

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE A CENTURY OF LEADERSHIP

Program

100TH ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 2-5 13TH INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, MAY 5-7

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Daily Minyan

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

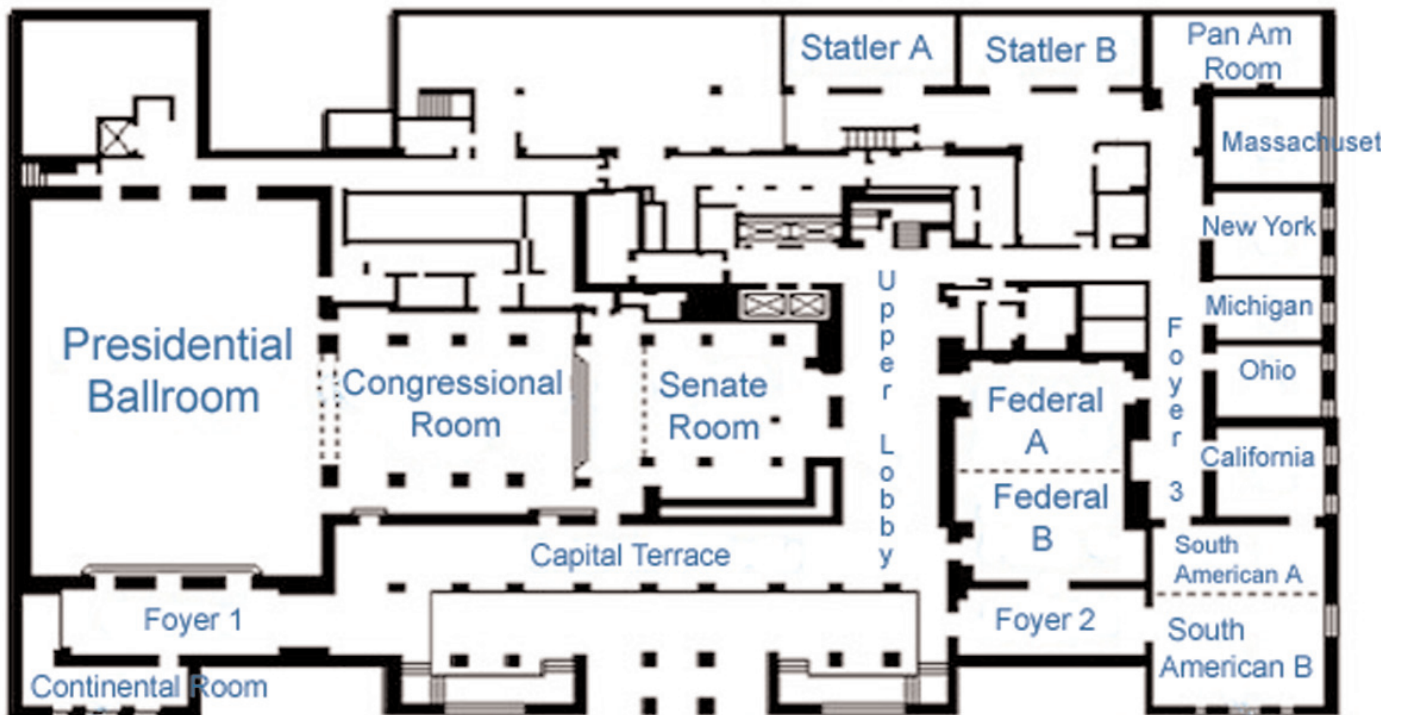
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Egalitarian Morning Service

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

7:00 AM

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First-Timers	Gold
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MONDAY, MAY 1

3:00 PM **Registration opens**

5:15 PM Buses depart for Library of Congress

At a Century's End, At a Century's Beginning: The Prospects for Judaism and the Jews

Library of Congress
Thomas Jefferson Building
Great Hall and Coolidge Auditorium

6:00 PM **Reception/Buffer Dinner**

7:30 PM **Plenary Session**

Welcome: **Alfred H. Moses**, AJC Honorary President;
Chairman, 100th Anniversary Committee

Greetings: **James Hadley Billington**, Librarian of Congress

The Future of the Past: What Will Become of the Jewish People?

