

Preliminary Scientific Program
JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE 2017
INFERTILITY - FATE OR CHALLENGE ?

Stein am Rhein, Switzerland

Thursday, 25th May, 2017

19:00	Opening Ceremony	
	Musical Introduction	Michael Heitzler's Klezmer Band
19:05 – 19:10	Opening	Raffael Guggenheim, JMEC, Zurich
19:10 – 19:15	Welcome Address	His Excellency Jacob Keidar, Israeli Ambassador to Switzerland
19:15 – 19:20	Welcome Address	Ariel Wyler, Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities
19:20 – 19:40	Fertility Medicine in Actual Politics - Insights from the Swiss Parliament and the Council of Europe	Doris Fiala, Member of the Swiss Parliament and Council of Europe (PACE)
Intermezzo	Jewish Klezmer Music	Michael Heitzler's Klezmer Band
19:45 – 20:45	Infertility – Fate or Challenge?	Gideon Weitzman, Machon Puah, Israel David Pelcovits, New York
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20:50	Apéro Riche	
22:00 – 22:45	Late Night Lecture: Hessed – the Divine Tool for Creation and Birth	Laibl Wolf, Melbourne / Australia

Friday Morning, 26th May, 2017

09:00 – 12:35	Fertility Preservation	Chairmen: Beni Gesundheit / Zeev Feldman
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome Address	SSRM Chairman, Felix Häberlin, St. Gallen
09:05 – 09:15	What is Fertility Preservation?	Felix Häberlin, ST. Gallen
09:15 – 09:40	Pausing the Biological Clock: Medical Aspects	Michael von Wolff, Berne
09:40 – 10:00	Frozen Dreams – Egg Freezing and Baby Planning	TBD
10:00 – 10:30	Psychological, Social and Religious Aspects	David Pelcovits, New York
10:30 – 10:50	Panel Discussion	
10:50 – 11:20	Coffee Break	
11:20 – 11:30	Introductory Address	TBD
11:30 – 11:50	Sperm- / Egg-Donation: Medical Procedures	Michael Häberle, Zurich
11:50 – 12:20	Sperm- / Egg-Donation: Halachic Dilemmas and possible Resolutions	Mordechai Halperin, Jerusalem
12:20 – 12:35	Discussion	
12:35 – 14:00	Lunch Break	

Friday Afternoon, 26th May 2017

14:00 – 17:30	Preimplantal Genetic Diagnosis and Screening (PGD/PGS)	Chairmen: David Scheiner / Michael von Wolf
14:00 – 14:15	Introductory Address	Michael von Wolff, Berne
14:15 – 14:45	PGD – Medical Indications and Techniques	Bruno Imthurn, Zurich
14:45 – 15:00	PGD/PGS – Can we choose what we want? Setting Judicial Boundaries	Julian Mausbach, Zurich
15:00 – 15:30	PGD and PGS in the view of Halacha and Jewish Medical Ethics	Avraham Steinberg, Jerusalem
15:30 – 15:50	Discussion	
15:50 – 16:15	Coffee Break	
		Chairmen: Netta Feldman / Ari Zimran
16:15 – 16:30	Preimplantal Screening for Jews: Why and What?	Gideon Weitzman, Machon Puhah, IL
16:30 – 16:50	Gaucher; Disease and Therapy	Ari Zimran, Jerusalem
16:50 – 17:30	Panel Discussion: The Value of Premarital Genetic Screening (Dor Yeshorim) in the era of PID	David Pelcovits, New York, Netta Feldman, Tel Aviv Gideon Weitzman, Machon Puhah, IL Ari Zimran, Jerusalem

Sunday Morning, 28th May 2017

09:00 – 12:45	Assisted Reproduction Techniques (ART)	Chairmen: Daniel Passweg / Yonat Floersheim
09:00 – 09:20	Short Communications	TBD
09:20 – 09:30	Personal Notes	Yonat Floersheim, Zurich
09:30 – 10:15	ART – The Medical Insights ART - Considerations for the Jewish Patients	Michael Häberle, Zurich Michael Häberle, Zurich
10:15 – 10:45	ART in Halacha	Avraham Steinberg, Jerusalem
10:45 – 11:15	Panel Discussion	
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee Break	
11:45 – 12:15	Having Children: Right, Command or Privilege?	David Pelcovits, New York
12:15 – 12:45	Panel Discussion: ART in different Societies: Individual Wishes and Societal Demands	Gideon Weitzman, Machon Puhah, IL David Pelcovits, New York, Mordechai Halperin, Jerusalem
12:45 – 13:15	Discussion	
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch Break	

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14:30 – 17:00	Infertility – Challenges and Solutions	Chairman: Michael Fried
14:30 – 15:00	From Uterus Transplant to Stem Cell Therapy: An Inside in fast approaching Future Therapies	Mordechai Halperin, Jerusalem
15:00 – 15:30	Infertility: The adoption as an option	TBD
15:30 – 16:00	Halachic Infertility – Problem and Solutions	Gideon Weitzman, Machon Puhah, IL
16:00 – 16:20	Discussion	
16:20 – 16:50	Closing Lecture: Living in a World of Ordeals	Akiva Tatz, London
16:50 – 17:00	Conclusion Remarks	Refoel Patcas, Zurich

16 Credit Points will be attested to each Participant by SGGG (Swiss Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology)