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Conference Venues:

Hilton Brussels: 38 Bld de Waterloo – Brussels, Tel: +32 2 504 37 50

City Hall of Brussels, Grand Place

European Parliament, 60 rue Wiertz – B-1047 Brussels

Tours & Taxis: 86 c, avenue du Port – B 1000 Brussels

Senate building, 1 Place de la Nation – 1009 Brussels

Théâtre Royal de la monnaie – Place de la Monnaie – 1000 Brussels

Imprimerie restaurant: 666 chaussée de St. Job – 1180 Brussels



TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY 17TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
27-30 March 2008 at the Hilton Brussels



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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2008

- 10:00-18:00 Registration
Hilton Brussels
- 18:00 Welcome Meeting with **Benoit Cerhexe**, Minister of Employment, Economy and Scientific Research, Government of the Brussels-Capital Region
Hilton Brussels
- 19:00-22:00 Welcome Reception & Cocktail Buffet
City Hall of Brussels, Grand-Place, Gothic Hall (opened specially just for this event)
Hosted by **Mr. Freddy Thielemans**, Mayor of Brussels
Greetings: **Mr. Thielemans**; **Prof. Zvi Galil**, TAU President; and **Prof. Elie Barnavi** of TAU, Scientific Director of the Museum of Europe and former Israeli Ambassador to France
Dress code: dark suit/cocktail

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH 2008

- 10:00-12:00 Meeting with **Mr. Hans-Gert Pöttering**, President of the European Parliament, and visit to the Parliament
An ID card will be requested
Comfortable shoes recommended
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch at the residence of the Israeli Ambassador, **Mrs. Tamar Samash**
- 14:30-16:30 Visit to the exhibition, "It's Our History", at Tour & Taxis
Introduction to the exhibition by **Prof. Elie Barnavi**
From the ruins of Europe in 1945 to the challenges that arise today on the continent, the visitor will meet and experience both European history and his own, personal history. The exhibition shows that we are all heroes of this great adventure: the gradual unification of Europe.
- 20:00 Shabbat Dinner at the Hilton Brussels with Klezmer band
Guest of honor: **Prof. Julien Klener**, President of the Jewish Central Consistory of Brussels

SATURDAY, 29 MARCH 2008

All Shabbat events are within walking distance from the hotel

- 11:00-12:00 Visit to the Senate and Reception hosted by **Mr. Armand De Decker**, President of the Senate
- 13:00-16:00 Lecture Session and Lunch at the Hilton Brussels
Prof. Asher Susser, TAU Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies
"Israel at Sixty in the Middle East of the 21st Century"
Ran Curiel, Israeli Representative to the EU
"Israel and Europe: A Difficult but Inescapable Relationship"
- 19:00-23:00 Visit to the *Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie*
Cocktail reception, musical interlude and dinner
Dress code: dark suit

SUNDAY, 30 MARCH 2008

- 10:00-17:00 Excursion to Bruges – *the Venice of the North and World Heritage City – along the maze of winding cobbled alleys and romantic canals*
Sightseeing by bus and canal boat trip
Lunch
Warm dress recommended

Return to Brussels via the Atomium, Parc des Expositions
- 20:00 Farewell Dinner at *L'Imprimerie* restaurant-brewery, and beer tasting with **Prof. Jean-Robert Pitte**, President of the University of Paris Sorbonne and TAU honorary doctor
Closing address: **Prof. Elie Barnavi**, "Bye Bye Belgium?"
Casual dress

MONDAY, 31 MARCH 2008

Departure