

Your Story Moves!

“German-Israeli Youth Exchange – Encounters of Young People in Migration Societies”

Exchange program for active students

Call for participation

Young people in Germany and Israel have diverse cultural, religious and national identities. Many of them come from families with a history of migration. They have often experienced immigration to Israel or Germany themselves.

Over the past ten years, the composition of youth groups from both countries has changed also in the field of youth exchange. As part of the project ‘**Living Diversity in Germany and Israel – Challenges and Perspectives for Education and Youth Exchange**’ we invite young educators to participate in a bilateral youth encounter and explore both countries in the light of **Germany and Israel as migration societies**. The first part of the encounter will take place in **April/May 2019 in Israel** and will be followed by a second bilateral encounter in **June 2019 in Germany**.

This exchange program aims at deepening the sensitivity for this great variety of narratives and migration biographies in both countries. Moreover, the program wishes to actively recognize and explicitly include this diversity into the German-Israeli discourse, while at the same time respecting the historically strong connection between the two countries.

The program has been developed by **ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange** and the **Israeli Youth Exchange Authority** in cooperation with the German organization **BDAJ – Federation of Alevi Youth** and the **Bar-Ilan University** in Israel.

Interested?

- You are between 18 and 27 years old?
- You share the values of a diversity-conscious and discrimination-sensitive education?
- You are interested in exploring diversity in German-Israeli youth cooperation?
- Your identity consists also of a history of migration?
- You are in contact or work with youngsters with a history of migration?
- You are curious, interested in other cultures and ready to become part of a German-Israeli team?

Info

Dates:

April 29 (preparation meeting German group)
April 30–May 6, 2019 (Israel)
June 17–23, 2019 (Germany)

Place:

Several locations in Israel and Germany

Participants:

10 German and 10 Israeli students

Preparation:

During a preparation meeting, the participants will get to know one another and will receive a first orientation to the thematic focus of the program. A similar orientation meeting will take place for the Israeli group in Israel. **Preparation meeting is mandatory.**

Program:

The program includes a variety of workshops, project visits, discussions and other joint activities in several parts of Israel.

Costs:

150,- Euro || 620,- New Israeli Shekel

The program includes:

- Accommodation in shared rooms, meals, cover of travel costs
- Flights
- Program
- Insurance and guidance

Application:

Your application will be reviewed by the inviting organizations.

Please fill in the linked [application form](#) until **March 17, 2019.**

The youth encounter – part 1

In a bilateral group of 20 young students you will be part of the daily life in Israel, discovering and reflecting on today's character of the relations between young people in the two countries:

- What is the landscape of Israel as a country of diverse narratives and biographies?
- How do these biographies influence the view towards each other in the two countries today?
- What perceptions or misperceptions exist and how can we view them critically and learn from each other?
- How can we expand the goals of German-Israeli youth exchange in order to further strengthen the ties in a young generation with diverse stories of migration?
- How can we encourage young people to connect to the history of Shoa and its implications for the present in both countries from the various migrant perspectives and national narratives?
- What tools can young educators from both countries learn from each other, in order to improve their work with youth with diverse national and cultural narratives/identities?

Together we will explore the current character of German-Israeli relations. We will create a common space for young educators to get to know, discuss and strengthen the shared values in the Israeli and German societies as transformative migrant societies.

Apply now and join the team!

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The inviting organizations

ConAct – Coordination Center German-Israeli Youth Exchange

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BDAJ/BDAS – Federation of Alevi Youth/Students in Germany

www.BDAJ.de

www.facebook.com/BDAJ.de

www.facebook.com/BDAS.eu

Israel Youth Exchange Authority

www.facebook.com/youthexil

Bar-Ilan University

www.biu.ac.il/en

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Information about the inviting organizations

ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange is a nationwide working service and information center for exchange projects between German and Israeli youths, located in the sector of non-formal education. Since 2001 ConAct administers the public funding of German-Israeli youth exchange, supports exchange programs between young people and offers qualified trainings for professionals in the field of German-Israeli youth work. ConAct works on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.



The **Israel Youth Exchange Authority** is the coordinating office in Israel and respective partner organization of ConAct – Coordination Center for German-Israeli Youth Exchange. It works on behalf of the Israeli Ministry of Education and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



In cooperation with

The **Federation of Alevi Youth in Germany** (BDAJ), founded in 1994, is the youth association of the Alevi community in Germany. It represents currently the interests of approximately 78,000 Alevi Youth in Germany. It also has an accompanying organ, the **Federation of Alevi Students in Germany** (BDAS) that is represented in several universities. The content of BDAJ is based on the humanistic-social worldview of the Alevis, which is characterized by equal rights, charity, gender equality, education and science. The Federation is committed to a youth-integration-specific approach that should enable its members to perceive themselves as an equal part of German society and to participate in a variety of fields. As a youth organisation, the BDAJ has the ambition to emancipate itself from the role of the migrant youth organisation to an association that is perceived by the public as an equal and serious partner.



The **Bar-Ilan University in Israel**, founded in 1955, was one of the first comprehensive research universities to be established in Israel. From 70 students to 17,000, its milestone achievements in the sciences and humanities have made an indelible imprint on the landscape of the nation. The university has 8 faculties: Jewish Studies, Medicine, Engineering, Law, Life Science, Exact Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities. Lecturers in the Political Studies Department at Bar-Ilan University are leaders in their fields of research. They actively participate in academic, social and government events. The faculty researches and teaches a wide variety of topics including: international relations (both area studies and global interactions), non-governmental organizations, political philosophy and thought, terrorism, WMDs, religion and state, Israeli politics, political leadership, public policy, army and security, electoral challenges, internal and international policy, nationalism and ethnicity, social schisms, conflict management, diplomacy and more.



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