Moderator: **Ted Koppel**, Discovery Channel

Panel: **Cynthia Ozick**, author, United States
Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, The Steinsaltz Center, Israel
Leon Wieseltier, Literary Editor, *The New Republic*
A.B. Yehoshua, author, Israel

Dessert Reception

Buses return to hotels

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Breakfast (on your own)

8:15 AM **Symposium continues**

At a Century's End, At a Century's Beginning: The Prospects for Judaism and the Jews

9:00 AM **Plenary Session**

The Forms and Fortunes of Jewish Spirituality

Moderator: **Rabbi David Gordis**, President, Hebrew College

Presenter: **Moshe Halbertal**, Professor of Jewish Thought and Philosophy,
Hebrew University

Panel: **Steven Bayme**, AJC National Director, Contemporary Jewish Life
Rabbi David Ellenson, President,
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
Rabbi Arthur Green, Rector, Rabbinical School, Hebrew College
Susannah Heschel, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies,
Dartmouth College

11:00 AM **Plenary Session**

The Jewish Community: Old Models, New Models

Moderator: **Jeffrey Goldberg**, *The New Yorker*

Panel: **Michael Walzer**, Professor of Social Science,
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
Martin Peretz, Editor-in-Chief, *The New Republic*
Jonathan Sarna, Hornstein School, Brandeis University
Jack Wertheimer, Provost, Professor of American Jewish History,
Jewish Theological Seminary

12:30 PM **Buses return to Capital Hilton**

Buffet Lunch boxes

1:00 PM **Plenary Session**

A Vision for America

Presiding: **E. Robert Goodkind**, AJC President

Speaker: **Ken Mehlman**, Chairman, Republican National Committee

The Quest for Energy Independence

Presiding: **Henry Dubinsky**, Chair, Energy Committee

James Connaughton Chairman,
White House Council on Environmental Quality

Senator Norm Coleman, R-MN

Senator Evan Bayh, D-IN

Senator Debbie Stabenow, D-MI

4:00 PM **Concurrent Orientations**
First-Timers Orientation
Young Leaders/Grant Awardees

5:00 PM **Opening Reception**
A Century of Leadership Exhibit

6:30 PM **Opening Plenary Dinner Session**
Then and Now: Saluting AJC's Founders and Presidents
Welcome: **Julie Baskes**, Chair, 100th Annual Meeting

In the Beginning: Establishing AJC
Marking Yom Ha'Zikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut of the State of Israel
Jeremy Issacharoff, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Israel

Tribute to the AJC Centennial Campaign Donors
Harold Tanner, AJC Honorary President
Greetings: **Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz**, D-FL

Presentation of the Akiba Award
Robert S. Rifkind, AJC Honorary President
Response: **Ismar Schorsch**, Chancellor, Jewish Theological Seminary

**At a Century's End, at a Century's Beginning:
The Prospects for Judaism and the Jews**
Concluding Session of Symposium

What Should We Worry About Next?
Moderator: **David A. Harris**, AJC Executive Director
Panel: **Leon Wieseltier**, Literary Editor, *The New Republic*
Hillel Halkin, author and commentator, Israel
Jonathan Rosen, author, United States
Anita Shapira, Professor of Jewish History,
Tel Aviv University

9:30 PM **Reception for Young Leaders**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:30 AM **Plenary Breakfast**

National Council/Board of Governors Meeting

Presiding: **Julie Baskes**, Chair, National Council

Election of Officers and Governors

Mont Levy, Chair, 2005-2006 Nominating Committee

Election of 2006-2007 Nominating Committee

Shirley and George Szabad Chapter Awards Presentation

David Rousso, Chair, Community Services Commission

Responses: **Steven Kornetzky**, President, San Francisco Chapter

Barry Alperin, President, New York Chapter

Presiding: **Richard Sideman**, Chair, Board of Governors

Proposed policy statement on Israel/Middle East

Dov Zakheim, Chair, International Relations Commission

Winds of Change in the Middle East?

