



## The Program

SUNDAY September 2, 2018

**10:30**      **Registrations**

**11:00**      **PART A. OPENING CEREMONY**

Opening Statement by: **The Mayor of Sparta**

Greeting statements by:

**The Deputy Governor of the Peloponnese Region**

**Government Representatives**

**Laconian Members of Parliament**

**11:30**      **PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZERS**

**11:40**      **THE KING AREUS AWARDS**

**11:55**      **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**Mr. Dan Mariaschin, Executive Vice President and CEO, B'nai B'rith International:**  
**"Global Philanthropy and B'nai B'rith"**

**12:35**      **Coffee Break**

**12:50**      **PART B. COOPERATION FOR AN INNOVATIVE FUTURE**

Amid critical geopolitical shifts and with the purpose of discerning emerging opportunities, the "**Sparta-Israel Conference**" will search for cooperative strategies between Greece and Israel through the classical prism and towards leading edgesolutions concerning all aspects of strategic, technological, entrepreneurial, and cultural endeavors.

**12:50**      **On Behalf of the Minister of Defense, Former Chief of the Greek Air Force, ret. General Theologos Symeonidis: "Greece & Israel as the Pillars of Security & Stability in NE Mediterranean"**

**13:35**      **Angelos Kolokouris, AI Initiative:**  
**"Artificial Intelligence and the Ideas-Based Economy"**

**14:20**      **Lunch Break**

**15:50**      **Professor Sophia Zygas, Vice Provost, The University of Peloponnese:**  
**"The University of Peloponnese as a Catalyst for Development"**

**16:20**      **George Zisimatos, Ministry of Defense, Directorate for the Utilization of Real-Estate Assets: "Development Projects in Cooperation with the Ministry of Defense"**

## MONDAY September 3, 2018

09:30 Registrations

### 10:00 PART C. JEWISH PRESENCE IN & AROUND SPARTA: ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDINGS

Archaeological findings in the area of Sparta reflect the productive presence of Jewish people there.

**Dr. Anna Lambropoulou, Director, Institute for Historical Studies, National Institute for Research: "Jewish Presence in Laconia"**



Floor mosaic of an ancient Synagogue  
(2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> century AD).

*Archeological site at Karavostasi, Oitylo, near Sparta.*

Inscriptive Stone with a Menorah  
«Κυρά Παντώ θυγάτηρ  
Μαρωνίου»

«Kyra Panto daughter of Maronios»  
*Found near Sparta (Early centuries AD)*



### PART D. THE KING AREUS JERUSALEM MISSION: HISTORICAL IMPACTS

An analysis of the historical and cultural aspects of the ancient friendship between the Spartan Kings and the High Priests of Israel. Particular mention will be made of the personality of King Areus, who conceived of the initiative to send a special diplomatic mission to Israel and wrote the historic letter to the High Priests.

**10:30 Dr. E. Lianos-Liantis, Special Secretariat of Cultural Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs: "Quid Ergo Spartaee et Hierosolymis?: The «Brother Nations» and Judaic Hellenism."**

**11:10 Coffee Break**

**11:30 Professor Noah Hacham, Hebrew University: "Judeo-Sparta Connection: History or Myth?"**

### PART E. GREECE-ISRAEL: THE FUTURE OF GREEK-ISRAELI RELATIONS

**12:15 Professor Panagiotis Liargovas, Jean Monnet Professor in European Integration, University of Peloponnese:  
"Post-Crisis Prospects for Economic Development in Greece"**

**13:00 Lunch Break**

**14:30 Panel A: The aspect of geopolitics in the Eastern Mediterranean**

**Speakers:**

**Professor Ioannis Mazis**, Chairman, Department of Turkish and Asian Studies, The National University of Athens

**Dr Spyros Litsas**, Associate Professor of International Relations at the University of Macedonia and Visiting Professor of International Relations at the Sciences Po of the University of Grenoble

**Dr. Theodoros Tsakiris**, Director Energy Program ELIAMEP, Assistant Professor for Energy Policy & Geopolitics, University of Nicosia

**Moderator:**

**Dr George Tzogopoulos**, Senior Fellow, Begin-Sadat Centre for Strategic Studies and Centre International de Formation Européenne

**15:45 Panel B: Working together towards development and growth**

**Speakers:**

**Professor Panagiotis Liargovas**, Jean Monnet Professor in European Integration, University of Peloponnese

**Dr. Angelos Kolokouris**, President, GICI

**Dr. Stergios Katichoritis** (PhD in Sociology), Architect-Civil Engineer

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