

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 1, 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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9:30 AM	REGISTRATION LIGHT BREAKFAST
10:00 AM	WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
10:15 AM	OPENING PLENARY: Past & Present: The Impact of Antisemitism <i>Sami Steigmann, Jerry Lindenstrauss, Tessa Veksler and Elisha Baker</i>
11:15 AM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Choose in advance from 9 available options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>How to Address Jew-Hatred</u> <i>Naya Lekht, PhD</i> • <u>Understanding the Israel-Hamas Conflict</u> <i>Bar Guzi, PhD</i> • <u>Military and Ideological Battlefields</u> <i>Sam Fried</i> • <u>United Hatzalah Israel Rescue</u> <i>Gavy Friedson</i> • <u>Lessons from the Soviet Jewry Movement</u> <i>David Harris</i> • <u>Confronting Jew-Hatred on Campus and Beyond</u> <i>Tessa Veksler</i> • <u>A Holocaust Survivor's Experience</u> <i>Sami Steigmann</i> • <u>Testimonies from Oct. 7</u> <i>Asher Katz</i> • <u>Krav Maga</u> <i>Chai Defense</i>
12:00 PM	LUNCH ACTIVITY
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2:15 PM	CLOSING PLENARY: MUSICAL GUESTS Daniel ve'Jacobi
2:50 PM	CLOSING REMARKS



TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

The **Teen Advisory Council** for the New York Jewish Teen Summit is comprised of more than 20 teens from across New York City, Long Island, and Westchester who played a central role in shaping the Summit's educational content and overall program.

Meeting regularly over the course of six months, Council members partnered with Education Director, [Rachel Fish, PhD](#), of Brandeis University to envision and design an impactful and meaningful day of learning for their peers. The Council views the Summit as a jumping-off point for continued engagement and is enthusiastic about bringing future educational initiatives back to their own JCC communities.

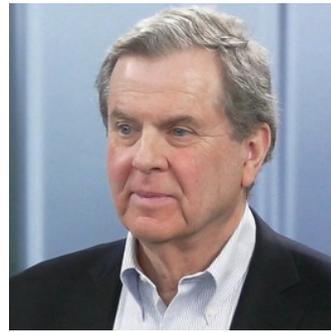
Adin B., Suffolk Y JCC
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Amelia K., Hebrew Educational Society
Ashley B., Mid-Island Y JCC
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Eli N., Suffolk Y JCC
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DR. RACHEL FISH serves as director of the Brandeis University President's Initiative on Antisemitism and is an associate research professor at the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies. She is co-founder and president of Boundless, an independent think-action-tank promoting Israel education and combating Jew-hatred. In addition, she teaches Israeli history and society at The George Washington University as Visiting Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership in the Graduate School of Education and Human Development.



PRESENTERS



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10:15 AM OPENING PLENARY

Past and Present: The Impact of Antisemitism

Sami Steigmann, Jerry Lindenstrauss, Elisha Baker, Tessa Veksler



This plenary explores the impact of antisemitism as experienced by survivors of the Holocaust and by young people today. Listening to past experiences to present-day realities, the session highlights the lasting impact of antisemitism on individuals, communities, and society, and encourages informed reflection on the challenges of confronting it today.

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Understanding the Israel-Hamas Conflict

Bar Guzi, PhD



This session helps teens explore the basics of the Israel– Hamas conflict in a thoughtful, age-appropriate way. We’ll look at the historical background, key perspectives, the origins of the conflict and its impact on Israeli and Palestinian society –while encouraging respectful discussion, critical thinking, and empathy. No prior knowledge needed, just curiosity and openness.

BAR GUZI, PhD is the Head of Educational Opportunities at Boundless and a Visiting Research Scholar with the Brandeis University President’s Initiative on Antisemitism. He earned his doctorate in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis and has extensive teaching experience across college, high school, and adult learning settings. At Boundless, Guzi leads educational programs and develops resources that foster deeper understanding of Israel and equip educators, administrators, and communities to recognize and respond to antisemitism.



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Military and Ideological Battlefields

Sam Fried



Join Sam Fried for a dynamic conversation drawing from his experience fighting on the physical battlefield in Gaza and his experience fighting across ideological battlefield against antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment in the West. This session explores how teens can find their role in confronting hate, and navigate real-world conversations about the conflict, responding confidently, respectfully, and clearly.

SAM FRIED, 28, from New York City, is a First Sergeant in the 890th Paratrooper Battalion. Fried served as a Lone Soldier in the Paratroopers from 2020 to 2022. After the barbaric attacks by Hamas on October 7th, 2023, Fried returned to Israel to rejoin his unit, serving as a Squadron Commander and sharpshooter in Gaza until February 2024.

Upon returning to the United States, Fried began his activist journey, raising over \$17 million dollars for Jewish organizations, fighting on the ideological battlefield by speaking and debating across the country in an effort to broker peace, combat rising anti-semitism, and change the narrative through his three foundational pillars: 1) Empowering Jews and their allies, 2) Promoting dialogue for peace, and 3) Humanizing the IDF. You can follow Fried on Instagram @Samfried26.



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Lessons from the Soviet Jewry Movement

David Harris



Join David Harris, who spent nearly 20 years advocating for Soviet Jews and was twice detained by Soviet authorities, to explore the powerful story of the Soviet Jewry movement and its lasting impact. This session looks at how a group of modern-day Maccabees in the USSR—including young activists—helped overcome tyranny and achieve an historic victory allowing millions of Soviet Jews to emigrate, and what their legacy can teach us about standing up for Jewish communities today.

DAVID HARRIS served as CEO of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) from 1990 to 2022. Throughout the past five decades, Harris played a pivotal role in shaping critical global issues – from the rescue of Ethiopian Jewry and Soviet Jewry (including two detentions by Soviet authorities) to helping expand Israel’s diplomatic footprint throughout the world, his contributions have been far-reaching. Harris has been committed to preserving Holocaust memory, exploring new relationships in the Arab and larger Muslim world, supporting an end to communism in Eastern Europe, advocating for NATO expansion, combatting global antisemitism, and promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding.

He is the author of several books, as well as hundreds of op-eds and articles on global Jewish issues in leading media outlets around the world.

Harris received his education at the University of Pennsylvania and London School of Economics. He also served as a Visiting Scholar at Johns Hopkins University and both a Junior and Senior Associate at Oxford University.

He is the son of two Holocaust survivors and a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather.



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Confronting Jew-Hatred on Campus and Beyond

Tessa Veksler



Join Tessa Veksler for an honest conversation about confronting Jew-hatred on campus and beyond. Drawing from real experiences, Tessa will share her experiences with Jew-hatred on college campus and why speaking up matters. Tessa will share practical tools with teens on how they can use their voices to create meaningful, positive change in their schools and communities.

TESSA VEKSLER is a public speaker, content creator, and Jewish advocate. Originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, she is a 2024 graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), where she earned her B.A. in Political Science and Communication.

Tessa began her higher education journey by spending a year in Israel, where she studied Judaics at Bar Ilan University while concurrently completing her first year of UCSB coursework.

Living through Operation Guardian of the Walls shaped her passion for Israel advocacy and combating antisemitism, which she carried into her leadership roles at UCSB. She went on to serve in multiple fellowships, including ICC's prestigious Geller Fellowship, and spent three years in student government, culminating in her term as UCSB's Student Body President. In May 2024, she made history as the first Shabbat-observant Associated Students President, representing more than 24,000 students.

In the wake of October 7th, after facing targeted harassment and antisemitism, Tessa chose to speak out bravely about her experiences, inspiring Jewish communities nationwide to stand strong against hate. With millions of people engaging with her Instagram content, Tessa has become a leading Jewish and Zionist voice on social media. Her advocacy has earned her numerous recognitions, including an invitation to the White House, United Nations, UCSB's University Service Award, and a recent feature in the documentary October 8th. Today, alongside her work in public relations at Hiltzik Strategies in New York City, Tessa travels nationwide sharing her message of resilience, empowerment, and activism.



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A Survivor's Story

Sami Steigmann



Join Holocaust survivor Sami Steigmann for a powerful and personal conversation about his life, resilience, and survival. Through firsthand stories and reflection, this session invites teens to learn from history, honor memory, and consider the responsibility of remembering and standing up against Jew-hatred today.

SAMI STEIGMANN was born on December 21, 1939 in Czernovitz, Bukovina, part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire belonging to Romania. Later, it became part of the former Soviet Union and today it is in Ukraine. From 1941-1944, he lived with his parents in Ukraine at Mogilev-Podolsky, a labor camp in Transnistria. The camp was liberated by the Red Army and his family was deported.

Steigmann grew up in a small town in Reghin, Transylvania. In 1961, his family emigrated to Israel where he served in the Israeli Air Force. In 1968, without knowing the language, with no money and alone, Steigmann came to the United States and settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he married and eventually divorced. In 1983 Steigmann returned to Israel. However, in 1988, he came back to the United States and settled in New York City.

