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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Presidents
Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Dear Friends

The idea of publishing the Book of the Lodges was born of the will of the President of B’nai B’rith Europe and all the members of the Executive committee to show the strong capacity of our organization to fight anti-semitism in Europe, to contribute to the dissemination of the culture and of the history of the European Jews and to spread the values of our movement.

Members of BBE Executive committee noted the dynamism of the Lodges which organize throughout the year cultural and charitable events, develop rich programs and conferences, launch and coordinate actions in the spirit of B’nai B’rith values and thus contribute largely to the notoriety of B’nai B’rith in Europe. The “Book of the Lodges” wishes to highlight the work completed by the members of B’nai B’rith Europe to ensure the promotion of all these events and to inspire each one.

The “Book of the Lodges 5779” which celebrates the 175 years of B’nai B’rith is also a means of creating contacts when travelling in Europe. It facilitates the opportunities of exchanges and common actions in order to reinforce the bond of friendship and to develop it.

The “Book of the Lodges 5779” is the compilation of information transmitted by the Presidents of B’nai B’rith Europe Lodges which I thank warmly.

Thanks to Jonas Dafner-Markowitz and to Hanna Kalmenson who allowed the realization of the “Book of the Lodges 5779”

Fraternally

SERGE DAHAN
President of B’nai B’rith Europe
Our Mission

B’nai B’rith is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people around the globe. We are a national and global leader in advancing human rights; Israel advocacy; ensuring access to safe and affordable housing for low-income seniors and advocacy on vital issues concerning seniors and their families; diversity education; improving communities and helping communities in crisis.

Since 1843, B’nai B’rith has played a vital role around the world. Making the world a safer, more tolerant and better place is the mission that still drives our organization.

Our History

In 1843, Henry Jones and 11 other German-Jewish immigrants gathered in Sinzheimer’s Café on New York’s Lower East Side to confront what Isaac Rosenbourg, one of B’nai B’rith’s founders, called “the deplorable condition of Jews in this, our newly adopted country.” Thus, B’nai B’rith (children of the covenant) was born.

The original members’ first concrete action was creating an insurance policy that awarded members’ widows $30 toward funeral expenses, and a stipend of one dollar a week for the rest of their lives. Each child would also receive a stipend and, for male children, assurance he would be taught a trade. It is from this basis of humanitarian aid and service that a system of fraternal lodges and chapters grew in the United States and, eventually, around the world.

Pillars of Our Work

✓ Human Rights and Public Policy
✓ Supporting and Defending Israel
✓ Senior Advocacy and Housing
✓ Helping Communities
B’nai B’rith Europe

B’nai B’rith Europe as part of the worldwide Jewish organization B’nai B’rith International is dedicated to combating anti-Semitism as well as promoting tolerance and intergroup understanding around the globe according to its motto «Benevolence, Brotherly & Sisterly Love and Harmony».

B’nai B’rith Europe is composed by the European Lodges and aims at the following goals:

✓ To fight racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism
✓ To support the State of Israel
✓ To help the needy
✓ To promote Jewish identity
✓ To strengthen the knowledge about Jewish presence through Culture and Heritage
✓ To encourage and train young Jewish adults for leadership in the Jewish Communities

The current President of B’nai B’rith Europe is Serge Dahan, assisted by an Executive Committee representing B’nai B’rith all over Europe.

The Executive Committee is composed by Daniel Citone (Mentor), Solomon Bali (Vice president), Valerie Achache (Secretary General), André Ouazana (Treasurer) Monica Barzilay (Switzerland), Gunnar Bjork (Denmark), Francine Coen (France), Felicia Waldman (Romania), Tomas Kraus (Czech Republic), Michael Naor (Germany), Philippe Meyer (France), Alan Miller (UK), Eric Engelmayer (Luxembourg).

B’nai B’rith Europe is actively represented in 25 European countries.
WHERE WE ARE
MAP OF B’NAI B’RITH EUROPE

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LODGE FOCUS
### History

The lodge was created in 2003. The Lodge was founded by first President Dragan Stern.

The goals of the B’nai B’rith Members of Zagreb are promoting Jewish culture, as well as Israeli culture and the support of the state of Israel. They also fight against anti-Semitism and racial discrimination and improve relations among Jewish people and official public institutions.

### Activities

- Lectures on State of Israel, history of Jewish people
- Exhibition about Israel
- Concerts of Jewish Music
- Publishing “Voice of BB” (web issue)

### Direction Board

**President**
Darko Fischer

**Vice-President**
Miljenko Bernfest

**Treasurer & Secretary General**
Altarac Mira
History

The lodge was created in 1912 by three members of the Danish Jewish Community, who became members of the lodge in Hamburg, Germany, thereafter Danmark Loge was installed in Copenhagen.

Activities

The Lodge holds regular meetings, approx. 10-12 per season. At most of the meetings keynote speakers are addressing issues which are actual at the time of the meetings. Since 2001 the Lodge arranged activities in connection with Jewish Day of Culture the first Sunday of September.
History

The Franz Rosenzweig Lodge was inaugurated in June 1967, on the initiative of Hans Cohn and of Prof. Lutz Ehrlich, then Secretary-General of B’nai B’rith District Continental Europe. The Lodge is the successor of the Duesseldorf Lodge, which existed from 1901 till its destruction by the Nazis in 1937.