Efraim Halevi, Director, Israel's Mossad (1998-2003)

Iran: Growing Danger to the Region and the World

R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs

Choosing Jewish: Conversations about Conversion

Introduction: **Sam Klagsbrun**, Chair, Contemporary Jewish Life Commission

AJC Research Report

Sylvia Barack Fishman, Professor of Contemporary Jewish Life,
Brandeis University

Young Jewish Adults in the U.S. Today: Harbingers of the American Jewish Community of Tomorrow?

Introduction: **Alfred H. Moses**, AJC Honorary President

AJC Research Report

Jacob Ukeles, President, Ukeles Associates, Inc.

Launching of A Century of Leadership, AJC's New Website

David A. Harris, AJC Executive Director

12:30 PM **Plenary Luncheon**

Presiding: **Jane Silverman** Chair, Organizational Development

Visions for America

Senator Barack Obama, D-IL

Howard Dean, Chairman, Democratic National Committee

Senator Gordon Smith, R-OR

Introduction: **Karen Levy**, Officer-at-Large
Guest Speaker: **Tabaré Ramón Vázquez Rosas**,
President of Uruguay

3:00 PM **Concurrent Training Workshops**

Engaging America: Intergroup Diplomacy

Presiding: **Nancy Reichman**, Chair, Engaging America

Panel: **Ann Schaffer**, Director, AJC Belfer Center for American Pluralism
David Elcott, AJC U.S. Director, Interreligious Affairs
Launching of the Engaging America Website

Engaging the World: International Diplomacy

Presiding: **Dov Zakheim**, Chair, International Relations Commission

Panel: **Marian Stoltz-Loike**, Chair, UN and New York Chapter Diplomatic Outreach
Aaron Jacob, AJC Associate Director of International Affairs
Hillel Neuer, Director, UN Watch, An AJC Institute
Deidre Berger, Managing Director, AJC Berlin Office

5:30 PM **Centennial Distinguished Leadership Award
Fundraising Reception**

Presiding: **Alfred H. Moses**, AJC Honorary President

7:30 PM **Centennial Distinguished Leadership Award Dinner
Honoring David A. Harris**, AJC Executive Director

Presiding: **Bruce M. Ramer**, Honorary President

Shared Vision and Values: The Power of Diplomacy

Representative Nita Lowey, D-NY
Joschka Fischer, Foreign Minister, Germany (1998-2005)
Ana Palacio, Foreign Minister, Spain (2002-2004)

Centennial Distinguished Leadership Award Presentation

E. Robert Goodkind, AJC President

Response: **David A. Harris**, AJC Executive Director

Remarks: **Harold Tanner**, AJC Honorary President

Entertainment

Jim Morris, political impressionist

THURSDAY, MAY 4

7:30 AM Plenary Breakfast

Presiding: **Helene White**, Chair, Emerging Leadership Council

AJC in the Vanguard

Remarks: **E. Robert Goodkind**, AJC President

Greetings: **Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, MD**, R-TN

8:30 AM Concurrent Congressional Forums

Religious Liberty in the 21st Century

Presiding: **Martin Kaplan**, Chair, Church/State Task Force

Representative Spencer Bachus, R-AL (invited)

Representative Chet Edwards, D-TX

Representative Steve Israel, D-NY

Senator John Kerry, D-MA

Senator Rick Santorum, R-PA

Representative Mark Souder, R-IN (invited)

U.S. Role in International Human Rights

Presiding: **Carol Nelkin**, Chair, National Legal Committee

Senator Sam Brownback, R-KS

Representative Michael Capuano, D-MA

Senator Richard Durbin, D-IL

Representative Tom Lantos, D-CA

Representative Donald Payne, D-NJ

Civil Rights and Immigration Policy

Presiding: **Jerry Biederman**, Chair, Civil Rights Committee

Representative Howard Berman, D-CA

Senator John Cornyn, R-TX

Senator Mike DeWine, R-OH

Congressional Leadership Award Presentation

Response: **Representative Jim Kolbe**, R-AZ

Shifting Landscapes in the New Middle East

Presiding: **Susan Abravanel**, Chair, Advocacy Task Force

Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-FL

Representative Robert Wexler, D-FL

Representative Jane Harman, D-CA (invited)

