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**B'NAI B'RITH
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Israel-Hellenic Forum Cyprus Plenary Nicosia, June 19-21, 2023

**Monday, June 19
UNESCO Amphitheatre, University of Nicosia**

19:30

Session I: Opening Keynote Address

Chair: Prof. Andreas Theophanous, *President, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, University of Nicosia, Cyprus*

Opening Remarks: Mr Daniel Mariaschin, *CEO, B'nai B'rith International and Convener, Israel-Hellenic Forum, USA*

Welcome: Prof. Kostas Ifantis, *Professor of International Relations, Panteion University; Director of the Institute for International Relations (IDIS); Scientific Director, Centre for Foreign Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece*

Keynote Speaker: President of the Republic of Cyprus,
Mr Nicos Christodoulides

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**Tuesday, June 20
UNESCO Amphitheatre, University of Nicosia**

09:00-19:30 Conference Sessions

09:00-09:30 Coffee and Registration



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09:30-11:15

Session II: The Cyprus Question, the Greco-Turkish Relations and the Prospect of Energy Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean

Chair: Dr Michalis Kontos, *Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Governance, University of Nicosia, Cyprus*

Speakers: Prof. Angelos Syrigos, *Deputy Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece*
Prof. Andreas Theophanous, *President, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, University of Nicosia, Cyprus*
Dr Elai Rettig, *Assistant Professor, Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University, Israel*
Prof. Kostas Ifantis, *Professor of International Relations, Panteion University; Director of the Institute for International Relations (IDIS); Scientific Director, Centre for Foreign Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece*

11:15-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:45

Session III: Perspectives on the Network of Cooperation between Israel, Cyprus and Greece

Chair: H.E. Mr Kornelios Korneliou, *Ambassador designated to Israel, Republic of Cyprus*

Speakers: Ms Marilena Raouna, *Director of the Diplomatic Office of the President of the Republic of Cyprus*
H.E. Mr Ioannis Papameletiou, *Ambassador of Greece to the Republic of Cyprus*
H.E. Mr Oren Anolik, *Ambassador of Israel to the Republic of Cyprus*

13:00-14:15

Lunch break

14:30-15:45

Session IV: Recent Developments in Israel, Greece and Cyprus

Chair: Dr Gabriel Haritos, *Visiting Assistant Professor, Panteion University, Greece*

Speakers: Dr Eran Lerman, *Vice President of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, Israel*



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Mr Yiannis Koutsomitis, *Kappa News, Greece*
Dr Marios Evriviades, *Professor of International Relations and Security, University of Neapolis Paphos, Cyprus*

16:00-17:00

Session V: The New Emerging European and International order: Challenges and Opportunities

Chair: Prof. Eytan Gilboa, *Director of the Center for International Communication, Bar-Ilan University, Israel*

Speakers: Prof. Demetris Kerides, *Chairman of the Greece – Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group, Member of Parliament, ND, Athens – North, Greece*
Mr Harris Georgiades, *Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee, House of Representatives, Republic of Cyprus*
Prof. Efraim Inbar, *President of the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, Israel*
Dr Giorgos Kentas, *Associate Professor, Department of Politics and Governance, University of Nicosia, Cyprus*

17:00-17:15

Coffee Break

17:15-18:15

Session VI: National Security Issues

Chair: Prof. Amikam Nachmani, *Professor, Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University, Israel*

Speakers: Mr Tzachi Hanegbi, *Israel National Security Advisor, Israel*
Dr Thanos Dokos, *National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister, Greece*
Dr Kyriacos Kouros, *Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus*
Mr Lt. General Dimokritos Zervakis, *Chief of the National Guard of the Republic of Cyprus*

18:15-19:30

Session VII: The Impact of the War in Ukraine on the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East

Chair: Dr Amit Mor, *CEO, Eco Energy Financial & Strategic Consulting; Senior Lecturer and Researcher, Reichman University*



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Speakers: Mr Michalis Giorgallas, *Minister of Defense, Republic of Cyprus*
Ambassador (ret.) Mr Mark Regev (Israel)
Dr Antonia Dimou, *Director of the Middle East and Persian Gulf
Unit at the Institute for Security and Defense Analyses based in
Athens, Greece*
Mr Jonathan Spyer, *Founder and Executive Director of the Middle
East Center for Reporting and Analysis and Research Fellow of the
Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, Israel*

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**Wednesday, June 21
UNESCO Amphitheatre, University of Nicosia**

09:00-10:45 Conference Sessions

09:00-09:15 Coffee and Registration

09:15-10:30 **Session VIII:** Turkey between Russia and the West: What can be expected after the Presidential Elections?

Chair: Prof. Achilles Emilianides, *Dean of School of Law, University of Nicosia, Cyprus*

Speakers: Dr Theodoros Tsakiris, *Associate Professor for Energy Policy and Geopolitics, University of Nicosia, Cyprus; Senior Adviser to the Greek Energy Minister*

Dr Gallia Lindenstrauss, *Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies, Israel*

Dr Zenonas Tziarras, *Lecturer, Department of Turkish and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cyprus*

Dr Seth Frantzman, *Senior Middle East Correspondent and Middle East affairs analyst at The Jerusalem Post, Israel*



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CLOSING REMARKS

Mr Victor Batis, *President, B'nai B'rith "Filon", Athens*

Dr Michalis Kontos, *Member of the Board of Directors, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs*

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