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saul bellow

nobel laureate, pulitzer prize winner
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“The light of Jerusalem has
cleansing qualities - she filters
one’s blood and thoughts”



Mishkenot Sha'ananim Konrad Adenauer Conference Center

Mishkenot Sha'ananim is one of Jerusalem's most active and high caliber cultural institutions. Home to The Mishkenot Cultural Center, The Jerusalem Center for Ethics, The Dwek Gallery and The Guesthouse for artists and scholars, there is never a quiet moment in this unique and beautiful campus overlooking the Old City's walls.

Built over 150 years ago by Sir Moses Montefiore, Mishkenot Sha'ananim became the first Jewish residential area outside the Old City walls. Its name, Mishkenot Sha'ananim, or peaceful dwellings, emanates from the words of prophet Isaiah: "And my people shall abide in a peaceable habitation, and in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." Within a few years, more neighborhoods sprang up around the Old City, changing forever the face of the Holy City.

Following the reunification of Jerusalem, Mayor Teddy Kollek and the Jerusalem Foundation began the painstaking process of restoring and renovating this historic landmark. The first renovation was the guesthouse that stands today as a unique retreat for some of the world's most illustrious artists, authors and intellectuals.

Subsequent renovations followed, transforming the campus into the alluring place it is today – a conference center known for its multi-disciplinary events, a center of academic inquiry and cultural value, with hundreds of events annually, a critical piece of Jerusalem's landscape that reframes the city as a vibrant, dynamic, cultural center of local, national and international appeal.

The Mishkenot Cultural Center

Specializing in cross-cultural programming, each year thousands of people from Israel and around the world attend events at The Mishkenot Sha'ananim Cultural Center.

1

Feed on Jerusalem's unique, timeless ability to influence and inspire creative minds

The Jerusalem Cultural Fellowship >

Steeped in history and beauty, Mishkenot Sha'ananim is an ideal setting for scholars, writers and artists to channel inspiration from their surroundings. The program connects cultural fellows to a Jerusalem institution, enabling them to conduct master classes, present their work to the public and act as key figures and ambassadors for cultural events throughout the city.

2

Expose Israel's rich literary tradition

The International Writers Festival > Israel is one of the leading countries in the world in the publication of both local and translated literature. The International Writers Festival is a centerpiece of the Center's literary calendar, placing local and international writers, translators and researchers on center stage, attracting diverse audiences.

culture

jonathan safran foer

participant in the international
writers festival

“It’s not in spite but because of
Jerusalem. It’s a kind of place
that inspires creation.”



a.b. yehoshua

world renowned writer, international
writers festival participant

“Mishkenot Sha’nanim is one of my favorite places in Israel, perhaps my most favorite. My father was born here more than 110 years ago.”



3

Celebrate Jerusalem's inimitable mosaic of people and cultures

The Annual Mediterranean Cultures Convention > One of the Cultural

Center's goals is to expose Jerusalem's different cultural influences. The Annual Mediterranean Cultures Convention presents the tastes, sounds, smells, literature and philosophy emanating from this region, facilitating mutual cultural understanding while stripping away cultural barriers.

5

Contribute to the Israeli social, political and cultural scene

INFO > The Israel Newsmakers

Forum is a professional, nonpartisan organization, initiating meetings between Israeli newsmakers and foreign journalists, providing insight into the decisions and dilemmas facing Israel. It represents a wide range of views and opinions highlighting the many facets of Israeli politics, society and culture.

4

Offer top quality cultural experiences to a wide range of audiences

Annual Summer Concert Series > Special events form a vital element of Mishkenot's calendar. The Summer Concert Series celebrates the richness and variety of Israeli music ranging from classic old-timers to up-and-coming local bands, with a stunning backdrop of Jerusalem's Old City walls.

Ensure a continually evolving repertoire

"What's on Your Mind" > The Philosophy Festival - Launched in 2011, this novel festival united great thinkers, visionaries and creators from multiple disciplines who have made a substantial impact on our worldview. Philosophers, academics, musicians, writers, journalists, theorists, leading clergy, theologians, biologists, economists and others, all leaders in their fields, from Israel and abroad, offered residents a diverse range of seminars, workshops, performances and more.

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The Jerusalem Center for Ethics

Arising from the need to understand, create and apply ethical standards, the Jerusalem Center for Ethics acts as a forum for honest discourse on ethical topics and their consequences for national and international cooperation.

Boasting an impressive Board of Directors, headed by retired Justice of the Israeli Supreme Court Prof. Yitzhak Zamir and other distinguished professors and professionals from a variety of fields, the Center helps both the public and private sector compose ethical codes of conduct, holds events for high level government officials and organizations to increase ethical awareness, runs seminars and workshops for the public that promote ethical responsibility in a wide variety of fields, and raises awareness through its publications, articles and website.

Many organizations integral to Israeli society, such as the Israel Broadcast Association, the Israel Defense Forces, the Israel Police Force, Municipal government, the prison service, the State Attorney General, the Union of Engineers, and the Beitar Jerusalem Sports Club have worked with the Ethics Center, creating ethical codes that now shape the governance of their respective organizations.

arthur rubinstein

internationally acclaimed pianist
and guest of mishkenot

“Of course there is
no formula for success
except perhaps
an unconditional
acceptance of life
and what it brings.”





umberto eco

philosopher, writer
and mishkenot guest

“A dream is a scripture,
and many scriptures are
nothing but dreams.”



The Dwek Gallery

The Dwek Gallery, a non-profit art venue, completes the Mishkenot Sha'ananim campus, exhibiting contemporary Israeli art. Exhibitions are created in tandem with the various events held at Mishkenot, uniting an event with art, and creating a springboard for further discussion.

The Guesthouse at Mishkenot Sha'ananim

Hosting artists, writers and scholars from around the world, The Guesthouse is a private and unique place to stay in Jerusalem. Guests become part of the Mishkenot family while contributing to program development.

The Konrad Adenauer Conference Center

The Konrad Adenauer Conference Center provides specialized facilities for international conferences, festivals, seminars, workshops and more.

- > The Erich Brost Memorial Ethics Library
- > The Gilbert de Botton Auditorium
- > The Montefiore Restaurant
- > The "Little House" Meeting Room
- > The Manheim Library
- > The Fostel Seminar Room
- > The Djanogly Hall
- > Seminar Rooms
- > Patios
- > Lobby

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