Senator Barbara Boxer, D-CA (invited)

10:30 AM **Plenary Session**

Presiding: **Harris Kempner, Jr.**, AJC Secretary/Treasurer

Public Service Award Presentation

Jack Lapin, Honorary Chair, Board of Governors

Response: **Bill White**, Mayor of Houston

America's Urban Challenges

Lyda Ann Thomas, Mayor of Galveston

Introduction: **Lawrence Ramer**, AJC Associate Treasurer

Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Mayor of Los Angeles

12:30 PM **Plenary Lunch**

Presiding: **Ronald Weiner**, Officer-at-Large

Congressional Leadership Award Presentation

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, D-MD

Senator George V. Voinovich, R-OH

A Clash of Civilizations?

Presiding: **Mimi Alperin**, Chair, Public Affairs

Moral Courage Award Presentation

David A. Harris, AJC Executive Director

Response: **Ayaan Hirsi Ali**, Member of Parliament, Netherlands

Shoaib Choudhury, journalist, Bangladesh (on video)

Mass Media Award Presentation

Response: **Melanie Phillips**, commentator and author

Is Religion an Obstacle or Guide on the Road to Peace?

Presiding: **Kenneth Levine**, Chair, Interreligious Affairs; President, Boston Chapter

Rt. Rev. Lord George Leonard Carey, 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury

Guru Sri Ravi Shankar, spiritual leader, Art of Living Foundation

Sheikh Ahmed Khalifa Niassé, Vice President,
National Assembly of Senegal

Conclusion: **Rabbi David Rosen**, AJC Director, International Interreligious Affairs

Annual Dinner table assignments will be available at AJC Registration Desk
(time to be announced).

THURSDAY, MAY 4 (cont.)

The Next Century of Leadership

Inaugural Conference of ACCESS

AJC New Generation Initiative

3:30 PM **Welcome Reception**

ACCESS members, international student leaders, and AJC Fellows

The challenges young leaders face, the ideas they contribute

Remarks: **Judah Kraushaar**, Chair, ACCESS

Dottie Bennett, Chair, Project Interchange, an AJC Institute

Andre Veissid, ACCESS member

4:30 PM **International Student Leaders**

Welcome Reception

6:00 PM

100th Anniversary Gala Reception and Dinner

Presiding: **E. Robert Goodkind**, AJC President

David A. Harris, AJC Executive Director

George W. Bush, President of the United States

Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Shimon Peres, Deputy Prime Minister of Israel

John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia, on video

Lech Kaczyński, President of Poland, on video

King Abdullah II, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on video

One Century: One Day, AJC Video

10:30 PM **ACCESS Party**

FRIDAY MAY 5

7:30 AM **Plenary Breakfast Session**

Presiding: **Alan Jaffe**, Chair, Domestic Policy Commission

Greetings: **Senator John McCain**, R-AZ

Terrorism: Toward a Global Strategy

Otto Schily, Interior Minister, Germany (1998-2005)

Major General Gershon Ha’Cohen, IDF Colleges Commander

Colonel Oren Avman, member, Israel Defense College delegation

Daniel Benjamin, Senior Fellow, International Security Program,
Center for Strategic and International Studies

9:30 AM **Plenary Session**

Presiding: **Lynn Korda Kroll**, Chair, Program and Policy

Introduction: **Stanley Bergman**, Officer-at-Large

Guest Speakers

Ebrahim Rasool, Premier, Western Cape Province, South Africa

Anand Sharma, Minister of State for External Affairs, India

Madeline and Bruce Ramer Award for Diplomatic Excellence Presentation

Bruce M. Ramer, Honorary President

Response: **Joschka Fischer**, Foreign Minister, Germany, (1998-2005)