Among previous members of the Lodge there were numerous personalities, who were active in shaping of post-war Jewish life in Düsseldorf and in Germany.

The Lodge is traditionally engaged in benevolence and cultural-educational activities. In the last years political action, especially against antisemitism and in advocacy for Israel has gained major emphasis in the agenda of activities.

Direction Board

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Vice-President
Dr. Oded Horowitz

Secretary General
Alla Dronov

Treasurer
Michael Rubinstein

Manager of Lodge events
Bert Roemgens

Manager of organisation and general tasks
Tamar Gruenewald
History

The Lodge was founded in 1979, with the help of First President Dr. Rafael Korenzecher.

The Lodge fulfills the motto of B’nai B’rith and focuses on numerous issues and projects, such as lectures on media landscape, Antisemitism, Jewish history, culture, social events, annual trips in Europe on Jewish footsteps.

The Lodge finances several projects in Europe and Israel.

Direction Board

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Youth
Esther Kotek

Culture
Nathan Kotek
**PHILON**

**Athens, Greece**

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**History**

The Lodge was founded the 4th October, 1924 under the name «Philon» honoring the Jewish philosopher from Alexandria, Egypt.

The Lodge has always conducted its activities under the motto of the organization: Benevolence, Sisterly & Brotherly Love and Harmony.

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**Direction Board**

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**Treasurer**
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**Secretary General**
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Matathias Borbolis

**Former President**
Albertos Ferrera
History

The Lodge was created in 1954 under the leadership of some brothers as Amedeo Mortara z.l., Silvio Arditi, Nedo Fiano and others. Amedeo Mortara z.l., was the first of our sisters and brothers to create strong links with B’nai B’rith Europe and B’nai B’rith International, serving our Jewish Community as leader fighting antisemitism inside the Italian Institutions.

Activities

- Support Magen David Adom and youth movements like Hashomer Hatsair, Bnai Akiva, Youth of Chabad
- Financial help to several families and people in poor economic conditions
- Distribution of several scholarships to students of the Jewish Community of Milan and to students of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Conferences on various topics by writers and journalists. (La stampa, Sky Tg made, Corriere della Serra…)
- Hosting political candidates for the municipality of Milan
- Delegates in the mission to UN HR Council week in Geneva in March 2018.

- meeting with the Head of Milan Police, Mr Mastrangelo, in the house of the Lodge.
- “The roots” project interviewing brothers and sister on BB core values

Direction Board

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Sister Claudia Bagnarelli

Surveillant
Brother Rav Avraham Hazan
History

The Lodge was created in 1994. It was re-established after a couple of decades of interruption of its activities. In fact, a BB Lodge use to exist between the wars in our town. Later in was silenced as the overwhelming majority of the members lost their lives in the extermination camps. The survivors had no occasion to re-established sooner than in the beginning of the 1990s as the communist regime didn´t allow it. The restoration was an impulse by Luc Ehrlich from Basel. The inauguration took place in a solemn atmosphere at the beginning of 1994. The Lodge strive to strengthen the Jewish community in Kosice, restore and protect the Jewish heritage and promote Jewish culture among the majority population.

Activities

- Promotion of Jewish culture by means of exhibitions, concerts a public debates.
- Humanitarian aid (for instance to the needy Jews in Lvov)
- Teambuilding activities among our members

Direction Board

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Pavol Sitar

President
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Peter Schwarcz

Vice-President
Roman Gajdos

Treasurer
Martin Schwarcz
History

Lodge Tolerancia was created after the representatives of the Lodges from Prague and Frankfurt approached respected Jews in Bratislava. The first President and one of the founding members was Prof. Pavel Traubner.

In the first years, the main focus of activities was establishing contacts with other Lodges in the District 19, B´nai B´rith Continental Europe and the effort to counter expressions of antisemitism.

The Lodge has been participating in humanitarian activities in support and of and assistance to Jewish communities in Slovakia, Europe and Israel. The Lodge has initiated some of these actions itself.

The Lodge has been organizing regular closed and open meetings; politicians, actors, artists and other distinguished individuals were invited to give presentations and answer questions of relevance to the Jewish community in Slovakia during these meetings. In 2011, the Lodge has set up an award – the Plaque of Understanding awarded to non-Jews who have contributed to peaceful coexistence, mutual understanding, civic dialogue with the Jewish community and preservation of Jewish legacy. Lodge Tolerancia has initiated regular get-together of Lodges from Prague, Košice, Budapest and Bratislava. These meetings take place in turns since 2009.

In the framework of the European Day of Jewish Culture, Lodge Tolerancia organized the exhibition “This was Jewish Bratislava” in 2016. In 2017, the exhibition presented distinguished Jewish personalities of Bratislava. The exhibitions were displayed in public space and visited by thousands of visitors.

Direction Board

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Public Affairs and ADL
Grigorij Meseznikov
AUGUSTIN KELLER
Zurich, Switzerland

History
Augustin Keller Lodge Zürich was established in 1909 and is the oldest B’nai B’rith Lodge in Europe and active without any interruption during both World Wars. The Lodge engages in and supports public and cultural activities in the Jewish communities but also with other NGOs.

