2024 B’nai B’rith Leadership Forum Program Details

Saturday, May 4, 2024, Lafayette Centre Conference Rooms
8:00 p.m. Welcome and Havdalah
8:15 p.m. President Seth J. Riklin: State of the Organization
8:45 p.m. Dessert Reception

Sunday, May 5, 2024, Lafayette Centre Conference Rooms
8:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. CEO Daniel S. Mariaschin remarks: The Jewish World Since October 7
9:30 a.m. 180th Anniversary video
9:35 a.m. B’nai B’rith Subject Matter Experts (Videos): Our Work
10:00 a.m. 2024 Election Analysis
Josh Kraushaar, Editor-in-Chief of Jewish Insider, analyzes the 2024 U.S. elections and the role of Jewish policy concerns.
11:05 a.m. B’nai B’rith Subject Matter Experts (Videos): Our Work
11:15 a.m. The 85th Anniversary of the St. Louis Tragedy
We will commemorate the 85th anniversary of the St. Louis tragedy, in which the United States and other countries turned away a ship of Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany. The program will feature survivors of the ship and a presentation of legislation, authored by B’nai B’rith and passed by the U.S. Senate, acknowledging America’s failure in this episode.
12:15 p.m. Luncheon and Speaker: Update on Israel’s Defensive War in Gaza
Brigadier General Asaf Vardi, Air Force Attaché & deputy Defense Attaché
2:00 p.m. College Students Confront Anti-Semitism on Campus
Shabbos Kestenbaum, a student at Harvard Divinity School, Jamie Sharabani, a student at the University of Miami and Jessica Brenner of Barnard College/ Columbia University, are outspoken about relentless anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism infecting college campuses. They will share their experiences and offer suggestions on what university leaders must do to keep Jewish students safe.
Sunday, May 5, 2024, Lafayette Centre Conference Rooms – continues

3:10 p.m.  B’nai B’rith Subject Matter Experts (Videos): Our Work

4:30 p.m.  Board Meeting

Monday, May 6, Embassy of Austria *

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Program

The Embassy of Austria hosts the B’nai B’rith Leadership Forum to commemorate Yom HaShoah, which marks the 27th day of Nissan, the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

This Holocaust remembrance event will include Unto Every Person There is a Name, when we will read the names of Holocaust victims. B’nai B’rith is the North American sponsor of Unto, which is a program of Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Education Center based in Jerusalem. By reading the names of victims, we honor the memory of those murdered and help restore to them their humanity.

*Bus transportation provided from Lafayette Centre.

Additionally, luggage cannot be brought to the embassy. Please leave your luggage at your hotel’s baggage storage room.