

III International Conference

“JEWISH? COMMUNITY? CENTER?”

**of the Association
of Jewish Community Centers
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PROGRAM
of the III International Conference of AJCC in CIS

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09.00 - 15.30 Arrival, check-in.

16.00 - 18.30 **Grand Opening of the III International Conference**
“JEWISH? COMMUNITY? CENTER?” of AJCC in CIS
Welcoming the guests
by the President of AJCC in CIS *I. Scherban (Russia)*

Opening addresses by guests of honor:

General Director of FSU Department, JDC	<i>A. Ostrin (Israel)</i>
Director of Jewish Renewal Programs, JDC	<i>S. Bogen (Israel)</i>
Country Director of Moscow and Siberia, JDC	<i>Y. Abergil (Israel)</i>
President of World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers	<i>J. Spitzer (USA)</i>
Honorary President, JDC and WCJCC	<i>R. Goldman (USA)</i>
President of the Russian Jewish Congress	<i>Y. Satanovsky (Russia)</i>
Member of the Russian Federation Council	<i>L. Nevzlin (Russia)</i>
Member of the RF Parliament	<i>G. Mirzoyev (Russia)</i>
Report by the President of AJCC in CIS	<i>I. Scherban (Russia)</i>

Awards ceremony:

- Maor Award (sponsored by the Louis Kraft Memorial fund and the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers) for recognizing the excellence of a Jewish community center in FSU;
- Charles Hoffman Prize for outstanding input into the Jewish community development in 2002;
- “My Community Center” photography contest;
- 10 year-old community centers award.

Key Note Speech:

"Jewish! Community! Center!", Debby Hirshman, Executive Director
JCC of Manhattan, New York

Entertainment program (bands from Jewish community centers);

Buffet.

November 5, 2002

8.30 - 9.00

Breakfast

9.30 - 11.00

Plenary session “The JEWISH in a Community Center”

Discussion of the Jewish content in community center activities.

B. Spectre (Sweden) - spectre.paideia@telia.com

V. Mochalova (Russia) – sefer@online.ru

Rabbi M. Schlesinger (Israel) - meirSh@jdc.org.il

Dr. M. Chlenov (Russia) – chlenov@hotmail.com,
[Vaad-rus@mtu-](mailto:Vaad-rus@mtu-net.ru)

net.ru

C. Fishbein (USA) - cherphil@aol.com

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 - 13.30

Group sessions:

1. Jewish art and culture

Most important element in the formation of Jewish self, developing Jewish culture and its aspects.

G. Zeltser – responsible; grishaz@jdc.ru

B. Spectre (Sweden) - spectre.paideia@telia.com

I. Glozman (Israel) - joint@carrier.kiev.ua

I. Shats (Moldova) - iosifshats@mail.ru

G. Lyuiban (Israel) – uraljdc@joint.ur.ru

2. Informal Jewish education

Existing forms, ways of development, its place and role in community centers, actual aims, audience.

L. Gilevich (Russia) – responsible; mila@joint.ur.ru

I. Kotler (Israel) - IgalK@jdc.org.il

Y. Krasny (Ukraine) – masha_k@jcc.dp.ua

Rabbi Joy Levitt (NY)

Avigdor Biton (Israel- Hebrew!)

3. Discover Israel in yourself

One of our main purposes is to give people the opportunity to feel they belong to the Jewish and to the state of Israel. We are building a bridge between the Diaspora, our community and our historical motherland. It is planned to exchange experience on the programs that work to reach this aim.

A. Kryukov (Russia) – responsible;

I. Tavor (Israel) – tavor@rambler.ru

D. Zitser (Israel) – noar@sohnut.ru

I. Zeltsburg (Russia) - tikva@online.bryansk.ru

4. Information environment in community activities

Experience of collection, exchange, analysis, usage and storage of data in community center activities.

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T. Manusov (Israel) - tanyam@jdc.org.il
I. Gutkina (Russia) – alephjcc@uraltelecom.ru
L. Furman (France) - Lili@jdcparis.org
Meir Chen (Israel)

5. Beit-midrash

S. Parizhsky (Russia) - common@jdcspb.ru
T. Podolnaya (Russia) - renewal@jdcspb.ru

6. WCJCC delegation debriefing with guests.

Smadar Bar-Akiva

13.30 - 15.00

Lunch

15.00 - 16.30

Plenary session «COMMUNITY in a Jewish center»

Community activities of a Jewish center.

A. Weiss (Israel) - AharonW@jdc.org.il
J. Zrihen (France) - joseph.zrihen@elsm-paris.cnamts.fr
I. Scherban (Russia) – ajcc@online.ru, ajcc1@rol.ru
A. Baron (Kazakhstan) – jdc_almaty@itte.kz
R. Goldman (USA) - ralph@jdcny.org
J. Gellman (USA) - jane_gellman@jcca.org

16.30 – 17.00

Coffee break

17.00 – 19.00

Group Sessions:

1. The JCC- A place for all ages, integration of generations as a community philosophy

Integration of ages, programs and communities.

Work methods, experience and results. A community center can strongly influence the community and relationships inside it by using its unique opportunities.

M. Krasnaya (Ukraine) – responsible; masha_k@jcc.dp.ua
K. Verkhovskaya (Ukraine) - migdal@tm.odessa.ua
V. Paley (Russia) – admin@hillel.net.org
M. Zahavi (Israel)

2. Public Boards and Boards of Trustees.

VIP programs in the Community Center

Are the Boards a formality or a necessity? Their functions. Experience and recommendations on work with VIP audience.

