



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

*A Conference to Commemorate Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> 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)

This conference is open and free to the public. Please [RSVP](#),  
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