10:30 AM **Concurrent Diplomatic Forums**

Africa Institute: Inaugural Meeting

Presiding: **Stanley Bergman**, Chair, Africa Institute

Moderator: **Princeton Lyman**, Director, Africa Policy Studies,
Council on Foreign Relations

Ebrahim Rasool, Premier, Western Cape Province, South Africa

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
for African Affairs

George Obiozor, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
to the United States

Yehuda Paz, Chairman, Negev Institute for Strategic Peace
and Development, Israel

Naomi Chazan, Dean, School of Government and Society,
Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

Latino and Latin American Institute

Presiding: **Bruce M. Ramer**, Chair, Latino and Latin American Institute

Poverty, Security and Energy:

Key Issues for the Western Hemisphere

Alberto Nisman, Federal Prosecutor, AMIA case, Argentina

Eric Farnsworth, Washington Vice President, Council of the Americas

Stephen Johnson, Senior Policy Analyst, Heritage Foundation

FRIDAY MAY 5 (cont.)

Asia and Pacific Rim Institute

Presiding: **Andrew J. Melnick**, AJC National Governor

Remarks: **Anand Sharma**, Minister of State for External Affairs, India

Panel: **Colin Rubenstein**, Executive Director, Australia/Israel
and Jewish Affairs Council

Minxin Pei, Director, China Program, Carnegie Endowment
for International Peace

Shalom Solomon Wald, author, *China and the Jewish People*

Transatlantic Institute

Presiding: **Louis Perlmutter**, Chair, Transatlantic Institute

Senator Jean-Pierre Placade, France

Gustavo Aristegui, Member, Spanish Parliament

Geoffrey Kemp, Director, Regional Strategic Programs,
Nixon Center

Omer Taspinar, Research Fellow, Brookings Institution

12:30 PM **Plenary Luncheon**

Presiding: **Judah Kraushaar**, Chairman, ACCESS

**Charting the Future:
Visions of the New Generation**

Moderator: **Noam Scheiber**, Senior Editor, *The New Republic*

Panel: **Gidi Grinstein**, President, Re'ut Institute, Israel

Olga Israel, President, European Union of Jewish Students, Serbia

Eboo Patel, Executive Director, Interfaith Youth Core

Yvette Rugasaguhunga, Rwandan survivor

100th Annual Meeting Adjournment

E. Robert Goodkind, AJC President

David A. Harris, AJC Executive Director

2:30 PM **Executive Committee Meeting**

3:00 PM **Facing New Orleans: Post-Katrina Issues**
Presented by ACCESS and the Arthur and Rochelle Belfer Center
for American Pluralism

Moderator: **Brian Siegal**, Program Coordinator, AJC Intergroup Relations
Marvalene Hughes, President, Dillard University
Walter Isaacson, President and CEO, Aspen Institute;
Vice Chairman Louisiana Recovery Authority
Senator Mary Landrieu, D-LA

Slide show: **Sarah Silverman**, ACCESS

3:00 PM **Muslim-Jewish Relations**

Presented by ACCESS

Chair: **David Kaufthal**, ACCESS

Moderator: **Rabbi David Rosen**, AJC Director, International Interreligious Affairs

Panel: **Ari Alexander**, Children of Abraham

Semi Asal, European Union of Jewish Students, Turkey

Fatiha Layadi, Deputy Minister of Communications, Morocco

Eboo Patel, Executive Director, Interfaith Youth Core

4:30 PM **Crisis in Darfur**

Presented by ACCESS

Co-sponsored with *The New Republic*

Chair: **Talia Levin**, Assistant Director, Washington DC Chapter

Moderator: **Richard Just**, *The New Republic*

Panel: **Gary Diamond**, Canadian Federation of Jewish Students

Marisa Katz, *The New Republic*

Adam Mouchtar, European Union of Jewish Students, Germany

Eric Reeves, Smith College, Darfur scholar

Gary Diamond, Canadian Federation of Jewish Students

Yvette Rugasaguhunga, Rwandan survivor

Inaugural Conference of Russian-American Jewish Leadership:

