

Repeating, Reflecting, Moving On:
Germans, Jews, Israelis, Palestinians, Others Today

An Experiential Conference
in the "Nazareth" Series
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Major atrocities can produce profound and deeply lodged suspicion, hostility and enmity between perpetrators and victims and their descendents. This, in turn, makes it difficult to repair the relationship between the groups involved, laying the foundation for ongoing hostility and repeated conflict.

This residential conference aims to study and work directly on the emotional legacy of the Shoa and the Nakba, examining how the inner legacy of these events continue to impact on relationships between Germans, Jews, Israelis and Palestinians today. On the world stage, these groups do not exist in isolation, making the role of "others" in their complex inter-relatedness an important one to consider. Such relationships are usually underpinned by hidden prejudices, stereotypes, fantasies and fears. Away from the pressures of ordinary life, the conference will provide a setting safe enough for these forces to emerge in the first instance, to explore how these may be understood and whether genuine movement in the real, lived relationships between members of these groups is in fact possible.

Background

There have been six previous conferences in the Nazareth series. They began with **the observation that deeply-lodged suspicion, hostility and unbearable guilt marked the relationship between Germans and Israelis/Jews – a clear legacy of the Holocaust.** Could the elements of this problematic relationship be accessed and brought into the open in a safe setting, and would such an experience help to move things on?

The first three conferences were held in Israel and Germany, and their story – contained in a recently published book* –relates how the Group Relations method was modified for the purpose, and gives examples of **the impact and significance of these events on the German and Israeli/Jewish participants, many of whom were helped to repair a relationship that had been so catastrophically damaged by the Holocaust.**

Those working on this interface in their professional lives found this work hugely beneficial, and many returned for a further opportunity to deepen their engagement with the process.

The conferences have grown organically from the beginning, and once the method of working had been sufficiently well refined, the task was extended to address other groups who had also been affected by the Holocaust. At the sixth conference, in 2008, there was a first attempt to work on the relationship between Jews/Israelis and Palestinians, alongside the traditional Germans-Israeli/Jew focus. The present conference will take that work forward.

**H.S Erlich, M Erlich-Ginor & H Beland 2009 . Fed with Tears – Poisoned with Milk: The Nazareth Group Relations Conferences. Psychosozial-Verlag,*





Conference Programme

The conference will use the Group Relations method as modified during the series. There will be Small Groups (8-10 participants, mixed, with a staff consultant), a Large Group (entire conference membership with a number of staff consultants), Plenaries (entire conference membership and all staff members), a System Event (the membership decides for itself which groupings would best promote the work of the conference, with the staff in a managerial and consultant role) and Review Groups (homogeneous groups with a staff consultant). In each of these settings participants are invited to make use of perceptions, inner beliefs, fantasies and reactions to the other, as the basis of their work.

Staff

The conference will be co-directed by Fakhry Davids (British Psychoanalytic and Tavistock Societies, PCCA) and Mira Erlich-Ginor (Israel Psychoanalytic Society, PCCA, OFEK), staffed by an international group of psychoanalysts and organisational consultants with extensive experience in this way of working. The Conference Administrator will be Nimer Said (OFEK, Besod Siach). **It is hoped that the composition of the staff group will reflect, as far as is possible, the main national groupings present at the conference.**

Membership

Psychoanalysts, psychotherapists and allied professionals have in the past benefitted from these conferences, but all professionals who work on the interface between the groups addressed in the title of the conference can contribute and benefit, as can "others". Up to 60 members can be accommodated.

