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**THE FREEDOM  
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PRESS FREEDOM  
IN THE DIGITAL ERA

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**Monday, May 8, 2017**

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Time	Event
17:00 - 17:30	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Registration &amp; Reception</b></p> <hr/>
17:30 - 19:00	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Session: Keynote Speakers &amp; Greetings</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Mr. Dan Meridor</b> Former Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of JPC.</p> <p><b>Mr. Uri Dromi</b> Director General of JPC.</p> <p><b>MK Ksenia Svetlova</b> Israeli politician, journalist, associate professor at the Hebrew University, Chairman of the caucus for freedom of speech and expression.</p> <p><b>Mr. Dan Perry</b> Middle East editor, Associated Press.</p> <p><b>Mr. Carl Bernstein</b> Washington Post reporter, who, together with Bob Woodward, broke the Watergate story, will reflect on government-press relations from Nixon to Trump.</p> <hr/>





19:00 - 19:10	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p> <hr/>
19:10 - 20:45	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Governments and the Press: Friends or Foes</b></p> <hr/> <p>US President Donald Trump called the press “phony” and denied access to White House briefings; Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan throws journalists to jail; in Vladimir Putin’s Russia they are assassinated; and in Israel, the Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is obsessed with taming the press. This panel will surely make headlines.</p> <p><u>Among the Speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Ms. Lynn Walsh</b> NBC 7 Investigates in San Diego, National President of the Society of Professional Journalists.</p> <p><b>Ms. Galina Sidorova</b> Author and columnist with RFE/RL – Radio Svoboda (Moscow). Co-founder of the Community of Investigative Journalists – Fond, Executive Board of the Vienna based International Press Institute (IPI).</p> <p><b>Dr. Zoltán Kovács</b> Spokesperson of the Hungarian Government.</p> <hr/>
21:00 - 23:00	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Dinner *</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>* Opening Dinner tickets are available <a href="#">here</a></i></p>





Tuesday, May 9, 2017

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Time	Event
09:00 - 09:30	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Registration &amp; Gathering</b></p> <hr/>
09:30 - 09:55	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Freedom of Press Fighters</b></p> <hr/> <p>Secretary General of the International Association of Press Clubs (IAPC), will talk about the annual Freedom of Speech Award.</p> <p><u>Among the Speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Mr. Jarosław Włodarczyk</b> President of Press Club Polska (Warsaw), and the Secretary General of the International Association of Press Clubs (IAPC).</p> <hr/>
09:55 - 11:15	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>War Coverage in the Digital Era</b></p> <hr/> <p>Since William Howard Russell covered the charge of the Light Brigade in the Crimean War, war correspondents risked their lives to bring the realities of the battlefield to readers, viewers, and listeners. Many of them have paid with their lives in the line of duty, and wars only become more lethal. New technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, open new options for war coverage. Will it be the same?</p>





	<p><u>Among the Speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Prof. Gadi Wolfsfeld</b> Info Core EU research, Professor Wolfsfeld currently working on a research project concerning the role of the social media in collective action.</p> <p><b>Dr. Noam Lemelshtrich Latar</b> Dean, Sammy Ofer School of Communications at IDC Herzliya.</p> <p><b>Mr. Ediz Tiyavaşan</b> Foreign correspondent with TRT World.</p> <p><b>Mr. Robert Mahoney</b> Deputy executive director of the Committee to Protect Journalists.</p> <p><b>Mr. Walid Al Omari</b> Al Jazeera's Palestine bureau Chief.</p> <hr/>
11:30 - 11:50	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p> <hr/>
11:50 - 13:10	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Journalism Ethics Under Pressure</b></p> <hr/> <p>Traditional media, particularly newspapers, suffer from the impact of structural and market changes, which have reduced the profitability of media enterprises. In response, severe cuts have been imposed in editorial departments, weakening the quality of journalism and sacrificed reporting standards in pursuit of commercial objectives, overriding ethical values with journalism that is populist, sensational, and biased. The rise of social media legitimizes the use of amateurs in a weakened traditional media industry. The panel will discuss ways to maintain ethical norms in such a challenging situation.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p><b>Dr. Tehilla Shwartz Altshuler</b> Research Fellow at The Israel Democracy Institute (IDI).</p>