From immigration and resettlement to integration and engagement

Program is available at Registration

13th International Leadership Conference

Annual gathering of delegates from Jewish communities worldwide

6:30 PM **Kabbalat Shabbat**

Traditional Shabbat Services

Led by: **Rabbi Mario Karpuj** and **Rabbi Analia Bortz**

Shabbat Dinner

Singing led by the World Union of Jewish Students

SATURDAY, MAY 6

8:00 AM **Breakfast**

9:00 AM **Shabbat Service and Study**

Led by: **Rabbi Mario Karpuj** and **Rabbi Analia Bortz**
Drashot by International Leaders

11:00 AM **Plenary Session**

The Changing Definition and Meanings of Zionism: Israel-Diaspora Relations in the 21st Century

Presiding: **Marvin Israelow**, Co-chair, National Committee on Russian Jewish Community Affairs; President, Westchester Chapter

Remarks: **Gidi Grinstein**, President, Re'ut Institute, Israel
Ari Shavit, columnist and author, Israel

Responses: **Viktoria Dolburd**, Chair, World Union of Jewish Students, Israel
Renee Dayan-Shabot, Executive Director, Tribuna Israelita, Mexico
Anne-Elisabeth Moutet, Deputy Chair, Jean-Jacques Rousseau Institute, France
Michael Whine, Communications Director, Community Security Trust, United Kingdom

1:00 PM **Plenary Lunch Session**

Confronting the Myth of an International Jewish Conspiracy: A Century of Combating Anti-Semitism

Presiding: **Peter Rosenblatt**, AJC Vice President

Remarks: **Hadassa Ben-Itto**, Former Justice, Supreme Court of Israel; author and diplomat

Responses: **Moonyeen Castle**, Chair, South African Jewish Board of Deputies
Jeremy Jones, Director, International and Community Affairs at the Australia Israel and Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC)
Ephraim Chalamish, ACCESS Member, United Kingdom
Stephan J. Kramer, Secretary General, Central Council of Jews in Germany
Daniel Pomeranz, Executive Director, AMIA, Argentina

3:00 PM **Concurrent Sessions Presented by ACCESS**
Challenges Facing World Jewry

Trends in Western and Eastern Europe
Andrei Schwartz and **Arielle Herzog**, EUJS

Trends in Australia and South Africa
Candice Rakusin, Vice Chairperson, SAUJS
Grey Weinstein, President, AUJS

Trends in Israel
Einat Yefenof and **Liran Gal**, WUJS;
John Bitzan, AJC Fellow alumnus

Trends in Latin America

Lizet Markovitcs, President, FUSLA, Ecuador

Bernardo Oziel, Vice President, FUSLA

4:00 PM **Perspectives from North American Jewry**
AJC/Ukeles study on attitudes of a new generation

Presiding: **Shai Ingber**, ACCESS member

Panel: **Adam Janvey**, Senior Research Associate,
AJC Office of Government and International Affairs
David Nachfolger, Former Executive Director, EUJS
Julia Levy, ACCESS member

5:00 PM **The Next 100 Years:
Priorities of a New Generation**
Featuring ACCESS members, young AJC staff, AJC Fellows,
international students

8:00 PM **Havdalah and Dinner Party**
The best music and dancing of the century

11:00 PM **AJC ACCESS**
Dancing in DC

SUNDAY, MAY 7

9:00 AM **Concluding Plenary Breakfast Session**

Welcome: **José Miguel Insulza**, Secretary-General, Organization of American States

On Public Life and Jewish Identity: Jewish Political Leaders from Home and Abroad

Presiding: **Tom Kahn**, AJC Vice President; President, Washington Chapter
Irwin Cotler, Member of Parliament; Minister of Justice,
Canada (2004-2006)
Rodrigo Hinzpeter, Campaign Manager for Presidential Candidate, Chile
Anton Nossik, Senior Journalist, Chief Editor, MosNews.Com, Russia
Emanuel Zingeris, Member, Lithuanian Parliament; Vice Chair, Foreign
Relations Committee

11:00 AM **13th International Leadership Conference Adjournment**