

Conference Schedule

Thank you for joining us for this day of study and conversation! The topic of Jews and Muslims in America challenges us to confront a variety of challenges from many different perspectives, and accordingly we are providing a wide diversity of types of educational programs and presenters, with a mix of pedagogies, goals, and learning styles. We recommend that you mix and match throughout the day, and make sure to take breaks for lunch and to participate in an open space discussion section at least once so that you can process the intense content and meet other participants.

You will notice on the program schedule that we have classified our programs into five different categories:

Study Sessions will feature one or two presenters using textual material to dig deeply into a conceptual or philosophical issue raised in the encounter between Jews and Muslims, or into one of these religious traditions in seeking resources that help to define an approach to this encounter.

Panel Sessions will consider a variety of controversial political issues that define the Muslim-Jewish agenda and will involve several panelists trying to engage the obstacles and opportunities for the Muslim-Jewish relationship that these issues present.

Profiles in Partnership sessions feature major leaders in the field of Muslim-Jewish relations discussing their methodologies and their challenges, and showcasing best practices in the field.

The **Opening and Closing Plenary Sessions** will provide framing for the day and interviews with Jewish and Muslim leaders on the broad Jewish-Muslim agenda, and thoughts for leadership going forward.

Discussion Sessions will provide a facilitated open space for participants to share their learnings and build community.

Additionally, there are closed sessions for high school students and rabbis taking place throughout the day.

We are excited to study with you in all of these formats, and hope that the program provides opportunities for many different types of learners. Please note: some of the sessions will be recorded and/or livestreamed, and while we hope that the conference enables a candid and honest conversation, the content of the sessions should be considered "on the record" unless otherwise indicated.

Snacks and Beverages will be available throughout the day in the cafeteria on the ground floor.

The Beit Midrash will be available throughout the entire day to be used as a dedicated Muslim prayer space.

Room 229 will be available throughout the entire day to be used as a dedicated Jewish prayer space.

- 9:00-10:00 am** **Opening Plenary**
Jews and Muslims in America: Perspectives on Jewish Leadership
Jonathan Greenblatt, Yehuda Kurtzer, Abigail Pogrebin (moderator)
Auditorium & Beit Knesset
- 10:00-11:00 am** **Study Session**
Interfaith Hevruta: Encountering a Shared Text
Neil Blumofe, Dan Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Muna Hussaini, Amanda Quraishi
Auditorium
- Panel**
American Jews, American Muslims, and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Tamara Cofman Wittes, Shibley Telhami, Warren Bass (moderator)
Beit Knesset
- Open Discussion Space**
Facilitated by Lauren Berkun
Room 217
- Study Session**
Intimate Critique: Enacting Change on the Streets of Jerusalem
Yakir Englander
Room 226
- Profiles in Partnership**
NewGround
Andrea Hodos, Tasneem Farah Noor
Room 227
- High School Session**
Personal and Political Language
Tammy Jacobowitz, Raiyan Syed
Room 228
- 11:15 am-12:15 pm** **Panel**
Jewish and Muslim Feminism
Irfana Anwer, Avital Chizhik-Goldschmidt, Samar Kaukab, Arielle Levites
Auditorium
- Panel**
Rabbinic Leadership, Rabbinic Education, and Interfaith Engagement
Stephanie Kolin, Asher Lopatin, Or Rose, Lauren Berkun (moderator)
Beit Knesset
- Open Discussion Space**
Facilitated by Marc Wolf
Room 217

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Study Session

Checks and Balances: Jewish and Islamic Perspectives on the Role of Religion in Public Policy and Discourse

Shlomo C. Pill

Room 226

Profiles in Partnership

AJC-ISNA

Eftakhar Alam, Bob Silverman

Room 227

High School Session

Encountering Difficult Texts

Makram El-Amin, Joshua Ladon

Room 228

12:00-2:00 pm

Lunch

Lower and Upper School Cafeterias

12:30-1:30 pm

Panel

Jews and Muslims in America: Communal Politics, Identity Politics, and the Interfaith Agenda

Debbie Almontaser, David Bernstein, Rabia Chaudry, Yehuda Kurtzer (moderator)

Auditorium

Panel

Religious Freedom, Halakha/Sharia, and the First Amendment

Michael Avi Helfand, Sania Khan, Khurram Wahid, Philip Graubart (moderator)

Beit Knesset

Study Session

Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Theologies of Identity

Eric Gurvis, Peter A. Pettit, Nargis Virani

Room 226

University Student and Professionals Lunch

Upper School Cafeteria

High School Lunch/Conversation

Upper School Cafeteria

1:45-2:45 pm

Panel

Jewish and Muslim Media, Reporting, and Storytelling

Wajahat Ali, Haroon Moghul, Alana Newhouse, Gary Rosenblatt

Auditorium

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Panel

Enduring and Ascendant Challenges of Hate and Extremism Facing U.S. Jews and Muslims

Alejandro J. Beutel, Paul Goldenberg, Marc Wolf (moderator)

Beit Knesset

Panel

"Nativism," Neighborliness, and National Security: Obligations and Obstacles in the Refugee Debate

Parvez Ahmed, Jennie Rosenn, Elisheva Urbas (moderator)

Room 217

Profiles in Partnership

Jewish and Muslim Students on Campus

Tahera Ahmad, Michael Simon, Naomi Adland (moderator)

*Suggested High School Track

Room 226

Study Session

The Embodied Reality of Muslim & Jewish Women

Debra Majeed

Room 227

3:00-4:00 pm

Panel

The Moral, The Political, and The Partisan: Religious Leadership in Trying Times

Makram El-Amin, Rivka Press Schwartz, David Saperstein, Rachel Jacoby Rosenfield (moderator)

*Suggested High School Track

Auditorium

Panel

Ethnicity, Culture, Religion: Sephardic Perspectives on Muslim-Jewish Relations

Mijal Bitton, Richard Hidary, Michelle Stone (moderator)

Beit Knesset

Profiles in Partnership

Sisterhood Salaam Shalom

Sheryl Olitzky

Room 227

Open Discussion Space

Facilitated by Philip Graubart

Room 217

Closed Session for Rabbis

Strategies for Jewish-Muslim Relations

Abdullah Antepli, Daphne Price

Room 226

4:15-5:30 pm

Closing Plenary

Jews and Muslims in America: Political Challenges and Moral Opportunities

Abdullah Antepli, Jeffrey Goldberg, Yehuda Kurtzer

Auditorium & Beit Knesset

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