

Speakers Bio

Combating Antisemitism and Advancing Human Rights Through Legal Activism in Latin America

Professor Gil Troy

A Distinguished Scholar in North American History at McGill University currently living in Jerusalem, Gil Troy is an award-winning American presidential historian and a leading Zionist activist. In the Foreword to Troy's latest book, *The Zionist Ideas: Visions for the Jewish Homeland – Then, Now, Tomorrow*, Natan Sharansky writes: "This magnificent work is the perfect follow-up to Arthur Hertzberg's classic *The Zionist Idea*. Combining, like Hertzberg, a scholar's eye and an activist's ear, Gil Troy demonstrates that we now live in a world of Zionist Ideas, with many different ways to help Israel flourish as a democratic Jewish state."

Recently designated an *Algemeiner* J-100, one of the top 100 people "positively influencing Jewish life," Troy wrote *The Age of Clinton: America in the 1990s*, and ten other books on the American presidency. One leading historian called *Age of Clinton* "the best book on the man and his times." Troy edited and updated another classic, the multi-volume *History of American Presidential Campaigns*, originally edited by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. and Fred Israel. He is now writing new essays on the 2012 and 2016 elections.

Troy's book *Moynihán's Moment: America's Fight against Zionism as Racism*, describes the fall of the UN, the rise of Reagan and the spread of Anti-Zionism. Jewish Ideas Daily designated it one of 2012's "best books."

He appeared as a featured commentator on CNN's popular multipart documentaries, *The Eighties*, *The Nineties*, and *The 2000s*. He has been interviewed on most major North American TV and Radio networks.

Troy has published essays in the American, Canadian, and Israeli media, including writing essays for the *New York Times*' "Campaign Stops" in 2012 and 2016. He wrote a weekly column for the *Daily Beast*, "Secret Lives," putting current events in historical perspective, and writes a weekly column for the *Jerusalem Post*.

Sacha Roytman-

Dratwa serves as the Executive Director of CAM. Prior to joining CAM, Sacha led the Digital Advocacy Unit at the World Jewish Congress. At WJC Sacha led the #WeRemember Campaign for International Holocaust Remembrance, the world's largest digital educational campaign. He previously worked for Rimon Cohen Sheinkman, a leading PR firm in Israel, as the director of digital media communication and prior to that commanded the Israel Defense Forces' New Media Operations team. Sacha holds a bachelor's degree in Interactive Communications from the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya.

ANGEL MAS:

President of ACOM (Action and Communication in the Middle East), the leading pro-Israel lobby in Spain. ACOM is a non-denominational and independent organization that aims to reinforce the political relationship between Spain and Israel by working with governments, political parties, the media and civil society.

Mas is President of Genworth's European Mortgage Insurance operations. He is focused on growing the operations, exploring untapped opportunities and supporting in-country teams as they build their local businesses. Born in Spain in 1968 he holds a BA (hons) degree in Business Administration from ICADE in Madrid and from Middlesex University in London. He is based in London, UK.

Andrea Vainer

A Brazilian criminal defense attorney. She holds a law degree from Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Sao Paulo, Brazil. She was an exchange student at Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Illinois, in 2010. She also has a post-graduate in Corporate Criminal Law from the Institute of Corporate and European Criminal Law – Coimbra University (IDPEE), Portugal, in partnership with

the Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences (IBCCRIM), 2012. Ms. Vainer holds a Masters Degree (LL.M) from the University of Chicago, 2018. She was approved in the New York State Bar Exam and admitted to practice as an attorney in the State of New York. She is member of the Commissions for Legal of the Jewish Confederation of Brazil (CONIB)

Braylan Marisa.

Lawyer. University of Buenos Aires, specialized in Public International Law (1995). Pedagogical Training of the Teaching Career in that Faculty. Director of the Center for Social Studies (CES) of DAIA (Delegation of Argentine Israelite Associations) since 2006. Director of the research group on “Comparative International Legislation. Denial of the Holocaust in Argentina”, program of Institutional Accreditation of Research Projects in Law (DeCyT) carried out jointly by DAIA and UBA. Diploma in migration and refugee protection- Faculty of Law-UBA. Diploma in Discrimination and Right to Equality - Faculty of Law-UBA. Invited professor of Special Didactics of Law, professor in Legal Sciences of the Faculty of Law of the UBA

Dr. Ariel Gelblung.

Attorney-at-Law graduated from the Law School of Buenos Aires University, Argentina

Since 2015, heads the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Latin America (SWCLA), based in Buenos Aires. He was one of the founder members of SWCLA and Secretary of the Board since mid-nineties to his ongoing position.

Currently, he undertakes as Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO) and Representative to the Argentine Chapter of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). Also, he is Member of the International Legal Forum for Combating Antisemitism and the Legal Network Initiative.

Took part in some important milestones of the institution such as the extradition of War Criminal Ustacha Dinko Šakić and the deactivation and trial of the Nazi videos producer Walhalla. In this position promoted the sponsorship of the Organization of American States (OAS), the unanimous support of the Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO),

and the Declaration of Interest for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights by Buenos Aires City Council of the 11-Point Center's Program against Racism, Discrimination and Xenophobia in Sport. In June 2019 launched at the Argentine National Library, the Simon Wiesenthal Foundation on Holocaust and Antisemitism with more than 1000 volumes on those subjects. Testified at the most diverse forums, standing out the House of Lords in the British Parliament and the City of Ideas in Puebla, Mexico. Published numerous articles in journalistic and specialized media.