Steigmann is dedicated to reaching as many young people as he can, promoting tolerance, and, hopefully, influencing them to make a better world for themselves, their children and their grandchildren. Steigmann always faced life's challenges and obstacles as a survivor! He now carries the torch for his generation and teaches young people life lessons based on his personal experiences.



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Testimonies from October 7 with an IDF Soldier

Asher Katz



Join Asher Katz, an IDF soldier, for a firsthand conversation about what it means to serve during a critical moment for Israel. This session offers insight into his personal journey, the challenges of defending a country, and the values of responsibility and commitment in times of uncertainty. Asher will create a conversation that allows for thoughtful questions and discussion.

ASHER KATZ is an Israeli founder and reserve combat soldier whose work spans education, security, and defense innovation. Katz previously founded the Zionist youth movement Me'ever at the Moise Safra Center, where he worked with teens on Zionism, leadership, and civic responsibility.

Since October 7, Katz has served in the IDF reserves in a unit focused on mapping and destroying terrorist tunnel networks, building on earlier service in a tunnel detection laboratory. Based on this operational experience, Katz is currently involved in founding Traysar, a defense technology company working to strengthen Western military capabilities in subterranean environments.

His work reflects a commitment to Zionism, patriotism, and a belief in the younger generation as a meaningful driver of leadership, responsibility, and long-term change.

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Krav Maga

Chai Defense



This interactive session introduces teens to the basics of Krav Maga, a practical self-defense system focused on awareness, confidence, and personal safety. Participants will learn simple techniques, mindset skills, and how to stay calm and in control in real-world situations—no prior experience needed.



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Building Bridges: Black-Jewish Relations

Antar Davidson



Join Antar Davidson for an engaging, facilitated conversation on Black–Jewish relations, exploring shared history, moments of tension, and the civic conditions that have enabled cooperation and allyship across generations.

ANTAR DAVIDSON works in youth education and civic engagement at Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona. Through the Jewish Community Relations Council, he focuses on youth leadership development and building relationships across communities.

His work is informed by Jewish learning and lived experience, including study at Aish HaTorah, Diaspora Yeshiva, and Ohr Somayach, as well as long-standing engagement with the history of Black–Jewish collaboration in the civil rights movement. Through Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona, he supports initiatives such as the Jewish Latino Teen Coalition, which brings teens together through shared learning, dialogue, and civic participation.

Through his work, Davidson helps young people connect Jewish values to real-world responsibility and community life.

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LGBTQ+ and Zionism: Why these Identities are not Incompatible

Ben M. Freeman



Join author Ben M. Freeman for an open and engaging conversation about the intersection of LGBTQ+ identity, Jewish identity, and Zionism. Grounded in the values of both Jewish Pride and LGBTQ+ Pride, this session explores identity, belonging, and self-expression, while encouraging teens to think honestly, ask questions, and reflect on what it means to show up fully and unapologetically as themselves in today's world.

BEN M. FREEMAN is the founder of the modern Jewish Pride movement and one of the premier Jewish public intellectuals of his generation. He is the author of the groundbreaking *Jewish Pride: Rebuilding a People* (2021), *Reclaiming Our Story* (2022), and *The Jews: An Indigenous People* (2025), the first ever book to directly address and definitely prove that Jews are indigenous to the Land of Israel.

A Holocaust scholar for more than fifteen years, Freeman rose to prominence during the Corbyn Labour crisis in the United Kingdom and quickly became a central figure in contemporary discussions of Jewish peoplehood and experience. He was ranked number 8 on the inaugural 25 Young ViZionaries list by The Jerusalem Post and JNF USA, serves as a Jewish Diplomat for the World Jewish Congress, and is a Research Fellow at the Elizabeth and Tony Comper Interdisciplinary Center at the University of Haifa.

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What to Know Before You Go to Campus

Elisha Baker



Join Elisha Baker for a practical and eye-opening session on understanding antisemitism before heading to college. Teens will learn how it can appear on campus, strategies for responding confidently, and how to advocate for themselves and their communities.

ELISHA BAKER is a senior at Columbia University from Brookline, MA studying Middle East history. He spent two years as co-chair of Columbia Aryeh – a student-led Israel engagement group – and has published articles on Israel, antisemitism, and university governance in the Columbia Daily Spectator, Sapir, Tablet Magazine, Jerusalem Post and more. Baker co-authored the viral “In Our Name: A Message From Jewish Students at Columbia University” and has been featured on NY Times’ The Daily and Times of Israel’s What Matters Now podcasts as well as various mainstream television news channels.



