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LECTURE DAY "THE WAY OF A VULTURE IN THE SKY"

YMCA Auditorium, 26 King David St. Jerusalem

April 3rd 2019

PROGRAM

06:30-07:30	Visit to the Jerusalem Bird Observatory (JBO) ringing station in the Israeli Parliament (Knesset) grounds [optional]
08:30-09:30	Convening, light refreshments and exhibition by German photographer **Lothar Schiffler** "Airlines – Bird Tracks in the Air"
09:30-10:15	Convener: **Prof. Yossi Leshem** Opening movie – Birds as Peace Makers Musical interlude – Nirim School, Ma'ale Adumim Greetings: **Brig. Gen. Tomer Bar**, Head of the Israeli Air Force (IAF) Headquarters **Mr. Ran Ber**, Director, Israeli Ministry of Science, Technology and Space **Representative from** Jordan **Maj. Gen. (Res.) Doron Almog** – **Chairman** of the Hoopoe Foundation, SPNI **Mrs. Iris Hann**, CEO of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI)
10:15-11:00	Keynote speaker – **NASA Astronaut Ricky Arnold** – No Borders, Only Beauty: a bird's eye perspective of our home planet
11:00-11:30	**Mark Coreth** (England) – The Tree of Hope sculpture in the Old City of Jerusalem's Christian Quarter – the swifts, connecting between three religions
11:30-12:00	**Representative** (Jordan) and **Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Baruch Spiegel** (Israel) – From war to peace, and the Nature Defense Forces as a pioneering initiative
12:00-12:30	Coffee break
12:30-13:00	**Amir Balaban** – Gazelle Valley Park in Jerusalem, paradise for mammals, birds and the public
13:00-13:30	**Amnonn Hahn** and **Itai Bloch** – Swifts "fifth generation flying machines"
13:30-14:00	**Col. (Ret.) Ehud Biderman** – Birds and planes, who has greater abilities…
14:00-14:05	Lecture day summary
14:00-15:30	Lunch break
15:30-17:00	Walk from Jaffa Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem to see the Tree of Hope at St John's Eye Hospital in the Christian Quarter (Muristan)
17:00-18:30	Event at the Western Wall to observe and welcome the Swifts returning to Jerusalem from Africa