Y. Lvova (Russia) – responsible; common@rek.ort.spb.ru
I. Shcupak (Ukraine) – mishpakha@vinnitsa.com,
A. Smolina (Russia) - elina@knet.ru, zabota@knet.ru
L. Nevzlin (Russia) -
Audrey David (NY) and Hanno Mott (NY)

3. Community center positioning- using the tools of marketing

Community center in the Jewish life of a city, region, country. Connections with various organizations and structures. The role of mass media in the activities of a community center.

A. Sakov (Russia) – responsible; sam@shalom.omsk.su
M. Drozdinskaya (Russia) – ajcc1@rol.ru
O. Rostovtsev (Ukraine) -
D. Hirshman (USA)
A. Spokoiny (Europe) – andres@jdcparis.org

4. Demographic and sociological research and planning

Modern methods of research and analysis of demographic and socio-economic situation. The results of research as a starting point of strategic planning of community center activities.

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V. Shapiro (Russia) – vlasha@online.ru
Y. Abergil (Israel) – yorama@jdc.org.il
M. Fromer (Israel) – marinaf@jc.org.il
J. Spitzer (USA) – Jerry535@aol.com
F. and S. Mott (USA)

5. Development of small communities

Formation of small communities, professional training, special approach in small cities.

S. Weisman (Israel) – responsible;
Mario Izkovich (Europe) – mario@jdcparis.org
Ambra Tedechi (Rome)

20.30

Dinner

Special dinner for delegation at JCC of Moscow

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8.30 - 9.00

Breakfast

9.30 - 11.00

Plenary session «Jewish Community CENTER»

Is the community center the center of local Jewish life? Main directions of activities to consolidate the society around the Community Center.

Y. Abergil (Israel) – yorama@jdc.org.il
S. Bogen (Israel) - bogen@jdc.org.il
M. Yakouboshviliy (Russia) -
K. Verkhovskaya (Ukraine) - migdal@tm.odessa.ua
S. Filkova (Belorussia) – minsk_jdc@solo.by
A. Senderey (Paris) -
G.Taus (Switzerland) - gabriel@ecjc.org

11.30 - 15.30

Group sessions outside the hotel at:

- **Moscow Jewish Community Center (MEOD),**
- **New Jewish Community House (NEOD),**
- **Jewish Cultural Center at Nikitskaya,**
- **Association of Religious Organizations of Modern Judaism in Russia (OROSIR).**

1. The Jewish heritage and modern anti-Semitism (at MEOD)
The role of the Jewish heritage (values, museums, monuments, Holocaust lessons) in resisting modern anti-Semitism.

Dr. A. Weiss (Israel) – responsible; AharonW@jdc.org.il
I. Altman (Russia) – i.altman@mtu-net.ru
Rozkovich (Ukraine) -
I. Dabakarov (Russia) – mishpaha@mail.uln.ru,
uydh@mail.uln.ru
A. Ignatenko (Russia) – [RF President Administration](mailto:RF.President.Administration@mtu-net.ru),
tel. (095)2068522

2. Programs for special needs (at NEOD)
For people with limited abilities.

G. Zeltser (Israel) – responsible; grishaz@jdc.ru
Rabbi D. Karpov (Russia) – Dashalom@mtu-net.ru
T. Kurilova (Russia) - nehama@samtel.ru
Y. Lvova (Russia) – common@rek.ort.spb.ru

3. Culture and ethics of community work (at OROSIR)
The need to work out an “Ethics code” of a community employee.
The sources and principles of its creation.

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A. Batsmanova (Moldova) - manger@library.moldsat.md
Rabbi G. Kotler (Russia) – wupj-orosir@mtu.net.ru
I. Chernyak (Russia) – tikva@online.bryansk.ru
R. Goldman (USA)

4. Community centers around the world (at NEOD)

Getting to know various foreign community center models.
Their structure, membership, boards, etc.

Y. Kurdover (Russia) – responsible; lenak@jdc.ru
G. Taus (Switzerland) – gabriel@ecjc.org
S. Cohen (Bulgaria) -
Y. Benvenisti (Israel)
Michal Zahavi (Israel)

Grisha, perhaps I can be the facilitator for this session?

5. Business projects in a Jewish Center

(at the **Jewish Cultural Center** in Nikitskaya)

A new opinion on the independence of a community. Possible ways of self-financing. Enlarging the specter of community center activities.

B. Rubinstein (Russia) – responsible; borisr@jdc.ru
M. Skoblionok (Russia) – takpo@tbit.ru
R. Djerassi - (Bulgaria) -
A. Smolina (Russia) – zabota@knet.ru, elina@knet.ru
Lay leader USA ?

15.00 - 16.00

Lunch

16.30 – 18.00

Open Board session

of the Association of Jewish Community Centers in CIS

Changes in the Association Board, additions to the Charter.

Discussion of the “Contacts” magazine and AJCC in CIS web site.

WCJCC wrap up session- Smadar Bar-Akiva

18.30 - 19.00

Summing up the results, closing the Conference

Video film on the Conference.

19.30 - 20.30

Dinner

21.00

Klezmer party in the memory of Leonid Sontz.

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9.00 - 10.00

Breakfast

Departure