The Lodge is traditional with only male members, but the women club, called SASK, gathers women of Lodge brothers, involved in social and cultural projects.

Activities
✓ providing humanitarian aid and financial support for individual persons in need
✓ enabling holidays for those children, who cannot afford it
✓ giving donations (tzedakah) for a Jewish home for disabled persons, old age homes and Jewish schools
✓ supporting and closely cooperating with the “Society against racism and antisemitism” and “Society Switzerland-Israel”
✓ providing financial support for school trips to concentration camps
✓ supporting social, political and cultural events of local Jewish organizations and institutions
✓ Monthly meetings with lectures, talks and speeches by known personalities of political, religious, economic, academic and cultural life
✓ Yearly trip to meet other lodges (Riga, Vilnius, Thessaloniki)
✓ Hillel House: Augustin Keller Lodge is the owner of a building and is offering quality housing at affordable prices for 25 students as well as common premises such as kitchen, dining and living room.

Direction Board
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President
Peter Neuwirth

Vice-President
Ronald Wildmann

Vice-President
Ernesto Ferro

SASK President
Hanna Neuwirth
History

On June 23 1975, 34 Jews from the Canton of Vaud founded the Edmond Fleg Lodge, united in the desire to live and to perpetuate B’nai B’rith principles of Charity, Fraternal Love and Harmony.

Edmond Flegenheimer is a writer born in Geneva. He left a deep mark in 1927 with his book «Why I am Jewish» which title, both interrogative and assertive, corresponds to the thinking and the actions of the Founding Brothers of the Lodge, and of those who followed them.

After more than 300 open and closed sessions since its creation and with about a total of 200 active members during this period, the Edmond Fleg Lodge continues its activities by expanding the areas of action.

Activities

Over the last ten years the Lodge has introduced an annual gastronomico-cultural evening to celebrate Judaism of diaspora; also, the Lodge has witnessed a considerable renewal with more than 60 Brothers and Sisters. Thus the Lodge Committee, which has seen 14 Presidents, was rejuvenated and feminized in the recent years.

In order to celebrate positively the past and the loyal members, the Lodge also celebrated its 20 years, its 25 years and its 35 years, and intends to continue in the years to come in order to perpetuate what brings us “from founders to successors”.

Direction Board

Mentor & treasurer
Alain Barthes

President
Marc Elikan
History

The lodge was created as the first mixed lodge in Zürich, on the 8th of December 2013. The Lodge has known a great increase in its members and activities.

The B’nai B’rith Members mainly focus on charities in Switzerland and Israel, as well as political and sciences lectures.

Direction Board

Mentor
Madeleine De Beer

President
Pinchas Gotthell

Vice-President
Arthur Plotke

Vice-President
Schewa Mandel

Treasurer
Monica Rom
History

The Lodge was created on the 11th February, in 1951.

Chief Rabbi Dr. Alexander Safran zl’ had the honor to become the first President of the Lodge.

B’nai B’rith Geneva has been working for 65 years to unite the Jewish people, promote the Jewish identity, defend the State of Israel and practice charity. B’nai B’rith Geneva also contributes in an eloquent way to the cultural and social life of the Jewish communities in Geneva.

Direction Board

Mentor
Raoul Beck

President
Armand Laredo

Treasurer
Michel Benveniste
History

The Lodge was created in 1926 as the 986th Lodge according to the philosophy of B’nai B’rith International, «Benevolence, Brotherly Love and Harmony».

The goals are the promotion of the spiritual, social and material development of mankind in general, and of Jews in particular.

Activities

✓ Organization of a holiday week in Netherlands for 20 young people from children homes who have been victims of former terror attacks victims.
✓ Lectures about Jewish subjects and the fight against anti-Semitic
✓ Jewish Social projects
✓ Participation to Jewish Heritage day
✓ Financial support to different projects (Jewish schools, Maccabi, projects for education about the Shoah)

Direction Board

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Mentor
Franklin Weisz

President
Orlando Heijmerink

Secretary General
Hanny Schatz

Treasurer
Orlando Heijmerink
HOLLANDIA
Den Haag/Rotterdam,
The Netherlands

History
Lodge Hollandia was founded on 25 March 1923 by dr. Albert van Raalte, a famous Dutch Jewish conductor, as the first B’nai B’rith Lodge in The Netherlands. It is one of two currently active Dutch Lodges.

The Lodge, similar to other B’nai B’rith Lodges has as mission to promote the spiritual, moral and material development of humanity in general and of Jews in particular.

Several activities such as annual gatherings and lectures are organized by the Lodge. As for projects, Lodge Hollandia is giving regular support, to the:

Mr L E Visserhuis, the Jewish Elderly Center and Retirement Home in The Hague;

Ziv Medical Centre, a hospital complex situated in northern Israel;

Bet Hashanti open House for Youth. This is an organisation that provides shelter for homeless children, mainly in the Tel Aviv area.

Activities

- Biannual hosting of a group of Israeli soldiers wounded in action., see highlighted activity below
- An annual end of summer ‘beach party’
- Various lectures, such as earlier this year, a lecture on euthanasia from a Jewish perspective.
- An annual Chanukah party

Direction Board

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Mr Salco H. Herschberg

Secretary General
Annelies van Mechelen-Kneteman

Treasurer
Mr Salco H. Herschberg

Tyler
Ms Rita Lobatto
History

The Norgeslosjen Lodge was created in 1952.

