



The Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn
Institute for Israel Studies
University of Maryland

A Conference to Commemorate Israel's 70th Anniversary
*American Jews and Israel:
Moving in Opposite Directions?*

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Adele H. Stamp Student Union, Prince George's Room

8:30 **Registration** (coffee and light refreshments)

9:00 **Welcoming Remarks:** Wallace Loh, President, University of Maryland

9:15 **Opening Presentation:** Talia Sasson, President, New Israel Fund

10:00 **Morning Plenary – Is There a Divide?**
Moderator: Prof. Yoram Peri, Director, Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies

- Prof. Dov Waxman, Northeastern University
- Rabbi Avi Shafran, Director of Public Affairs, Agudath Israel of America
- Nadine Epstein, Editor-in-Chief & CEO, Moment magazine

11:45 **Break**

12:00 **Elizabeth and Richard Dubin Family Foundation Lecture**
Introduction: Rabbi Bruce Lustig, Senior Rabbi, Washington Hebrew Congregation
Distinguished Speaker
Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism
Closing remarks: Ambassador Joseph Gildenhorn '51

1:00 **Lunch** (variety of options in the Student Union food court)

2:00 **Afternoon Plenary – Where Are We Going?**
Remarks: Bonnie Thornton Dill, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
Moderator: Dr. Scott Lasensky, scholar and former diplomat

- Prof. Shaul Kelner, Vanderbilt University
- Prof. Sara Anne Minkin, University of San Francisco
- Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, Adas Israel Congregation

3:45 **Closing Reception** (light refreshments)

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