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**Call for Proposals
International Conference**

**Identity and Resilience: Issues in Jewish Identity and Jewish
Education in Contemporary Europe**

July 5-6, 2027 | University of Bucharest, Romania

30 Sivan - 1 Tammuz, 5787

Organized by

The Dahan Center, Bar-Ilan University, in partnership with the University of
Bucharest, Center for Hebrew Studies

The Dahan Center at Bar-Ilan University, in collaboration with the University of Bucharest, Center for Hebrew Studies, invites researchers, educators, and community leaders to submit proposals for an international conference addressing the challenges of identity, education, and resilience facing Jewish communities in Europe today.

In recent decades, Jewish communities across Europe have faced complex challenges related to the strengthening and continuity of Jewish identity, as well as the growing recurrence of antisemitism. Across various regions of Europe, antisemitic incidents have intensified, manifesting in attacks on communal, cultural, and educational institutions. This reality calls for a renewed examination of the roles of education, community, and culture in shaping contemporary Jewish identity.

Against this backdrop, the importance of community resilience mechanisms, educational initiatives, and the development of social and cultural strategies has become increasingly evident, strategies aimed both at nurturing vibrant Jewish life and at addressing the challenge of antisemitism across different arenas. These issues raise fundamental questions about the relationship between identity, education, community, and society within the contemporary European context.

The conference aims to serve as an interdisciplinary academic platform for discussing these issues, with an emphasis on research, educational and communal practice, and the exchange of knowledge among scholars, educators, and community leaders.

Topics of interest include:

- Challenges specific to Jewish communities in Europe
- The role of community in shaping identity
- The relationship between education, culture, and Jewish identity
- Young people: identity, education, and coping
- Teaching Jewish studies in European academia
- Jewish community schools in Europe
- Jewish education and culture in Romania
- Strengthening Jewish identity and countering antisemitism
- The rise of antisemitism: causes and responses
- Additional topics related to contemporary Jewish identity

Audience:

The conference is open to researchers across all disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, education, Jewish studies, cultural studies, and related fields, as well as to educators and community leaders.

Submission guidelines:

The Academic Committee welcomes proposals on topics beyond those listed above.

Researchers are invited to submit a paper proposal including:

- Abstract of up to 300 words
- Brief academic bio
- Contact details

Submission deadline: October 5, 2026

Submission languages: Hebrew or English

Conference languages: English, Romanian, Hebrew

Submit to: dahan.center@biu.ac.il

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