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Prime Minister
Benjamin Netanyahu

We Need to Talk

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Why This GA Matters.

We share a heritage.
And a future. But that
doesn't mean we're alike.

Did you know that 50% of us label ourselves as liberals — but only 8% of Israelis do? Just over 40% of Israeli Jews think that Israel and an independent Palestinian State can coexist. While more than 60% of us do. And over half of Israelis think that the views of Diaspora Jews shouldn't play a role in government decisions about prayer at the Western Wall or conversion. The list of differences goes on and on.

Yet, on both sides of the ocean, 95% of us are proud to be Jewish. Three quarters of Israelis believe they share a common destiny with Diaspora Jews. So, how do we build on what we have in common and bridge our differences? How can we use our diversity to enrich us as a people? This crucial exploration is what this GA is all about.

Nearly 1,000 Israeli
leaders are expecting
you.

Top leadership from a cross section of Israeli society and diverse generations are attending GA 2018. Leaders who not only share our concerns about the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora — they're also committed to tackling these challenges. Together.

Additionally, two of Israel's most prominent business people and philanthropists are chairing this international conclave. Danna Azrieli, chair of Israel's largest real estate company whose Azrieli Towers define the Tel Aviv skyline, and Marius Nacht, civic leader and chairman of Check Point Software, one of the first companies to put the Start-up Nation on the map, are our hosts.

Featured Programming

Dialogue Den

When Diaspora Jews and Israelis see so many topics from differing perspectives, a Mifgash is in order. This is a specialized format designed for probing Israel-Diaspora issues. They'll be hosted throughout the conference by some of the Jewish world's most respected centers of learning, including the Wexner Foundation.

PechaKucha

This is a rapid-fire series of presentations, featuring 20 slides of 20 seconds apiece designed to spark critique and discussion. Topics range from surprising collaborations changing Israeli society to the role of business in religious pluralism.

Rooftop Raps

Take in the spectacular view and engage in penetrating tabletop discussions with your favorite presenters or special guests from some of Israel's leading centers of higher learning and think tanks.

Cocktails at the Knesset

Speaker Yuli Edelstein hosts us in the Knesset's stunning Chagall Hall along with senior parliamentarians. In addition to celebrating the unique relationship between Federation and the State of Israel, we'll also propose a new covenant for how we work together.*

Tel Aviv by Night

Don't miss this historic and exciting night on the town in Tel Aviv. Stay tuned for details.*

Program Highlights

Sunday October 21

- 9:00 AM–5:00 PM**
United Israel Appeal's Study Day
- 9:00 AM–5:00 PM**
iRep Study Day
- 6:30–7:45 PM**
Board of Trustees/Federation Members Corporation Meeting
- 8:00–9:00 PM**
Leadership Recognition Reception

Monday October 22

- 9:30–11:00 AM**
Opening Plenary
- 11:30 AM–1:00 PM**
Breakouts, Rooftop Raps & Dialogue Den
- Who Am I?: Jewish Identity Across Borders
- Nice to Meet You: How We Learn About Each Other
- Inspired Fundraising: How You Translate Your Overseas Experiences Into a Case for Giving
- Deep Dive: Dialogue in the Den
- Traditional Trailblazers: Haredi Integration Into Israeli Society

More sessions coming soon

- 1:00–2:30 PM**
Lunch & Rooftop Raps

- 2:45–4:00 PM**
Breakouts, Rooftop Raps & Dialogue Den

- Shifting Sands: Israeli Security in a Turbulent Middle East
- Market Forces: The Business of Religious Pluralism
- Opposites Attract: Unexpected Partnerships Changing Israeli Society
- Israeli Arabs: Leveling the Playing Field
- Deep Dive: Dialogue in the Den

More sessions coming soon

- 4:30–7:00 PM**
Tel Aviv Night on the Town*

- 7:30–10:00 PM**
Community Events

- 10:00–11:30 PM**
GA Late-Night Events

Tuesday October 23

- 9:30–11:00 AM**
Opening Plenary
- 11:30 AM–1:00 PM**
Breakouts, Rooftop Raps & Dialogue Den
- Beating Back BDS: Why Does It Matter?
- Innovation in the Bloodstream: The Start-up Nation Tackles the Future of Medicine
- Supporting Survivors: Dedication and Dignity
- Deep Dive: Dialogue in the Den
- Can We Talk?: Peace-Process Realities in Israel

More sessions coming soon

- 1:00–2:30 PM**
Lunch & Rooftop Raps

- 2:45–3:45 PM**
Afternoon Plenary

- 6:30–9:00 PM**
Knesset Event*

Wednesday October 24

- 8:30–9:45 AM**
Breakouts, Rooftop Raps & Dialogue Den

- Bouncing Back: Helping Cities Rebound From Crises
- The Desert Is Blooming: What's Next in the Negev?

- Collective Impact: Duplicate Helping Cities Rebound From Crises
- Deep Dive: Dialogue in the Den

More sessions coming soon

- 11:00 AM–12:30 PM**
Closing Plenary

- 1:30–7:00 PM**
The Jewish Agency Board of Governors' Meeting (it's an overnight and continues Thursday)



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