



Faith Leadership During Covid-19 in Jerusalem:

**Responsibilities of Faith
Leaders in Supporting National
Efforts Fighting Pandemics,
and the Tools at Their Disposal**



11.11.2021
Thursday, 13:30 - 16:30 (Jerusalem Time)

Live broadcast on social networks

13:30 – 13:45

Greetings

Mr. Moshe Leon, Mayor of Jerusalem

Prof. Ofer Merin, Director-General of Shaare Zedek Medical Center

Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Halperin, Director of Falk Schlesinger Institute for Medical-Halachic Research

13:45 – 14:00

Introducing Jerusalem Impact Vaccination Initiative

Dr. Inon Schenker, Steering Committee Chair

14:00 – 14:20

Religions in Pandemics: Historical and Theological Perspectives

Rabbi Prof. Avraham Steinberg, Head of the Helsinki Committee at Shaare Zedek Medical Center and Author of the Encyclopedia of Jewish Medical Ethics

Fr. Davide Meli, Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem

14:20 – 14:50

COVID-19 in Israel: An Open Account

Part 1: A Taste of Complexity in 10 Minutes

Dr. Ramzi Kurd, Director of COVID-19 Unit and Senior Attending Physician, Department of Geriatric Medicine, Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem

Part 2: Implementing Preventive Measures Among Subpopulations to Control a Pandemic

Prof. Siegal Sadetzki, Former Director of Public Health Services, Ministry of Health

14:50 – 15:20

Panel Discussion:

Difficulties in Getting People of Faith Vaccinated

Moderator:

Ms. Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, Health and Science Editor, Israel365 website

Participants:

Rabbanit Devorah Evron, Spiritual Leader of Bar Ilan University

Archbishop of Constantina Aristarchos, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem

Qadi Muhammad Abu Obied, Member of the High Sharia Court of Appeal in Jerusalem

Dr. David Rutstein, Secretary-General of the Bahá'í International Community

15:20 - 15:30

Interfaith and Intrafaith on the Front Line with WHO against COVID-19

Rabbi Michael Melchior, President of Mosaica, Meitarim and Citizens Accord Forum

15:30 - 16:10

Faith Initiatives to Encourage Vaccination and Addressing Hesitancy

Rabbi Oded Mazor, Kehilat Kol HaNeshama, Jerusalem and MARAM, the Council of Reform Rabbis in Israel

Ms. Barbara T. Baylor, Chair of the American Public Health Association Caucus on Public Health & the Faith Community

Rabbi Mikie Goldstein, President of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel and Rabbi of Adat Shalom-Emanuel Masorti Synagogue, Rehovot

16:10 - 16:20

Spontaneous Advice on Faith & COVID-19 Vaccination

Suggestions for Speedy Interventions from the Audience

16:20 - 16:30

Call to Action

Rabbi David Rosen, American Jewish Committee's International Director of Interreligious Affairs