Created after WW2 as part of the rebuilding of the Norwegian Jewish community, the Lodge’s aim are to support the local Jewish community, in particular its young and old, as well as to contribute to the global fight against antisemitism. Apart from the Lodge meetings where the wider community is invited to attend regular lectures, the Lodge arranges social gatherings such as a Chanukah party for the members and elderly as well as an annual summer party for the entire Jewish community. The Lodge regularly provides financial support to the youth of the community, and have also in the past provided support to wider BBE projects.

Activities

Regular lodge meetings usually followed by a lecture (on average 9 meetings annually). The wider Oslo Jewish community is usually invited to attend the lectures. Most of the lectures have external presenters. Annual Summer party for the whole Jewish community as well as Chanukah party. In Nov 2017 we celebrated our 65 year anniversary with a gala dinner, with attendance from our fellow Scandinavian Lodges and the Israeli and Canadian ambassadors as special guests.

Direction Board

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President
Alexander Levi

Vice-President
Jan Benjamin Rodner

Secretary General
Rolf Cohn

Treasurer
Michael Levi

Marshal
Jack London

Secretary of Correspondence
Richard Dante
History

The Leopolis Lodge was established in Lvov in October, 1899. It was reconstructed in 1995 with the support of Rabbi Melchior, Joseph Domberger and Dr. Alexander Schwartz, Chairman of B’nai B’rith Commission on the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

Activities

- Medical care: providing free medicine and free consultations including dentistry
- Monthly food parcels and financial support to children from needy families
- Hot lunches provided daily at a canteen
- Jewish Culture and Revival: holding the Jewish holidays, lectures, presentations, concerts and festivals, assistance in publication of books by Jewish authors
- Participation in the International Holocaust Center n. a. Dr. A. Schwarz
- Financial and material support to the Jewish group of kindergarten
- Dor Khodash – the Young Jewish group within B’nai B’rith Leopolis

Direction Board

Mentor
Iosif Shtatman

President
Michael Pleskov

Vice-President
Ludmila Schwarz

Secretary General
Tatyana Kotova

Treasurer
Vadim Golembo
B’nai B’rith United Kingdom was founded in 1903 and gathers 12 Lodges.

B’nai B’rith UK has a London Bureau of International Affairs, playing a key role to maintain good relations with different political figures. B’nai B’rith UK also focuses on youth and young professional, with B’nai B’rith Young Professionals (BBYP), a very successful network.

As the past year was very important for B’nai B’rith UK, since it was the centenary of the Balfour Declaration, almost all Lodges held special events to mark the occasion. B’nai B’rith United Kingdom is also very active contacting and working with other European Lodges, such as the Kiev Lodge.

Alan Miller is the current President of B’nai B’rith UK.
B’nai B’rith France has been active since 1932, and is the most important European section of the District. It gathers 60 Lodges divided in five regions: Paris, South East, South West, East of France and Center of France. The national office is located in Paris.

B’nai B’rith France is member of CRIF, the Jewish representative council gathering different institutions in France. The French section of B’nai B’rith has been very active in leading intercultural projects regarding interfaith dialogue and fighting against all kind of discrimination.

Past President include former LICRA President (International League against Racism and Antisemitism) Jean-Pierre Bloch.

Philippe Meyer is the current President of B’nai B’rith France.
Ben Yehouda Lodge was originally created in 2003 by a group of friends. The Lodge is located in the suburbs of Paris, in the town of St-Maur-des-Fossés, which is the home of 600 Jewish families.

The members of the Lodge are strongly supporting Judaism and Israel, as well as Holocaust memory projects. They are devoted to fight against mass media misinformation and promoting Israeli culture through charitable events.

Activities

- Welcoming and organizing the Israeli Thelma Yellin orchestra concert
- Welcoming the students of Thelma Yellin for a jazz concert
- Yearly trip to Auschwitz for 100 high school students since 2005
- Trip of 3 classes to French Holocaust memorial site Oradour sur Glane
- Culture-themed conferences

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History
Created on the 1st October 1968, the Chalom Lodge works towards noble humanist aspirations. The members have been very actives in philanthropic, honorable and patriotic activities, by supporting cultural institutions as well as the most disadvantaged ones.

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The Lodge was founded in 1952 by former B’nai B’rith members, Etienne Schweitzer and Chief Rabbi Nathan Netter. The Lodge was named after Rabbi Elie Bloch, who managed to federate Eastern and Western European Jews coming to France. First President of the Elie Bloch Lodge was Myrtiil Zachayus.

The B’nai B’rith Members are supporting cultural and religious projects, are fighting against racism and anti-Semitism, as well as defending the State of Israel. The Members promote an inclusive Judaism, open-minded, respective and brotherly loving according to the B’nai B’rith motto.

The Lodge just celebrated its 65 year Anniversary, with an interesting conference of famous journal Paul Amar and under the high patronage of B’nai B’rith France President Philippe Meyer.

