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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