

EUROPEAN JEWISH ASSOCIATION Annual Policy Conference | 20-21 JUNE 2022
FREEDOM TO LIVE, FREEDOM FROM HATE, FREEDOM TO THRIVE

MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022

9:00 Optional tour of Jewish sites of Budapest

12:30 Welcoming lunch InterContinental, Apaczai Csere Janos Utca 12-14, 1051 Budapest

Moderator for conference: Alex Benjamin – EJA Director

14:00 PROGRAMME Welcoming Remarks

- Rabbi Menachem Margolin, Chairman of the European Jewish Association
- Deputy Prime Minister of Hungary, H.E. Mr Zsolt Semjén
- Chief Rabbi Shlomo Köves, Chairman of EMIH Association of Hungarian Jewish Communities
- H.E. Ambassador of Israel to Hungary, Mr Yacov Hadas-Handelsman
- Minister of Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage, H.E. Mr Ze'ev Elkin

14.45 Jews of Ukraine:

A snapshot of challenges of maintaining community during a War as well as well as funding challenges.

With Vice-President of Federation of Jewish Communities of Ukraine – Rabbi Rotman.

FREEDOM TO LIVE – Communities under pressure as Religious freedom is legislated against.

15.00Hrs. Shechita: A scientific and moral reply to myths about cruelty:

With Rabbi Ari Zivotofsky, short presentation followed by interview with EJA director Alex Benjamin and audience q&a

16:00 Jewish leaders perspective: Freedom of Religion under attack across Europe

Moderated by EJA community liaison manager, Mr Michel Gourary

Leaders panel:

MP Michael Frielich, Member of Federal Parliament, Kingdom of Belgium –
5-6 other leaders tbc

17:00 Report unveiling: Europe and Jews - a country index of respect and tolerance towards Jews

- Presentation by Dr Daniel Staetsky, Senior Researcher, Jewish Policy Research (JPR), UK and EJA Chairman Rabbi Menachem Margolin.

Q&A with participants
17:55 Closing remarks

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18:00 PRESS CONFERENCE: Report: Europe and Jews, a country index of respect and tolerance

➤ Moderator: Tal Rabina, Director of Strategy and Head of Israel office, EJA & EIPA

19:30 GALA DINNER at InterContinental Hotel, Budapest

- Rabbi Menachem Margolin, Chairman of European Jewish Association
- His Excellency President of Hungary, Mrs Katalin Éva Novák (tbc)
- H.E. Minister Elazar Stern, Ministry of Intelligence, State of Israel
- Chief Rabbi Shlomo Köves, Association of Hungarian Jewish Communities (EMIH)
- Mr Yaakov Hagoel, Acting Chairman of Jewish Agency & Chairman of World Zionist Organisation
- Mr Joel Mergui, President of Consistoire of Paris and European Centre for Judaism
- Ministry of Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage, Executive Director, Mr Netanel Izak
- Award to Minister of Interior H.E. Mr Sándor Pintér for services to Jewish communities

TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2022

9.00am: Keynote speaker: Europe's Efforts on safeguarding Jews and Judaism.

- European Parliament Vice-President & Chair, Working Group Against Antisemitism, Nicola Beer (tbc)

FREEDOM TO LIVE: POLITICISING AND USING THE SHOAH AGAINST JEWS

09:15 Keynote speaker

- European Commissioner for Neighbourhood & Enlargement, H.E. Mr Olivér Várhelyi (tbc)

09:30 Discussion on worrying new trend of Politicising of the Shoah

PANEL discussion | Moderator: (name to follow)

- Mr Ivan Geshev, Prosecutor General, Public Prosecutor's Office of Republic of Bulgaria
- Chief Rabbi Binyomin Jacobs, Rabbinical Centre of Europe & Chair of IPOR, Netherlands
- Mr James Marlow, Executive Director of National Jewish Assembly, United Kingdom

And others:

10:15 Q&A with participants

10.45: Political panel discussion panel: Is Freedom of Religion a fundamental right or not?

Political panel tbc,

Followed by q&a with jewish leaders

11.45 Memorial service at danube shoe memorial

13.00: farewell lunch