Activities

- Support to the State of Israel with the organization of trips to Israel and contacts with politicians
- Contribution to the Jewish Life of Metz with conferences and symbolic trips

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EMILE ZOLA
Marseille, France

History
The Lodge was created in Marseille in 1950 by Holocaust survivors to help re-building a former Jewish community, which had terribly suffered from the Second World War. This initiative gathered Jews from various origins, including Greece, Turkey, Alsace or Eastern Europe and Northern African countries.

The Lodge became a melting-pot where the Jewish community of Marseille was born again.

The Lodge was named after French author Emile Zola, whose article «J’accuse» («I accuse») helped Captain Dreyfus to clear his name from false accusations.

Activities
- Lectures on historical, political and cultural topics
- Conferences on social and humanitarian current events for the general public
- Twinning and meetings with other French-speaking, Eastern European and Israeli Lodges

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History
The Lodge has the mission to unite the Jews of all tendencies in the respect of the ideals of B’nai B’rith, especially implementing the principles of philanthropy.

The B’nai B’rith Members assist the widow and the orphan as well as support Culture, Science and Arts.

Activities
✓ Internal works on Spinoza and Levinas, on the relations between Jews and Muslims in France to-day with some Speakers
✓ Seminar «Colloque Israël 2018, Traditions et Innov-nation» 11 speakers from the cultural, scientific and economic worlds from Israel and France
✓ Invitation of the Great Rabbi of France for a Conference

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History

The Lodge ‘Jules Isaac’ was created in 1969, to unify the Israelites in favor of the highest interests of humanity, to develop the moral and intellectual character of the humanity, to inculcate the purest principles of philanthropy, of honor and of patriotism, to support the Science and the Arts, to alleviate the needs of the poor and needy, to visit and care for the sick persons, to help the victims of persecutions, to protect and assist the widow and the orphan, to provide for themselves, according to the broadest principles of humanity.

Activities

B’nai B’rith’s initiatives also aim to encourage friendships through recreational, social and cultural programs, to support the State of Israel and the Jewish people around the world, and to work for charities. And it is precisely in this context, that the B’nai-B’rith of Aix-en-Provence, with the Lodge ‘Jules Isaac’ started, nearly 10 years ago, to organise a Gala Evening for the Yom Haatsmaout event. This event, was initiated by one of its former Presidents, Mr. Henri Luc Salfati, then perpetuated by the following Presidents Cathy Benfredj, Florence Kugler, and Thierry Melki. The goal of this event is to gather the neighboring communities annually, supporting the State of Israel and developing these works for charitable purposes. In this Yom Haatsmaout 5778, there was for everyone, a symbol and an even stronger reality: We were going to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel. This year, in order to develop, even more, the meetings, the friendships and the fraternities between the associations, the B’nai-B’rith of Aix-en-Provence wished to invite the associations of heart and neighbors, to join the animation of this event. And in particular so Bnai Brith associations of the region. This B’nai-B’rith event also had a goal of meetings and exchanges between associations, as well as the objective of supporting charities.
MAIMONIDE
Toulouse, France

History

Maimonide Lodge was created on the 17 of October 1967, after the Six-Day War in Israel and after the great moments of emotion and worrying caused by the conflict. At its creation, the founding members were all involved in the Jewish community life, either culturally or religiously.

After an only-male policy, the Lodge grew and became open to members both female and male. Nowadays, the members are still very involved in the Jewish community life of Toulouse, as Presidents and members of various non-profit associations.

Activities

☑ Conferences on political and Jewish-related topics, including the future of UNESCO and hate speech online
☑ Meetings and letters with officials regarding anti-Israeli votes in International organizations
☑ Cultural activities provided to a retiring home
☑ Providing financial support for school trips to concentration camps
☑ Supporting social and cultural events of local Jewish organizations

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History
Within a large Jewish community in the Paris suburb, Lison Nadjar and Bernard Cohen-Hadria took up the task of creating a B’nai B’rith Lodge, with the help of the President of the community, Robert Ejnes, who allowed the Lodge to use the large community center and their communication network.

The Lodge was named after a renowned B’nai B’rith member, Marinette Artman, who was during her whole life an active militant, and especially known for the creation and the leadership of a youth holiday camp that she managed for over twenty years.

Activities
- Conference on the meaning and reach of the Church’s recent thoughts on Jewish Faith
- Philharmonic concert with the young musicians of the Thelma Yellin Israeli Art School
- Lodge Trips to cultural key places

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MOSHÉ DAYAN
Nice, France

History
Moshé Dayan Lodge was created in 1986 to unite Jews of the same age and sharing similar values. The Lodge deeply respects the principles of B’nai B’rith of Benevolence, Brotherly love and Harmony.

As the current President Simon Benchimol is in charge of the fight against BDS, The Lodge strongly supports the state of Israel and the fight against anti-Semitism.

Activities
✓ Bi-annual «Les Menoras d’or» awarding ceremony to honor people fighting against anti-Semitism and supporting the State of Israel
✓ Yearly trip to Auschwitz for 100 high school students since 2005
✓ Trip of school classes to French Holocaust memorial site Oradour sur Glane
✓ Culture-themed conferences

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**History**

The Poliakov Lodge was created in June 2015.

The Lodge organized a trip to Strasbourg with the Lodge Members.

Members are committed to promote philosophical and artistic activities in a partnership with the “Café des Psaumes” in Paris.

