlin

Dr. Klaus Lederer

Mayor of Berlin

Mr. Abraham Lehrer

Vice-President of the Central Council of the Jews in Germany

Lecture: Jewish Communities in Two Germanys: 1945 - 1990 and beyond

by Prof. Michael Wolffsohn

Historian and author

14:30 - 14:50 Coffee Break

14:50 - 16:00 The Future of Jews in Europe (Part 2)

Antisemitism - the role of the media

by Mr. Julian Reichelt

Chairman of BILD's editorial offices and Editor-in-Chief BILD

Antisemitism - the role of education

by Ms. Felicia Waldman

Member of B'nai B'rith Europe Executive Committee,
Chair of the Education Working group of IHRA

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Closing remarks
by Dr. Michael Naor
Member of B'nai B'rith Europe Executive Committee

Optional: guided visit to the Neue Synagoge Centrum Judaicum
16:10 Pick up to Museum
16:30-18:00 Visit
18:00 Pick up to Plaza

The program may be subject to change

Kindly register before 27.12.2018

[Registration Link](#)

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