

EQUIPPING CONFERENCE 2026

OUR SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS



Itamar Marcus

Palestinian Media Watch

Founder and Director of **Palestinian Media Watch** (PMW), **Itamar Marcus** is an Israeli researcher recognized internationally for his analysis of Palestinian Authority media and educational materials. He has represented Israel in the Trilateral Anti-Incitement Committee and has briefed legislators and government bodies worldwide on issues of indoctrination, incitement, and the peace process.



Nitsana Darshan-Leitner

Shurat HaDin

Nitsana Darshan-Leitner is an Israeli attorney and the founder of **Shurat HaDin** – Israel Law Center, where she has led groundbreaking legal actions defending Israel and combating terrorism. She has initiated campaigns targeting terror financing, anti-Israel boycott efforts, and the misuse of social media by extremist groups, and achieved major legal victories including a high-profile case against Airbnb. Nitsana is the co-author of the bestselling book *Harpoon* and has been named among the 50 most influential Jews and one of Israel's most influential women. A mother of six, she holds a law degree from Bar-Ilan University and an MBA from Manchester University.



David Nekrutman

The Isaiah Projects

David Nekrutman is an American-Israeli Orthodox Jewish theologian and a leading voice in Jewish-Christian relations. He is the co-founder and Executive Director of **The Isaiah Projects**, which equips Christians to reconnect with the Hebraic roots of their faith. He pioneered several educational initiatives, including the Biblical Excavations curriculum. He has been recognized by Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Goodwill Ambassador for Jewish-Christian Relations.



Rev. Donald James

Bridges for Peace Canada

Rev. Don James is the National Director of **Bridges for Peace Canada**. A graduate of McMaster Divinity College, he pastored Baptist churches for twelve years before spending two decades in the secular workplace, during which he developed a deep conviction about Israel's central role in God's purposes. He is passionate about helping believers grasp this perspective and values the privilege of building relationships with the Jewish community in Winnipeg and in Israel through his leadership role with Bridges for Peace.



Shmuel Junger

Christian Friends of Israeli Communities

Shmuel "Sam" Junger is the Israel Office Director for **Christian Friends of Israeli Communities (CFOIC)**, where he shares the story of Judea and Samaria with Christian audiences around the world. Born and raised in Israel, he served in the IDF and holds degrees in Law and Jewish History, alongside extensive studies in Bible and Talmud. Before joining CFOIC in 2017, he spent four years in Hong Kong leading Jewish studies in the local community. Junger lives in Zufim, Samaria, with his wife Michal and their four children.



Alan Dershowitz

Harvard Law Professor

Alan Dershowitz is an American attorney, author, and longtime **Harvard Law School** scholar. He taught at Harvard from 1964 to 2013, and later holding the Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law chair. A prominent legal advocate, he has advised on major constitutional matters argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. Alan is a prolific author with bestselling works on law, civil liberties, and the Arab–Israeli conflict.



Victoria James

Bridges for Peace Canada

Victoria James is the National Development Director for **Bridges for Peace Canada**, where she has served since 2005. Previously, she founded and directed Masterworks Studio, a Christian school of dance and fine arts established in 1998. In 1997 she felt a profound awakening to God's covenant with the people and land of Israel, leading her and her husband to begin supporting Bridges for Peace through the Adopt-an-Immigrant program. Her current work includes prayer ministry, special events, and public speaking. James recently earned an Associate of Divinity degree from Master's International University of Divinity.



Sam Eskenasi

La'ad Canada

Sam Eskenasi is a Jewish educator, speaker, and the founder of **La'ad Canada**, an organization dedicated to strengthening Jewish identity and combating antisemitism through practical, accessible educational training. He co-created the traveling Who Are the Jews? museum exhibit, bringing Jewish history, people-hood, and the roots of antisemitism to diverse audiences across Canada. Eskenasi works widely in interfaith and public facing settings, helping communities understand Israel, contemporary antisemitism, and the moral language shaping today's discourse.



Ruth Fazal

Christian Musician & Worship Leader

Ruth Fazal is a violinist, composer, and Christian worship leader whose more than twenty albums reflect her deep love for Jesus and her long-standing passion for Israel. Her work seeks to build bridges of understanding between Christians and Jews through music grounded in Scripture and Jewish history. Among her most significant compositions is Oratorio Terezin, an orchestral and choral work inspired by the poetry of Jewish children from the Terezin concentration camp. Performed internationally, it stands as a tribute to the enduring spirit of the Jewish people and Fazal's connection to their story.