





# Jewish Vars?

An Emergency Conference on Israel-Diaspora Relations and the Future of Jewish Identity

"Go, gather together all the Jews" - Esther 4:16

## May 3, 2023 Naftali Building, Room 003, Tel Aviv University

**10:00 | Opening Remarks** Conference Chair: Prof. **Yossi Shain** 

Greetings

A Special Welcome Message from the Honorable Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel (Recorded)

Prof. **Ariel Porat**, President, Tel Aviv University

Prof. **Ronald D. Liebowitz**, President, Brandeis University

#### 10:30 | Panel 1

#### 14:00 | Panel 2

The Growing Rift within Global Jewry: Who Gets to Decide who is a Jew?

Moderator: Shmuel Rosner, Jewish Policy Institute

Prof. Ishay Rosen-Zvi, Tel Aviv University Efrat Shapira Rosenberg, Beit Avi Chai Yair Assulin, Haaretz

#### 16:00 | Panel 3

Israel and the Jewish Diaspora in the Wake of the Judicial Overhaul

Moderator: Prof. Hanna Lerner.

What Does it Mean to be Jewish Today? On the Changing Nature of Faith, Community and Identity

Moderator: Prof. Milette Shamir, Tel Aviv University

Dani Dayan, Chairman, Yad Vashem Prof. Uriel Abulof, Tel Aviv University Dr. Neil Rogachevsky, Yeshiva University Prof. Rabbi Yehudah Mirsky, Brandeis University

#### 12:00 | Keynote Address

Rabbi **Delphine Horvilleur**, Co-Leader, Liberal Jewish Movement of France, Editor, Tenou'a Quarterly

## What can the Diaspora teach Israel about Power... in Such a Time?

*"Who knows whether you have come to your position for such a time?"* (Esther 4:14)

*Moderator: Dr. Sarah-Masha Fainberg, Tel Aviv University* 

### 13:00 | Lunch Break

Tel Aviv University

*Tova Dorfman, President, World Zionist Organization* 

Prof. Leonard Saxe, Brandeis University

Naama Klar, Koret International School for Jewish Peoplehood, ANU Museum

*Prof. David S. Katz, Brandeis University and TAU (Emeritus)* 

#### 17:30 |

Closing Remarks: Looking Ahead

Prof. Yossi Shain, Tel Aviv University Dr. Yoav Fromer, Tel Aviv University

The Event is a Collaboration between Tel Aviv University, Brandeis University and the World Zionist Organization. It is open to the general public, but requires pre-registration <u>here</u>



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