

**CONNECTIONS 2009**  
**34th International Convention of the World Union for Progressive Judaism**  
**Program schedule**

Date	Time	Activity	Opt 1	Opt 2	Opt 3	Opt 4	Opt 5	Opt 6	Opt 7	Opt 8	Opt 9	Opt 10
Tue 17.3	17:00-	Rabbinic Kallah										
Wed 18.3	8:00-14:00	Registration / information desk										
	9:30-14:00	Rabbinic Kallah										
	9:00-12:00	Executive Board meeting										
	12:00-	Lunch										
	14:00-	International Assembly meeting										
	17:00-	LBC alumni meeting										
	19:30-	Opening Ceremony										
	21:30-	Reception										
Thur 19.3	08:00-	Registration / information desk										
	08:00-	Shacharit Morning Worship										
	09:00-	<b>Keynote Address: 'A new inclusivity for Jews and Judaism - stepping out of the kosher closet / Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger</b>										
	10:00-	Regional Presentations										
	10:50-	Coffee break										
	11:15-12:30	Sessions	The 21st Century Synagogue	The Progressive Rabbinate: What Progressive Leaders need to hear today from tomorrow's Rabbis	Ayelet has two Mommies – The New Jewish Family	What Do (Jewish) Women Want?	Perspectives on Patrilineality in Progressive Jewish Communities Worldwide	Is the Well Running Dry? Fundraising in Tough Times	The Post-Soviet Jew – Living a Jewish life in the FSU	Jewish Responses to Power and Powerlessness: From Talmudic Ambivalence to Zionist Yearning		
	12:30-	<b>Lunch / regional meetings</b>										
	14:45-16:00	Sessions	Opening Our Minds and Hearts to God	Responding to the Needs of Interfaith Families in Our Congregations	Top Tips for Reform Communities – How to Weather the Current Economic Storm	Reflections on Authenticity and Reform Jewish Spirituality: Adult Jewish learning	Women in Congregation al Life: Using our Power to Effect Change	Where the Action Is – World Union Travel Opportunities and Missions	Our Diaspora in Australia, New Zealand & Hong Kong	The Poets of Jerusalem: From Yehuda Halevi to Yehuda Amichai		

	16:15-17:30	sessions	The Jewish Community in a Time of Uncertainty	Is the Medium the Message?	Love Your Neighbor as Yourself	I Do, or I Don't – Rabbinic Officiation at Same-Sex Marriage	The Art of the D'var Torah	B'Shana Haba'a B'Yerushalym	The renewal of Jewish life in Europe	The Torah – A Women's Commentary		
	17:30-19:00	Free Time Dinner										
	20:30-21:00	<b>Keynote address: Celebrating our Youth - Celebrating our Future / Rabbi Daniel H. Frelander Netzer 30th Anniversary</b>										
Fri 20.3	08:30-10:30	<b>Keynote address: IMPJ Presentation</b>										
	10:30-14:00	congregational visits (including boxed lunch)	Beit Daniel Congregation (Tel Aviv) - Conversion	Yozma congregation (Modi'in) - education	Darkei Noam congregation (Ramat Ha'sharon) - Building congregation	Birkat Shalom congregation (Kibbutz Gezer) - Shorashim	Mevaseret Zion congregation - Social Justice	Bavat Ain congregation (Rosh Ha'Ain) - facing the orthodox world				
	14:00-15:00	Travel to Tel Aviv Tel Aviv Hotel check in										
	17:30 -	Shabbat Evening & Home Hospitality – IMPJ congregations										
Sat 21.3	9:00-11:30	Shabbat Service										
	12:00-13:30	<b>Lunch sessions</b> Free Time										
	15:30-17:30	T.A - Jaffa walking tours	Pictures of Jaffa – Wander the alleys of the Old City	"Our Bread and Butter" – A walking tour of the bakeries of Jaffa	Dreamers, Rebels and Sinners – Stories of women in Jaffa	Under the Tree of Love – Stories of love and courtship in Neve Tzedek	People and spirit in Tel Aviv – Religious, spiritual and creative leaders who pioneered Israeli society	Learning Chevruta (Together) – An interactive sociopolitical study of Jaffa	Jonah and Jaffa – A journey through faith and identities	The Mosaic of Jaffa – Its languages and identities	The Tel Avivian Pantheon – The people behind Bialik, Dizengoff, Ahad Ha'Am and others - Bus tour	Tel Aviv – 'The White City' - bus tour
	18:00-18:30	<b>Introduction to the Havdallah / Rabbi Tony Bayfield</b>										
	18:30-19:00	Havdallah (Netzer led) at Mishkenot Ruth Dinner on your own and free time in Tel Aviv										
Sun	9:00-10:00	<b>Keynote Address</b>										

22.3	10:30-	Coffee break							
	11:00- 12:15	Session 1	IMPJ 2020	"Arzenu Matters": International Progressive Zionism and Global Jewish Issues	Raise the Ruach	A Middle East Political Analysis	Israelis at the Margins of Society	The New Era of Progressive Judaism in Latin America	The Land of Israel: An Echo of Eternity? (BM text study)
	12:45- 14:00	Session 2	Twinning Opportunities within the World Union Family	The Future is Now ...	Sharing Tikkun Olam	To Be or Not To Be... a Jew in Israel: The politics of conversion in the Jewish State	Whose Story? Israeli and American Identity in the works of Amos Oz and Philip Roth	Living a Jewish life in North America	Making Sense of Public Jewish Culture: In Israel and the Diaspora
	14:00	Lunch (boxed)							
	14:00- 16:30	Afternoon tracks – 6 theme outing workshops	Women Empowerment	Tikkun Olam	Communication & Media	Hi Tech	Arts	Ecology	
	16:30-	Break / Free time							
	18:45-	Reception							
	20:00-	<b>Closing event and Gala Dinner. Keynote Address: President Shimon Peres</b>							

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Sub-committee  
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