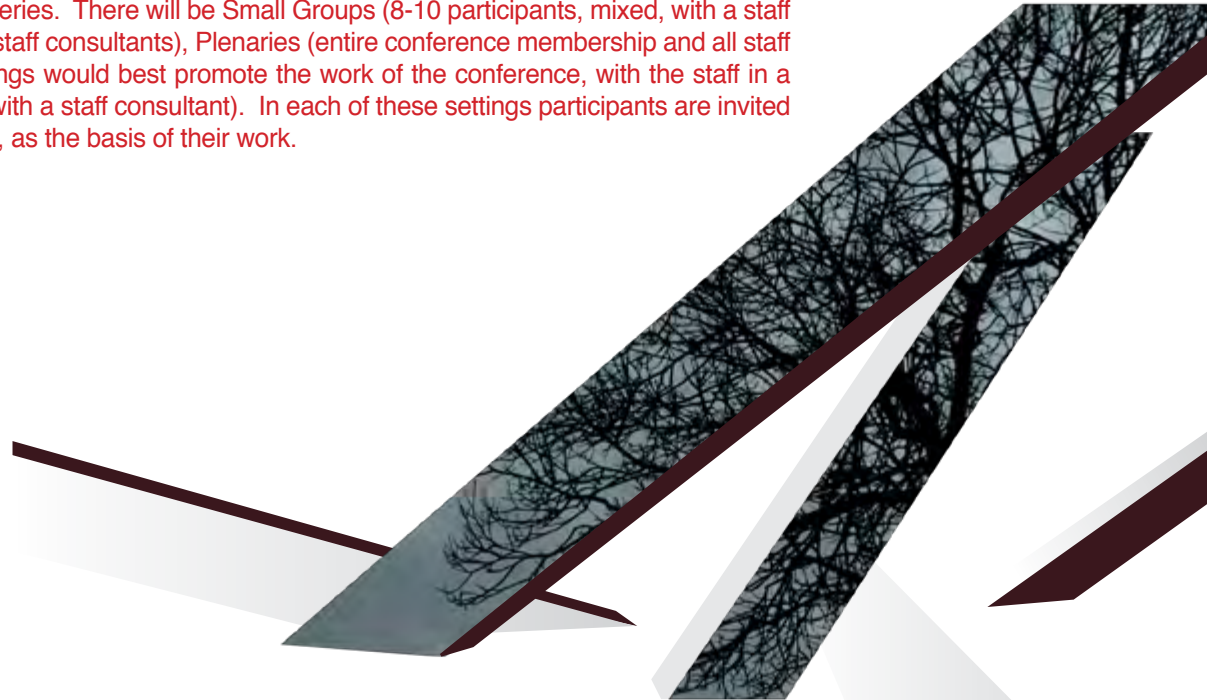
Administrative informations

Time:

The conference will begin at 14:30 on June 1st and end at 12:30 on June 6th 2010.

Language:

The conference working language will be English, except where a single-nationality group is working with a consultant of the same nationality. However, potential participants are encouraged to register even if they are not fully fluent in English: they can expect to receive help with translation into English when needed.





Venue:

It will be held at the Forest Park Hotel in Platres, in the Troodos mountains Cyprus.

Members and staff will reside and work at the conference hotel.

The hotel mailing address and telephones are:

Forest Park Hotel

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4820 Platres

Limassol, Cyprus

Tel. ++357-25-421751

Fax: ++357-25-421875

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forest@cytanet.com.cy

Web page:

<http://www.forestparkhotel.com.cy>

Fee:

The full fee for the conference is €1250, (including accommodation and full board), this includes a non-refundable fee of €50. The low fee has been made possible through support for this project provided by the IPS, DPG and DPV and the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

A double occupancy rate is also available for members who wish to share a room.

This must be arranged with Geber + Reusch.

A limited number of bursaries are available on request. Forms are available from the conference organisers, Geber+Reusch, to whom the completed forms must be returned by April 30.

Further Information: Further information regarding travel, accommodation, meeting facilities etc. will be sent to registered members by email prior to the conference. Because of the limited number of flights to Cyprus, it is advisable to make flight reservations as early as possible. Geber+Reusch will assist where possible.

Application:

The Registration Fee of €50 must accompany the completed Registration Form.

The mailing address for registration fees and forms, and further information is:

Geber + Reusch

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D-60437 Frankfurt/Main

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Members should transfer their bank-orders in EUR to:

Dresdner Bank Mannheim (Germany), **bank reference** 670 800 50, **account no.** 07 112 76204

SWIFT DRESDEFF670 **IBAN** DE 10 6708 0050 0711 2762 04

Please make sure that the cheques are made out for the full amount. This excludes bank charges, which individual applicants must meet.



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Registration Form

Surname _____ First Name _____ Title _____

Gender _____ Year of Birth _____

Home Address, Street _____ City+ Zip _____

Country _____ Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____ Profession _____

Professional Affiliation/Membership _____

Name of Organization _____

Those residing in Israel are requested to add their name and address in Hebrew for mailing purposes:

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I transfer the registration fee of €50
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