

Between Liberty & Social Responsibility

The Israel Reform Movement Biennial
Celebrating 70 Years of Independence

June 1-2 2018, 18-19 Sivan 5778

Kibbutz Shefayim





IMPJ Biennial 2018

International Track Program

**Sessions are in English, unless stated differently
Prayer services are in Hebrew**

Friday, June 1st

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Morning Tour at Beit Hatfutsot - Museum of the Jewish People in Tel-Aviv

9:30 – Meet at Beit Hatfutsot and light refreshments

10:00 - Welcome to the IMPJ's Biennial!

10:30 – "Jewish Humor around the World": Tour the new exhibitions of Beit Hatfutsot, together with the IMPJ's young leadership Gap-Year program – "HaMechina".

12:00 – Study groups with HaMechina students over lunch

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm

Transfer by Bus to Shefayim

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Registration



2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Opening Plenary: Join IMPJ congregations for a festive opening plenary, including Israeli and world guest speakers, live music, short videos of IMPJ activity and more.

*Plenary in Hebrew with English simultaneous translation.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Meet with the Young Generation of Israel's Members of Knesset:
The vision of Israel's young leaders after 70 years of independence

*Session in Hebrew with English simultaneous translation.

5:15 pm – 6:00 pm

Shabbat "Shuk" - Music, Dance and Art Sessions in Preparation for Shabbat

*Musical, art and dance sessions in Hebrew

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat Service: Led by rabbis and musical team of congregations YOZMA, Modi'in and Kodesh V'chol, Holon

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Festive Shabbat Dinner / Light Buffet



9:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Oneg Shabbat: Shimon Smith and friends in a musical Shabbat celebration

10:15 pm – 11:15 pm

IMPJ Board & Beer: Meet with IMPJ board members for an open Q&A about the vision of the movement

Israeli Dancing Led by Rabbi Noa Mazor

Laila Tov!



Shabbat, June 2nd

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Morning Meditation

*Meditation sessions in Hebrew

8:00 am – 10:30 am

Shacharit Service: Presentation of the new IMPJ Siddur

10:30 am – 11:00 am

Kiddush

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

IMPJ's 'Women of Valor': Meet with women leaders of different generations in the IMPJ

From Crisis to Vision: Discuss Israel-Diaspora relations with Reform and Progressive leaders from Israel and around the world

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Shabbat Lunch / Light Buffet



2:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Promoting Academic Research About Pluralistic Jewish Streams in Israel: Study with current researchers in the field

"My Heart is in the East" – and "My Roots in Two Disparate Landscapes": A musical journey studying the mutual inspiration of liturgy created in Israel and around the world

*Musical Session in Hebrew & English

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Tikkun Olam "Speed Dating": Learn about programs of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), of Keren B'Kavod, and of our new department for engaging people with disabilities

The Israeli Health System as a Model for Shared Society: Leading health professionals, members of IMPJ congregations, discuss the successes and challenges of Jewish-Arab relations in the Israeli health system

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

"The Masses Will Join Them": View the new movie "Ben Gurion - Epilogue" followed by discussion

"U'Faratzta Yama VaKedma": Meet leaders of veteran and new IMPJ congregations from Israel's geographic periphery



7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Closing Plenary

8:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Havdalah Service

Led by HaMechina students - the IMPJ's Gap-Year program