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SHALOM ALEIKHEM
Paris, France

History
The Shalom Aleikhem Lodge was created in 2014 with the openness to others as a guideline for its actions. The Lodges works closely with the National Commission Europe on the European politics and the fight against anti-Semitism.

One of the projects the Shalom Aleikhem Lodge contributed to was the «White paper on citizenship and against anti-Semitism». The Lodge also works on Christian and Jewish dialogue with an inter-religious committee.

Activities
✓ Yearly Lodge Trips (Rome, Odessa, Bucharest, Amsterdam)
✓ Twinning with the Bucharest Lodge
✓ Partnership with the Lviv Lodge
✓ Interfaith Dialogue

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EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS
The ceremony was held in presence of prominent personalities, including CRIF’s President Francis Kalifat, Vice-Presidents Yonathan Arfi and Gerard Unger, Director-General Robert Ejnes, Their Excellencies Croatian Ambassador Filip Vučak, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to UNESCO Francesco Folle, Serbian Ambassador to UNESCO Darko Tanaskovic, Minister Counsellor for cultural affairs to the Germany Embassy Andreas Klassen, Minister Plenipotentiary to the Israeli Embassy Marc Attali, Members of B’nai B’rith, representatives of Jewish organizations, Members of the European Commission and the European Parliament.

President of B’nai B’rith Europe Serge Dahan reminded the current rose of antisemitism in Europe and urged the European governments to fight this new antisemitism by adopting the definition of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). Serge Dahan presented the Human Rights Prize of B’nai B’rith Europe to Katharina von Schnurbein.

Katharina von Schnurbein was moved by this honor and reminded the initiatives of the European Commission to fight against hate speech online and to better the education about Holocaust, antisemitism and Jewish life. She stated that «our final goal for the Jewish community in Europe is normality. Jewish citizens should be able make the same lifestyle choices like anyone else [...]. Today, we are far from this goal, but if we do not seek the maximum, we will not reach the minimum».

Katharina von Schnurbein and B’nai B’rith Europe President Serge Dahan
B’NAI B’RITH EUROPE MEETING AND DIALOGUE AT THE POLIN MUSEUM IN WARSAW

By B’nai B’rith Europe and The Polin Lodge in Warsaw, Poland

The meeting of B’nai B’rith Europe Lodges and the Jewish community of Poland, jointly organised by B’nai B’rith Europe President and Polin Lodge President, was held in Warsaw, on the 14th of May, 2018.

Guests included Warsaw Mayor Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, Member of the European Parliament (EPP) Róża Thun, Member of the Polish Parliament Marcin Swieciecki, Chairman of the Museum Marian Turski, President of B’nai B’rith Europe Serge Dahan, President of the Polin Lodge Sergiusz Kowalski, President of the Jewish community of Warsaw Anna Chipczynska, representatives of the Jewish Polish community, B’nai B’rith Poland, Denmark, Ukraine, France and Belgium, and international organizations, as well as members of the European Commission and Parliament.

Professor Bilewicz, member of B’nai B’rith Poland and Director of the Research Center on Prejudice at the Warsaw University, analyzed the striking differences and common points of antisemitism in Eastern and Western Europe.

Deputy coordinator on combating antisemitism of the European Commission Johannes Börmann, introduced the actions of the European institutions in order to support the Jewish community and the free expression of its identity.

This event highlighted the contribution of the Jewish community to the Polish culture.

A guided tour of the museum concluded the meeting.

With a program composed of permanent and temporary expositions, as well as educative and cultural activities, the POLIN museum is a place for Polish citizen of all ages and foreign visitors to better understand the Jewish contribution to Europe.
19TH EDITION OF EUROPEAN DAYS OF JEWISH CULTURE

By Lodges in Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom…

European Days of Jewish Culture were celebrated from 2th September until mid-October 2018 with the support of B’nai B’rith Lodges throughout Europe. The fundamental objective of this European collaboration is to highlight the diversity and richness of Judaism, with the intention of promoting dialogue, mutual recognition and exchange through conferences, concerts, performances, guided tours and other activities.

B’nai B’rith Europe as a main actor of AEPJ (European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage) supports the preservation, appreciation and promotion of Jewish culture and Jewish heritage in Europe. Through this association B’nai B’rith Europe encourages Jewish sites to present Judaism to the wide public with its educational, social and cultural programs. This goal is notably achieved through its leading program - the European Days of Jewish Culture and heritage.

On Jewish Culture and Heritage Days, selected synagogues and Jewish historic sites are open to the general public and related events including guided walks, lectures and exhibitions take place.

The European Days of Jewish Culture (EDJC) is the reflection of a true revolution in the field of culture, which, for the first time, places citizens, communities and territory at the forefront while using cultural heritage as an agent for sustainable local development. Important aspects of heritage, in terms of human rights and democracy, stand at its center and align with the values of the Faro Convention, a framework established by the Council of Europe.

This year's theme is Storytelling. Nowadays, Storytelling is a cutting-edge tool in the dissemination of historical heritage, turning this year's edition into a great opportunity to explore different areas of tangible and intangible European Jewish heritage.
BRIDGES OF TOLERANCE 5TH EDITION

By Dr. Moses Rosen Lodge of Bucharest, Romania

On May 16th and 17th, 2018, B’nai B’rith Forum “Dr. Moses Rosen” Romania and the Federation of Jewish Communities from Romania - Mosaic Cult (FJCR) organized the 5th edition of the “Bridges of Tolerance” project, under the high patronage of the President of Romania, Mr. Klaus Werner Iohannis.