	<p><u>Among the Speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Mr. Juan Andrés Muñoz</b> Digital and Social Media Director for CNN en Español.</p> <p><b>Mr. Oren Persico</b> Journalist and media critic at The Seventh Eye, an independent Israeli website devoted to Journalism.</p> <p><b>Mr. Yair Tarchitsky</b> Chairman of the The Union of Journalists in Israel.</p> <p><b>Mr. Alan D. Abbey</b> Director of Internet and Media at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.</p> <hr/>
13:10 - 14:00	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch Break</b></p> <hr/>
14:00 - 14:30	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reporters Without Borders Presenting Freedom of Press Index</b></p> <hr/> <p>A global benchmark, the Word Press Freedom Index ranks 180 countries according to the freedom allowed journalists. It incorporates indicators on the level of media freedom violations in each region. Last year's Index showed that Europe still had the freest media, followed distantly by Africa, which, for the first time, overtook the Americas, a region where violence against journalists was on the rise. Asia and Eastern Europe/Central Asia followed, while North Africa/Middle East was still the region where journalists were most subjected to constraints of every kind. What will the new Index reveal?</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p><b>Mr. Prem Samy</b> Head of the World Press Freedom Index, Reporters Without Borders.</p> <hr/>





14:40 - 14:50	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p> <hr/>
14:50 - 15:30	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Innovation &amp; Freedom of the Press</b></p> <hr/> <p>More people than ever are getting their news via their smartphones, and some from their smartwatches. The Cards system, which integrates designers, editors and technical people, provides visual presentations to make social media more appealing and effective. But guidance has shifted from the editorial board rooms to corporate headquarters and governments have new ways often becoming Big Brother. How can we maintain press freedom in such a turbulent era?</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p><b>Ms. Sarah Tuttle-Singer</b> Times of Israel's New Media editor.</p> <p><u>Among the Speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Mr. David Horovitz</b> Founding editor of The Times of Israel.</p> <p><b>Ms. Diedra Depke</b> Elected President of the Overseas Press Club of America.</p> <hr/>
15:30 - 16:00	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p> <hr/>







16:00 - 17:00	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Israeli News Maker – TBD</b></p> <hr/>
17:00 - 17:15	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p> <hr/>
17:15 - 18:15	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Press Freedom in Israel – TBD</b></p> <hr/>
18:15 - 18:30	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p> <hr/>







<p>18:30 - 19:30</p>	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Press Freedom under Trump and Netanyahu</b></p> <hr/> <p>Dalia Dorner, Israel Supreme Court Judge Emeritus and President of the Israeli Press Council, will give introductory remarks to a panel where two leading experts will discuss the new challenges to press freedom in the United States and Israel: Professor Frederick Lawrence, former President of Brandeis University and an expert on freedom of speech, and Professor Mordechai Kremnitzer, Professor emeritus at the Faculty of law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Vice president of The Israel Democracy Institute. You don't want to miss this session.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p><b>Ex – Supreme Court Justice Dalia Dorner</b> Head of the Israel Press Council.</p> <p><b>Prof. Frederick M. Lawrence</b> Former President of Brandeis University. Visiting Professor of Law and Senior Research Scholar in Law at Yale Law School. Lawrence is a leading expert on civil rights, free expression, and bias crimes.</p> <p><b>Prof. Mordechai Kremnitzer</b> Professor emeritus of the Faculty of law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, former dean of the Faculty of Law, and director of the Israeli Press Council. The Vice president of The Israel Democracy Institute.</p> <hr/>
<p>21:00</p>	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Farewell Culinary Tour*</b> <b>Mahane Yehuda Market</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">* <i>Culinary Tour tickets are available <a href="#">here</a></i></p>



