

DRAFT PROGRAM YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW JEWS OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

An International Policy Research Conference

Hotel Astoria
St. Petersburg, Russia
June 30 - July 3, 1996

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June, 30

- 18.30 Reception (Angleterre Restaurant)
- 20.30 Opening plenary session
Perspectives and realities of Jewish life in the former soviet union

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Themes

Keynote address: An overview of strengths and weaknesses of Jewish life throughout the FSU and discussion of magnitude of problems to be tackled

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- 8.30 Plenary session
The status of Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union

Themes

Can one speak of Jewish "communities" or "populations"? How does one engage in the reconstruction of Jewish life, Jewish culture and identity following decades of Communism? What is the state of Jewish organization in these countries, and what practical measures can be taken to reach out to the Jewish majority?

- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 Plenary session
Taking their place in the Diaspora: Jews in the former Soviet Union

Themes

How do FSU Jews "help themselves"? What can and what should Western Jewry and the State of Israel do?

- 13.00 Lunch — Angleterre Restaurant
- 14.30-16.00 First workshop session
- 16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.30-18.00 Second workshop session

WORKSHOPS:

1. Community Building: practical resources, community relations, support from foreign organizations, developing local leadership
2. Enhancing Jewish Identity: Demographic and Communal reaview of FSU Jewry,