“Bridges of Tolerance” is a transnational project for Central and Eastern Europe initiated by B’nai B’rith Europe, aimed at combating discrimination, racism and anti-Semitism, promoting mutual understanding and respect as well as European values.

The aim of the 2018 edition “Contribution of national minorities in Romania to the diversity and vitality of European culture” was to strengthen tolerance through inter-ethnic dialogue. This year was also the opportunity to celebrate the Centenary of the Great Union.

Jose Iacobescu, Serge Dahan, Sergiu Nistor, Patriarch Daniel, Aurel Vainer, Aurel Pop and Ion Lefter
CONFERENCE AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

By B’nai B’rith Europe

On the 8th of March 2018 B’nai B’rith Europe co-organised with the European Jewish Community Center a conference at the European Parliament in honor of the International Women’s Day. The conference was entitled “Double-glass ceiling? Experiences of Christian, Jewish, Muslim & Buddhist Women. Challenges facing women in patriarchal and secular societies”.

After the introduction of the theme by Members of the European Parliament Wajid Khan (S&D) and Roberta Metsola (EPP), Hanna Kalmenson, Managing Director of B’nai B’rith Europe emphasized the importance of equity in the workplace, which puts in place optimal conditions for workers to fully contribute to the success of the company they work for and establishes bridges between communities.

The dialogue between the different speakers was moderated by Alfiaz Vaiya, European Parliament’s coordinator for the anti-racism and diversity intergroup (ARDI), who successively gave the floor to Yael Leibowitz, secular Israeli, Chain Zisman, Israeli Jewish observant, Manel Mselmi, reporter for the blog Ecofeminism and Ines Wouters, co-founder of Bodhicharya and specialised lawyer in religious discriminations. The speakers expressed their perspectives as woman of different faiths.

The conference allowed to illustrate the opportunity gaps between secular and religious women with concrete examples, underlined the communication challenge between people from different cultural backgrounds and highlighted what needs to be done to end discriminations in the workplace. Member of the European Parliament Wajid Khan reminded that women’s rights must be protected, “not only today, but also every single day of the year”.

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PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF SPARTA

by B’nai B’rith Philon Lodge, Greece

An international conference titled “Sparta-Israel: Renewing an Ancient Friendship” has successfully taken place in Sparta, Greece, on September 2 & 3 2018. The conference was organised by the Municipality of Sparta, B’nai B’rith Philon Lodge and the Greek-Israeli Cooperation Institute. In a broader sense, the Sparta-Israel Conference aimed at a deeper acquaintance and mutual understanding between Greeks and Israelis, following the historically recorded friendship between ancient Sparta and the People of Israel.

Distinguished speakers included the Mayor of Sparta Mr. Evangelos Valiotis, the Deputy Regional Governor and one of the conference sponsors Mrs Adamantia Tzanetea, Executive Vice President and CEO B’nai B’rith International Mr. Dan Mariaschin, Former Chief of the Greek Air Force ret. General Theologos Symeonidis, CEO of the AI Initiative and President of the Greek-Israeli Cooperation Institute Dr. Angelos Kolokouris, Professor Sophia Zyga from the University of Peloponnese, George Zisimatos, Managing Director of the Directorate for the Hellenic Armed Forces Real Estate Development, Dr. Anna Lambropoulou, Director, Institute for Historical Studies, National Institute for Research, Dr E. Lianos-Liantis, Special Secretariat for Cultural Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Professor Noah Hacham from Hebrew University, and Professor Panagiotis Liargovas from the University of Peloponnese.

The Army Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Alkiviadis Stefanis, honored with his presence the conference.

Conference sponsors were the Hellenic Post, the Greek National Tourism Organisation, and the Municipality of Peloponnese. Communication Sponsors were ERT2, ERT World, ERT3, First Program, the Voice of Greece, and ERT Tripoli.

Meeting with the Mayor and the Members of the municipality planting the seeds of the project.
PODIUM DISCUSSION ABOUT THE INNOVATIVE ISRAELI ECONOMY

by the Franz-Rosenzweig Lodge of Dusseldörf, Germany

In February 2018 the Franz Rosenzweig Lodge organized in cooperation with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation a podium discussion about the innovative Israeli economy and the potential for German-Israeli cooperation.

Four Experts presented different aspects of the topic:

Doron Abrahami, the Israeli attaché for Economy and Commerce at the Embassy of the State of Israel in Berlin, gave an overview about Israeli innovations, current trends of international investments in Israel as well as large-scale research & development activities of global players in the country.

Roy Naor, an associate at the international law firm DWF, gave an overview about legal and procedural aspects in the bilateral economic relations. He especially elaborated on the area of Cybersecurity as one of the most important and interesting fields for German firms, since most of the technologies in this area come from Israel and the USA.

Dr. Markus Gick, Senior Project manager at the Bertelsmann Foundation, reported about a study he did about German-Israeli economic relations and highlighted the benefits of the Israeli High-Tech Ecosystem for German firms.

