

Limmud FSU Global Leadership Summit

Sighet, Romania, 19-21 July 2013

**with the participation of Nobel Laureate Prof. Elie Wiesel
and his friends**

Wednesday 17 July

Noon

Individual flights to Kiev from USA, Israel, Europe

Charter flight from Kiev to Uzhgorod, Ukraine, transfer to Mukachevo

20.00

Opening Dinner, Star Hotel Mukachevo and overnight. Chair: Moshe Shneerson & Dr. Nona Kuchina

Thursday 18 July

09.00

Shaharit morning prayers in the restored synagogue of Mukachevo with Cantor Joseph Malovany and the Re'im Duo

10.30

Visit to the towns of Uzghorod and Mukachevo including the castle of Mukachevo and the Jewish sites - the ghetto, the cemetery, the tomb of r. Shlomo Ganzfried, editor of the "Shorter Shulhan Aruch," JDC Hessed institutions, etc.

13.30

Lunch: Jewish restaurant in Uzghorod. Chair: Sandra Cahn

17:00

Concert in the Municipal Drama Theater, Mukachevo, in honor of Aaron Frankel, hosted by Alex Rovt, with the Transcarpathian Philharmonic Orchestra, Cantor Joseph Malovany (USA), the Re'im Duo (Israel), soloist Iryna Rosenfeld (Ukraine). Musical Director: Dr Mordechai Sobol (Israel). Greetings: Aaron Frankel / Matthew Bronfman, Mukachevo Mayor

19.30

Dinner: Star Hotel. Chair of the dinner: Alex Rovt

20.30

Transfer to Sighet

Friday 19 July

Morning

Arrival of **Prof. Elie Wiesel**. Private time with family and friends

- 15.00 – 16.00 Dedication of the **“Holocaust Cellar”** in Jewish Ghetto, Sighet.
Participants: Prof. Elie Wiesel, Dr Julius Berman, Chaim Chesler, Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, Dr Auriel Vainer, Head of the Romanian Jewish community, Mayor of Sighet. Chair: Greg Schneider
- 16.15 – 17.30 **Panel discussion 1: “From the Jews of Silence to the Jews of Hope”**
(in Sighet synagogue)
Participants: Prof. Elie Wiesel, Prof. Aaron Ciechanover, Speaker of the Knesset Yuli Edelstein, Prof. Shlomo Avineri. Ira Dashevsky Limmud fsu israel
Moderator: Yigal Ravid or Yaakov Achimeir
- 17.45 – 19.00 **Panel discussion 2: “The Meaning of Judaism Today”** (in Sighet synagogue)
Participants: Dr Julius Berman, Prof. Irwin Cotler, Prof. Alan Dershowitz, Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, Rabbi Michael Melchior. Moderator: Dr Aviad Hacohen
- 19.15 – 20.00 **Special Session of Elie Wiesel: “This is my Life: from a Cheder in Sighet to Academia in Boston”** (in Sighet synagogue)
Introduction by Matthew Bronfman / Aaron Frankel
- 20.15 **Kabbalat Shabbat** service led by Cantor Joseph Malovany, the Re'im Duo, the Bucharest Choral Synagogue Choir led by Cantor Baruch Adler.
21.00 Musical Director: Dr Mordechai Sobol.
- 21.00 **Shabbat Dinner** in Urka Hotel (Allina Bitel- Chair Limmud FSU USA and Auriel Vainer)

Saturday 20 July

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- 09.30 – 12.30 **Shaharit** – Morning prayers in Sighet Synagogue followed by **Kiddush** (optional)
Dvar Tora: Prof. Rabbi David Halivni
- 13.00 **Tour in the footsteps of Elie Wiesel** (beginning in the Wiesel Museum):
“A Sighet Childhood” led by Dr Yoel Rappel
- 14.00 Shabbat luncheon (chair – Jerry Levin, UJA) and rest
- 19.00 **Mincha** – Afternoon prayers (optional)
- 19.30 **Seuda Shlishit** and dinner. Chair: Herman Kahan
Songs: the *niggunim* of Wishnitz
Sermon: Rabbi Elie Wiesel
Sing-along with the Re'im Duo and Cantor Malovany

- 21.30 **Havdalah** in Sighet Music House with the Re'im Duo, Bucharest Choral synagogue Choir, and Bucharest Jewish Children Choir
- 22.00 **Gala Concert** in Sighet Music House led by Cantor Malovany, the Re'im Duo, Iryna Rosenfeld in the Sighet Music House. Greetings: Mayor of Sighet, official Romanian representative, Alexander Pyatigorsky (Founding Chair- Limmud FSU Volunteers) Dr Auriel Vainer, KKL Chairman Efi Stentzler, Matthew Bronfman / Aaron Frankel
 Message from President Barak Obama
 Message from President Shimon Peres
 Multimedia Presentations
 MC: Yigal Ravid

Sunday 21 July

- 08.00 – 09.00 **Limmud FSU International Steering Committee Meeting** with Prof. Elie Wiesel. Chair: Matthew Bronfman, President: Aaron Frankel
- 09.30 – 11.00 Panel discussion 3: **“The Jews of Romania and the Land of Israel: from founding of Rosh Pina to commanding the IDF”** (in Sighet synagogue)
 Participants: Nava Semel, Prof. Raphael Vago, Dr Auriel Vainer, Ambassador of Israel to Romania Dan Ben-Eliezer, Greg Schneider.
 Moderator: Micha Harish
- 11.15 -12.30 Panel discussion 4: **“Zionism and Anti-Semitism”** (in Sighet synagogue)
 Participants: Dr. Joseph Ciechanover, Efi Stentzler, Prof Dina Porat, Prof. Deborah Lipstadt, Prof. Michael Chlenov. Moderator: Yigal Ravid
- 12.45 – 13.45 **Lunch and reception by the Mayor of Sighet**
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Closing :Canatorial Concert**

with Satu Mare with the full Philharmonic Orchestra with the participation of the Cantors Malovany and Adler, the Re'im Duo, the Bucharest Choral Synagogue Choir and the Children's Choir of Bucharest.

Musical Director: Dr Mordechai Sobol.

Claoing Remarks: Osik Axelrod (Founding Chair- Limmud FSU Volunteers) Rabbi Julius Berman, Moshe Shneerson & Dr. Nona Kuchina,
 Local official -Chairs: Diane Wohl