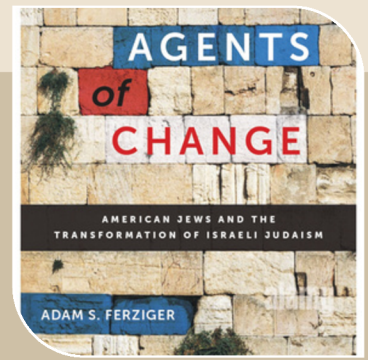


The Impact of American Olim on Israeli Jewish Life



AN EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION IN LIGHT OF PROF. ADAM FERZIGER'S NEW BOOK, *AGENTS OF CHANGE: AMERICAN JEWS AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF ISRAELI JUDAISM* (NYU PRESS, 2025).

Motzaei Shabbat Parashat Shemot, Jan. 10, 2026

Beit Knesset Nitzanim (3 Asher Street, Baka)

7:30 PM



Moderator

Rav Shai Finkelstein

Rabbi of Kehillat Nitzanim; former Rabbi, Baron Hirsch Synagogue and Rosh Kollel Torah mi-Tzion, Memphis, Tenn.; Doctoral Candidate, Department of Talmud, Bar-Ilan University



Opening Remarks & Response

Prof. Adam Ferziger

Rabbi SR Hirsch Chair, Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, Bar-Ilan University



Panelist

Dr. David Bernstein

Historian and Educator; Dean Emeritus, Pardes Institute; former Director of Midreshet Lindenbaum



Panelist

Prof. Ronit Irshai

Scholar of Jewish Law and Women's Studies, Bar-Ilan University and Shalom Hartman Institute; Co- Author of award-winning *Holy Rebellion: Religious Feminism and the Transformation of Judaism* and *Women's Rights in Israel* (Brandeis, 2024)



Panelist

Ambassador Daniel Taub

Diplomat and former Israel Ambassador to UK; Israel Board Chair, The Rabbi Sacks Legacy; Award-winning author of *Beyond Dispute: Rediscovering the Jewish Art of Constructive Disagreement* (Hodder Faith, 2025)

Light refreshments served | Books will be available for sale