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President Charles O. Kaufman's introduction to BBI's work: "a year like no other other"

An increase in antisemitism,  
a corona epidemic,  
a positive development for Israel: 3 peace treaties.  
The American election: a fractured society.  
BBI is determined to act, resilience runs through our DNA.  
Against antisemitism, a global and collective action, on the level of racism, coming back to  
Durban's "hate festival" of 2001.  
To increase health during the corona times, a major real estate development programme  
has been sponsored for the elderly. Tzedaka actions.

30 countries participated in this forum via Zoom.

The topics :



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## ASSESSING THE U.S. ELECTIONS AND THE IMPACT ON JEWISH CONCERNS

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Antisemitism around the world

Combating antisemitism :

"No one should be afraid"

Students should stand up and speak out against antisemitism on a university level. A competition focused on the production of a creative video on the subject was launched. A strategy needs to be defined.

Special envoys are present at the European Commissions and at US committees to manage and combat antisemitism.

The corona pandemic is affecting antisemitism, ranging from the myth of conspiracy to actual hate crimes: Turkey, Iran and the Palestinian Authority accuse Jews on the media. Reinforced legislation is to be put in place implemented before the end of the year. Soon there will be no more Holocaust survivors, so we have to prepare to defend the memory on the media and to implement a real education of the Holocaust. At the same time, the contribution of Jews and Judaism to the world.

The definition of antisemitism needs to be changed in order to include the anti-Zionism and calls to the destruction of Israel. Those who encourage antisemitism itself must be prosecuted on the online world as well. This is not freedom of expression but a crime. There must be freedom of practice of Judaism in Switzerland, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden. Activist groups want to ban circumcision and ritual slaughterhouse Kosher. It is necessary to intervene within the parliaments of these countries.

Antisemitism in Argentina, Venezuela and Latin America often comes as a result of the worrying presence of Hezbolah, with all their bloody attacks, just like the one in Argentina, 26 years ago. You have to be proactive and explain to the teachers and school headmasters that combating antisemitism is not only trying to solve the problems of the Middle East.

Finally, the "Abraham Agreements" between the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Israel and soon Sudan are to be welcomed.

#### The American elections and the Jewish context

We must be cautious, the results are not yet officially known, and above all, BB cannot have a partisan approach. What Trump did when he had power is fantastic for Israel - the peace agreements, the transfer of the Embassy in Jerusalem, the recognition of Israel's right over the Golan Heights, etc.

However, the Jewish vote in the USA was split 68% for Biden and 30% for Trump. If the elected President is a Democrat, the Senate remains Republican and the country is deeply divided in particular when it comes to the departments of insurance policy, health and the economy.

There will be no extreme political initiative, but compromises.

Biden has good personal relations with the Israeli leadership, therefore the policy decisions taken over the past 4 years could only remain as such.



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Reminder of the foundation of BB in the USA in 1843 by Irving, in order to help the Jews of New York East-Side to establish and maintain their Jewishness.



Bassem Eid is a Palestinian who has been living for decades in a camp in the West Bank. He considers Palestinians as hostages of their leaders - Fatah in the West Bank, Hamas in Gaza. They are themselves hostages of the strategy of Iran and Qatar which finances them. Their leaders are corrupt. The UNWRA, which is a school of terrorism, whose civil servants

are paid salaries of up to \$200,000 a month, only aims to make its situation last.

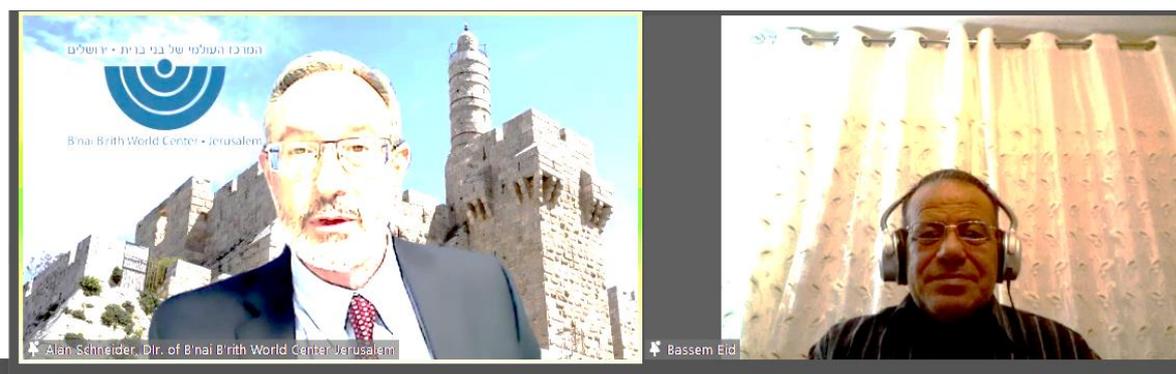
The European states do nothing to encourage the Palestinian Authority to have more democracy, but transfer millions of dollars to Abbas (85 years old). Upon his death, Fatah will fight Fatah in West Bank with Dahlan on one side and the Palestinians of Nablus on the other. Hamas is too far away to intervene in this territory, but will have to suffer its own civil war in Gaza.

BDS hurts the Palestinians more than Israel by driving away jobs from the West Bank of the Jordan River.

The Palestinians are cornered, and it is their governments and UNWRA that are their major problems.

Peace will not come from international conferences or negotiations, but only from the Palestinian government stopping its corrupt system and managing the initiation of prosperity.

Israel has concluded a "cold" peace with Egypt and Jordan, but relations are improving over time. Israel is helping Egypt to fight terrorism in the Sinai and Jordan on its border with Syria and Iraq.



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**MODERATOR:** DANIEL S. MARIASCHIN, CEO

12:00 P.M. WASHINGTON | 6:00 P.M. PARIS | 7:00 P.M. JERUSALEM



This conference recalls the different actions and sponsorships by BB in housing for "senior citizens", not as a day-to-day manager, but as a consultant for senior services and joint ventures.

It recalls the presence of the BB at the Congress, as an influencer on many subjects: "Social Security", health, Covid, natural disasters, disasters such as the gigantic fires, etc.

It examines the consequences of the likely election of Biden as President, with a divided Congress.

Action can be expected on the following topics :

- Police reform
- Immigration policy

- Resumption of discussions with Iran on the nuclear agreement, but with enlargement to include the missile issue
- Support for the Abraham agreements, but the Democrats are against the collateral of arms sales
- On the other hand, little change in the policy with Israel, maintenance of the US embassy in Jerusalem, but with the opening of a consulate in East Jerusalem
- With regard to antisemitism, Biden wants to develop a "comprehensive" approach in consultation with representatives of the Jewish community and to expand educational programs, particularly those of the Holocaust Museum in Washington
- Israel is UN's punching bag
- BDS is acknowledged to be supporting the Palestinian cause

As for relations between the European Union, it has shown only lukewarm support for the Abraham Accords, and France considers the Association of Israel with the Council of Europe to be a reward for the policy of occupation of the West Bank.

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This conference was a free exchange on Israel's diplomatic achievements and the closeness of relations with the United States, despite the different sensitivities of the various Presidents. The Ambassador describes the difficulties he encounters in getting the delegates at the UN (the majority of whom are anti-Israeli) to vote against the many motions condemning Israel, and if he does not succeed, at least to abstain.

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