

**United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
Rabbinical Assembly
& Masorti Foundation**

SOLIDARITY MISSION

August 2014, David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Chairs: **Rabbi Felipe Goodman**, Temple Beth Shalom, Las Vegas, NV
Rabbi Robert Slosberg, Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Louisville, KY

Monday, August 18/22 Av

- 17:00 Registration at **David Citadel Hotel** (7 King David Street, Jerusalem)
- 18:00 **Orientation & Opening Session**
Ms. Shueli Fast, Chair, Masorti Movement
Mr. Yizhar Hess, Executive Director, Masorti Movement
"What is this mission about?" – A facilitated discussion by **Mission Chairs**
Mincha
- 19:30 **Opening Dinner** (with Masorti Board Members)
Keynote speaker: **The Hon. Prof. Shlomo Avineri**,
The Hebrew University, Israel Prize winner (1996)
"Transformation of the 'State-System' in the Middle East" – opening lecture
Ma'ariv

Tuesday, August 19/23 Av

- 7:00 Shaharit at hotel
- 7:30 Breakfast at hotel
- 8:30 Bus departs for the South
- 10:00 **Ashkelon:** Visit **Rabbi Gustavo Surazski** & Kehillat Netzach Yisrael's leadership
- 11:00 **Iron Dome:** Meet Brigadier General (res.) **Yisrael ("Relik") Shafir** at the **Iron Dome** battery in Ashkelon
- 12:00 **Meet Lt. Col. Gadi Dror** and his soldiers in Otef Aza area (Gadi is Rabbi Gila Dror's son)
- 13:30 **Be'er Sheva:** Visit the leadership of Kehillat Eshel Avraham and meeting with **Rakefet Ginsberg**, Masorti Deputy Director
- 15:00 **Omer:** Meet with **Rabbi Jonathan Sadoff** & leaders at Kehillat Magen Avraham
Mincha
- 16:00 Depart for Jerusalem via Modi'in
- 17:00 **Modi'in:** Meet Ms. **Rachel Fraenkel**, Mother of Naftali, z"l (at Kehillat Yedid Nefesh)
- 19:00 **"What's the Upshot?"** - Pre-dinner Whiskey Caucus
- 20:00 Dinner at David Citadel Hotel (with representatives from **USY** and **Ramah**)
Dvar Torah: **Ari Hasit**, NOAM Youth Movement Rabbi
Keynote speaker: **Dr. Einat Wilf**, Senior Fellow with the Jewish People Policy Institute;
Member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in the 18th Knesset
Ma'ariv

Wednesday, August 20/24 Av (Business Attire, bring your passports!)

- 7:00 Shaharit and breakfast at David Citadel Hotel
- 7:30 Breakfast (private room) & Speaker
"Anti-Semitism Today" - The Hon. Prof. Yehuda Bauer, The Hebrew University, Israel
Prize winner (1998)
- 9:00 Bus departs the hotel
- 9:30 Supreme **Court Justice Elyakim Rubinstein** (at Supreme Court)
- 10:30 Bus departs to Kehillat Moreshet Yisrael, 4 Agron St., JM
- 11:00 The Hon. **Mr. Nathan Sharansky**, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency
- 11:30 The Hon. **Prof. Asa Kasher**, Author of the Code of Ethics of the Israel Defense Forces,
Israel Prize winner (2000)
- 12:30 Lunch on your own
- 13:30 Bus departs to Kehillat Ya'ar Ramot, 41 Even Shmuel St., Jerusalem
- 13:45 Greetings from **Rabbi Arnie Ben-Dor** of Kehillat Ya'ar Ramot
Dr. Thabet Abu Rass, Abraham Fund Co-Executive Director
- 15:00 **MK Yitzhak (Buji) Herzog** (Labor), Head of Opposition
Mincha
- 17:00 **Major General (res). Avichai Mandelblit**, Cabinet Secretary (at the PM office)
- 20:00 **Dinner at the home of Ruth Cummings & Raphael Lehman**, 11 Caspi St., JM
including a short performance by **Shuli Natan**, the original singer (1968) of *Jerusalem of Gold* (*Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*) and a member of our Masorti Kehilla in Kfar Saba
Ma'ariv

Thursday, August 21/25 Av

- 6:30 Bus leaves to Ezrat Yisrael at the Masorti Kotel
- 6:45 **Shaharit at Ezrat Yisrael with Torah Dedication to Masorti Kotel**
- 7:30 Bus returns to hotel for breakfast
- 8:45 Bus departs for Tel Aviv
- 10:15 **MK Ofer Shelah**, Yesh Atid party leader (at the Azrieli Towers, round tower, level 47)
- 11:30 **Major General (res.) Danny Yatom**, former head of the **Mossad**
- 12:30 Lunch on your own
- 13:30 **Major General (res.) Yaakov Amidror**, former Head of Israel's National Security Council
- 14:30 Bus departs for Zichron Ya'akov
- 15:30 **Zichron Ya'akov: "Israeli Rabbinical Leadership in Times of Crisis" – meeting with Rabbi Elisha Wolfin** (Kehillat Ve'ahavta)
Mincha
- 17:15 **Wine tasting at Shoshana Winery** in Atlit (supervised by the Israeli RA)
- 18:30 Bus departs for airport drop-off and then to Jerusalem