Dr. Philipp Raidt, Head of Portfolio at Axel Springer Digital Classifieds in Berlin, presented the experiences of his enterprise having so far invested in 3 firms in Israel. He described the typical atmosphere in the country and the typical mentality of Israelis, hinting at helpful approaches in order to gain from it.

About 120 guests came to the event, which took place at the Business Club of Düsseldorf (“Wirtschaftsclub”), among them representatives of politics, economy and the press.
OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARL LUTZ MEMORIAL IN TIBERIAS, ISRAEL

by the Augustin Keller Lodge of Zurich, Switzerland

Brothers and members of the Swiss Lodges in Geneva, Lausanne and the ESFL Lodge in Zürich raised funds in order to honor Carl Lutz, the former Swiss vice-consul in Budapest.

He saved during the Second World War the life of about 60,000 Hungarian Jews and prevented their deportation to the concentration camps by issuing protection passes. He exceeded his competencies and neglected the instructions of the Swiss government and his heroic act was for many decades not appreciated in Switzerland.

In a very dignified ceremony in presence of the Swiss ambassador in Israel, the mayor of Tiberias, officials of Keren Kayemet LeIsrael, Carl Lutz’s daughter, rescued holocaust survivors, brothers and sisters of Swiss Lodges and other visitors the Memorial dedicated to Carl Lutz has been revealed on November 23rd 2017.

YOM HA’ATZMAOUT GALA

by Jules Isaac Lodge of Aix-en-Provence, France

Jules Isaac Lodge has several initiatives, one of them is to encourage friendships through recreational, social and cultural programs, to support the State of Israel and the Jewish people around the world, and help charitable work.

The goal of this event is to gather the neighboring communities annually, supporting the State of Israel and developing these works for charitable purposes. This year, in order to develop, even more, meetings, friendship and fraternity between the associations, the B’nai-B’rith of Aix-en-Provence wished to invite the associations of heart and neighbors, to join the animation of this event.
EXHIBITION OF JEWISH PERSONALITIES OF BRATISLAVA

by Tolerancia Lodge of Bratislava, Slovakia

The highlight of the activities in 2017 was the exhibition of “Jewish Personalities of Bratislava”. The exhibition built on the work of Brother Tomáš Stern who has been collecting and documenting information about Jewish monuments, about Jews, their roots as well as their lives and destiny for more than 25 years. The exhibition presented the life of 15 most important Jews who lived in Bratislava from the 17th until the 20th centuries.

The exhibition was displayed on the wall of the mediaeval fortification in public space and the entrance was free. Thus, it could achieve its main objective which was to make it easy accessible to most of the visitors of Bratislava, to introduce and re-discover those persons who made a significant contribution to the commercial, economic, cultural, scientific and societal life not only of Bratislava, but to previous Austro-Hungarian Empire and Czechoslovakia but also of Europe and the US.

Participants visited the Jewish Community Museum of Bratislava, the Memorial of world-famous Rabbi Chatam Sofer and took part in the discussion about curbing antisemitism in the region. The Ambassador of the State of Israel attended the opening ceremony.
Supporting the kindergarten

by Leopolis Lodge of Ukraine, Kadima Maimonide Lodge (France), Hebraika Menorah Lodge (Germany), the Leopolis - Humanitarian Help to Ukraine Charity Fund (Germany)

In November, 2017, the Lviv Lodge carried out the full repairs in the premises of the Jewish Kindergarten’s toilets and washrooms, and their interior was completely changed; the game room was renovated as well. It became possible due to the sponsorship of the Kadima Maimonide Lodge (France) and the Hebraika Menorah Lodge (Germany), as well as the Leopolis - Humanitarian Help to Ukraine Charity Fund (Germany).

65 years anniversary

by the Henry Dunant Lodge of Geneva

On the 17th March, 2016, the 65 years of the Lodge were celebrated. An information brochure was designed and edited for the occasion. The history of the Lodge and the names of the former Presidents, with a short description of their term, were included.

The Lodge added the history of Jews in Geneva as well as a list of Jewish figures who lived in Switzerland. This project inspired the Jewish community as there was a great number of scholars, sportsmen, philanthropists and rabbis who had a lasting impact on the local community and the city of Geneva.

One additional achievement is Kesher Day. “Kesher” is the Hebrew work for “link”. Created in 2013, Kesher Day gathers all the Jewish communities of Geneva and is an opportunity to unite, meet, discover, share and respect.
On December 2nd 2017, the Franz-Rosenzweig Lodge has been celebrating its 50 Anniversary with a festive Dinner in one of the city’s hotels.

On the occasion, the Lodge has inaugurated the “Franz-Rosenzweig Prize”, which has been given for the first time. It has been bestowed upon Julian Reichelt, the chief of the board of the BILD, Europe’s largest newspaper. With this prize, the Lodge honored Reichelt’s brave and consequent pro-Israel attitudes and articles. The Laudation on Julian Reichelt was held by Prof. Michael Wolffsohn, a renowned Historian and publicist.

A hundred guests came to the event, which followed the traditional festive implementation of a new board of the Lodge. Dr. Michael Naor has been installed for a second period as President, a number of younger members were installed into the various functions within the Lodge. The ceremony was directed by the Honorary President of B’nai B’rith Europe, Br. Reinold Simon.
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