

Convention at a Glance

Sunday, May 6

Time	Topic	Presenter	Location
2:00-5:00 PM	Opening Reception		Downstairs Lobby
2:00-3:30 PM Limmud	Israel Then and Now: The Bible and The Birth of Israel in its Land	Prof. Richard Elliott Friedman	Concourse North
	Did Hillel Daven Three Times a Day? Jewish Liturgy Before and After the Hurban	Rabbi Reuven Hammer	Berlin
	The Rabbi's Checklist: Becoming an Effective Leader	Rabbi Elliot Salo Schoenberg	Acacia
4:00-4:15 PM	Minhah (A, B)		Foster, Concourse North
4:30 PM	Text Talks: Torah Worth Spreading (Opening Program)	Rabbis David Baum, Menachem Creditor, Ellen Wolintz-Fields, and Elana Zelony	Gershwin
5:30-6:00 PM	Walking with the Wind: Remarks by an American Hero	Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)	
6:00-7:00 PM	Talking about Talking about Israel: A New Conversation about and with Israel	Rabbis Gilah Dror & Donniel Hartman	
7:00-8:15 PM	Dinner		Bernstein
8:30-9:45 PM	Joint Campaign Reception & Ma'ariv Honoring Rabbi Martin S. Cohen and Celebrating <i>The Observant Life</i>		Berlin and Copeland
9:30-10:30 PM	Haburah Le-hayim: Tools & Fellowship to Strengthen Our Marriages A Private and Confidential Session	Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson	Acacia
9:45-10:30 PM	Craig Taubman in Concert	Craig Taubman	Kern, Porter, & Rogers
10:45 PM Late Night Limmud	Confronting the Troubling Aspects of Mishnah Shabbat 2:6	Rabbi Judith Hauptman	Concourse North

Monday, May 7

7:00-8:00 AM	Shaharit (A, B)		Gershwin, Kern
7:45-8:00 AM	D'var Torah: History, Theology, and the News	Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen	Gershwin
8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast*		Bernstein
9:00-10:15 AM Limmud	Evil and Suffering: A Process Response	Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson	Concourse North
	The Death of the Gods, the Birth of Monotheism	Prof. Richard Elliott Friedman	Rogers
	The Urgency of Pluralism – Changing the Face of Israel	Yizhar Hess	Porter
	Classic T'shuvot We Have Not Read in a While	Rabbi Gail Labovitz	Concourse South
	Jews and Genes	Prof. Paul Root Wolpe	Kern
	Israel's National Literary Narratives	Prof. Ofra Yeglin	Acacia
10:30 AM-1:00 PM	Convention-Wide Discussion: Keruv, Conversion, and Inter-marriage		Foster, Copeland, & Berlin
1:15-2:15 PM	Lunch*		Bernstein
2:30-4:15 PM	Business Meeting	Rabbi Gilah Dror	Kern, Porter
6:00 PM	Installation of Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik, the Officers of the RA, & the Executive Council		Ahavath Achim Synagogue
7:00-8:15 PM	Greetings	The Hon. Sam Olenz, Attorney General, GA	
	Ad Me'ah V'Hamishim? A Jewish Response to Life Extension Efforts	Prof. Paul Root Wolpe & Rabbi Elliot N. Dorff	
8:30-10:30 PM	Dinner & Ma'ariv		
10:45 PM	JTS Reception for Graduates from 2000-2011	Rabbis David Levy & Daniel S. Nevins	JTS Hospitality Suite

**Breakout meetings at meals are listed in the program*

Tuesday, May 8

7:00-8:00 AM	Shaharit (A, B)		Bernstein, Acacia
7:45-8:00 AM	D'var Torah: Holy People, Holy Time Blaspheming and Breathing God's Name	Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson	Bernstein
8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast*		Bernstein
9:15 AM	Limmud Everywhere I Go: Affirming Our Rootedness to Zion and the Earth	Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson	Gershwin
10:30-11:30 AM	Address	Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	Gershwin
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch		Bernstein
1:00-2:00 PM Limmud	Moses: From Rabbeinu to Religious and Secular Revolutionary	Rabbi Reuven Hammer	Acacia
	The Strange History of Lag Ba-omer and the S'firah Season	Rabbi David Golinkin	Kern
	Rituals for Same-Sex Marriage and Divorce A Report on the Current Proposal for the CJLS	Rabbi Daniel S. Nevins	Concourse South
	Was There a Jewish State in 1939?	Prof. Kenneth W. Stein	Concourse North
12:30-5:00 PM	Genetic Testing		Rogers
2:15-3:15 PM	Israel: Where Are We Going?	Yair Lapid	
3:15-3:45	A Celebration in Honor of 50 Year Rabbis		Gershwin
3:45-4:45 PM	Creating Relevance to Your Community and Congregation	Steve Koonin & Jay Kaiman	
5:00 PM	Open Space Discussion: Keruv, Conversion, and Inter-marriage		Foster, Copeland, & Berlin
	Focus Group on Jewish Funeral Practices		Acacia
	Can Rabbis and Day Schools Create Nirvana?	Stan Beiner	Concourse North
7:15 PM	Minhah (A, B)		Foster, Concourse North
7:30-8:45 PM	Dinner		Bernstein
8:45-9:45 PM	Masorti Reception Sponsored by ITC		Berlin & Copeland
9:30 PM	Ma'ariv (A, B)		Foster, Concourse North
9:30-10:30 PM Late Night Limmud	Music Instrumentation on Shabbat: What We Learned from the CJLS Discussion	Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Kern
	Late Night Sermon Swap	Rabbi Lilly Kaufman	Concourse South

Wednesday, May 9

7:00-8:00 AM	Shaharit (A, B)		Gershwin, Kern
7:45-8:00 AM	Azkarah	Rabbi Arnold M. Goodman	Gershwin
8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast*		Bernstein
9:00-10:15 AM Limmud	Halakhic Principles We Stopped Talking About: Boldness and Honesty in Medieval T'shuvot	Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Porter
	The Customs of Shavuot – East and West	Rabbi David Golinkin	Kern
	What's New in Kashrut at the CJLS?	Rabbi Paul Plotkin	Copeland
	The Literature of the Holocaust: A Close Reading of Abba Kovner and Paul Celan	Prof. Ofra Yeglin	Berlin
	God is in the Dirt	Rabbi Pamela Jay Gottfried	Foster
10:30-11:30 AM	How One Family Can Change a Community The Story of the Atlanta Jewish Gene Screen	Randy Gold	Gershwin
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Professional Development	Two Jews/Three Opinions vs. The Jewish Practice of Sacred Conflict Engagement	Rabbi Amy Eilberg	Concourse North
	Hannaton: Renewing the Old, Sanctifying the New	Rabbi Yoav Ende	Porter
	Mitzvot Bein Adam L'haveiro Best Practices for Social Justice in Your Community	Rabbi Jan Caryl Kaufman	Acacia
	Shir Ha-ma'alot: 15 Steps to Building Community Make Your Sacred Space a Community of Individuals	Rabbi Elliot Salo Schoenberg	South Concourse
	Positioning Your Joint Retirement Board Portfolio in 2012	Mitchell J. Smilowitz, CPA	Kern
1:00 PM	Lunch		Bernstein

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