The Jewish Wars?

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
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. Neaj 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

14:00 | Panel 2
The Growing Rift within Global Jewry: Who Gets to Decide who is a Jew?
Moderator: Shimuel 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, Tel Aviv University
Tova Darman, President, World Zionist Organization
Prof. Leonard Saxe, Brandeis University
Naama Klar, Keter 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 here.