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JEAN WESCHLER was born in 1938 in the town of Skalat in eastern Poland, the youngest of seven children of Samuel and Esther Parnes. In 1939, the region in which the family lived came under Soviet control as a result of the Hitler–Stalin Pact. Two years later, in the summer of 1941, when that pact was broken, Nazi forces advanced eastward into the area.

Just ahead of the invasion, the Parnes family fled east into the Soviet Union. They endured the war years there, surviving numerous near-death experiences both during their escape and amid the hardships of wartime life. When the war ended, they learned that Nazi troops had entered Skalat the day after they fled and that all of their extended family members who remained behind had been murdered.

After the war, the Parnes family made their way to Germany, where they spent several years living in Displaced Persons camps before ultimately immigrating to the United States.

Jean later married Izydor Wechsler, whom she had first met in one of those camps. Together they raised four children, and Jean went on to run a successful business of her own for many years. She now lives in Dix Hills, Long Island.



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Testimonies from October 7

Atir Vinnikov



Join Atir Vinnikov, a survivor of the October 7 attacks, for a powerful and personal conversation about courage, resilience, and hope in the face of tragedy. This session gives teens the chance to hear firsthand experiences, reflect on the human impact of conflict, and discuss the importance of empathy and understanding. critical moment for Israel. This session offers insight into his personal journey, the challenges of defending a country, and the values of responsibility and commitment in times of uncertainty. Asher will create a conversation that allows for thoughtful questions and discussion.

ATIR VINNIKOV is a 25-year-old business student at Reichman University based in Tel Aviv. The son of Israeli emissaries, Vinnikov was raised within the Jewish communities of New York before returning to Israel at the age of 16.

On October 7th, 2023, he survived the Nova Music Festival massacre, thanks to the heroic actions of a Bedouin Muslim who risked his life to save him and others. The following day, Vinnikov was drafted along with thousands of others to defend his country. His story is a powerful testament to resilience, courage, and the unbreakable bonds of humanity that emerge in times of crisis.

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Mock Scenarios

Bar Guzi, PhD



Step into real-life situations in this hands-on session, practicing how to respond to Jew-hatred and anti-Jewish bias. Teens will work through interactive scenarios, build confidence, and learn practical strategies for speaking up safely and effectively in everyday life.

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Challah Bake!

Arianna Schudrich



Get hands-on with Arianna as you knead, braid, and bake your own challah, while exploring the tradition and meaning behind this tradition. Take home your creation and a fun new skill!

ARIANNA SCHUDRICH brings a global perspective and a deep commitment to community building through her background in hospitality, public service, and Jewish communal leadership. Born in Tokyo, Japan, and raised in Warsaw, Poland, Arianna has been immersed in diverse communities from a young age. As a member of the opening team of the Moise Safra Center, she has been an integral part of the Center for the past eight years. Her passion for building meaningful community is reflected both in her professional work and in her personal life, where she regularly hosts Shabbat meals, challah bakes, and other gatherings in her home and in collaboration with community organizations.

Arianna is excited to combine her love of baking with her knowledge of Judaism to create a beautiful and meaningful challah bake. Join her for baking tips, thoughtful conversation, questions about Judaism, and—of course—to take home delicious challah.



2:30 PM CLOSING PLENARY

Musical Guests: Daniel ve'Jacobi

Daniel ve'Jacobi



Join indie rock band from Israel, Daniel ve Jacobi, as they combine their love of music with storytelling to share vulnerably about their experiences on and after October 7.

DANIEL VE'JACOBI: Daniel Geva and Iddo Jacobi bring raw honesty and emotional depth to the stage. Their music, echoing both biblical roots and today's harsh realities, reflects a generation forever changed by October 7th. Daniel, who fought that day and served in Gaza and Lebanon, offers a personal voice from the front lines.

They're joined by lifelong friend Ido Salminis, who shares his story as a representative of the hostage families, adding a deeply moving layer to the evening. Together, they create more than a concert- it's a moment of reflection, strength, and unity.

In this difficult time, the bond between Israel and the Jewish communities has only grown stronger. After performing for countless visiting groups, we're honored to now bring this shared strength and spirit to Jewish communities across America and Europe.

- <https://www.danielvejacobi.com/calling-home>
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