



VISIT OF H.E. Mr. OFIR AKUNIS
MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE

20-23 February 2017, Geneva (CH)

SCHEDULE OF VISIT

Monday 20 February (Geneva)

- 07:30 LY347 from Ben-Gurion Airport
- 11:05 Arrival in Zurich
VIP welcome during transit in Zurich Airport
- 13:05 LX2806 from Zurich to Geneva
- 13:55 **Arrival at Geneva airport, flight Swiss LX2806, proceeding to Hotel**
Welcomed at Geneva Airport VIP lounge by Ambassador Aviva Raz Shechter
Destination: Hotel Royal, Rue de Lausanne 41, 1201 Genève
- 18:30 **Leave the hotel, proceed to Conference**
Accompanied by Nathan Chicheportiche (Mission)
Venue: Théâtre de l'Esperance 8, rue de la Chapelle, 1207 Genève
- 19:00 **Conference « Brain & Music »**, Swiss Friends of Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Greetings by Minister Akunis (2 minutes)
Venue: Théâtre de l'Esperance 8, rue de la Chapelle, 1207 Genève
- 20:30 **Dinner at Swiss Friends of Hebrew University of Jerusalem President's**
Greetings by Minister (2 minutes)
Forty guests from the local Jewish Community, and donors
Ambassador Aviva Raz Shechter and Ambassador Jacob Keidar
Venue: c/o Gultin & Eric Ephrati, 5 rue Agasse, 1207 Genève
- 22:00 **Proceed to Hotel Royal, Rue de Lausanne 41, 1201 Genève**

Tuesday 21 February (Geneva)

08:30 Leave Hotel, proceeding to CERN

Accompanied by Asi Yosef, DPR to WTO

Venue: CERN, Gate B at the steps, building 500

9:00-16:50 Visit CERN (detailed program attached)

Welcome by Mrs. Charlotte Warakaulle, Director for International Relations, CERN

Ambassador Aviva Raz Shechter, Permanent Representative to the UN

Asi Yosef, Commercial Attaché to Switzerland and DPR to the WTO

Prof. Eliezer Rabinovici, Vice-President, CERN

12:30-13:45 Lunch and Signature of the Guest Book

Prof. Fabiola Gianotti, Director-General, CERN

Greetings by Minister and signature of the book

16:50 Leave CERN, proceed to Hotel

Destination: Hotel Royal, Rue de Lausanne 41, 1201 Genève

19:15 Leave Hotel, proceed to Ambassador's residence

19:30-22:00 Dinner at Ambassador Raz Shechter's Residence

Guest List attached

Venue: 5, rue des Alpes, 4th floor, 1201 Geneve

Wednesday 22 February (Lausanne, Bern)

09:00 Leave Hotel, proceeding to EPFL

10:00 Visit EPFL

Accompanied by:

Ambassador Jacob Keidar, Ambassador to Switzerland

Ambassador Aviva Raz Shechter, Permanent Representative to the UN

Asi Yosef, Commercial Attaché to Switzerland and DPR to the WTO

Shortly before 10:00 – Welcome at Welkom/Artlab opposite of the Rolex Learning Center

10:00 – 10:30 Presentation of EPFL by President, Prof. Martin Vetterli

(completed by Vice President for Research, Prof. Andreas

Mortensen and Vice President for Innovation, Prof. Marc Gruber)

10:30-11:00 Presentation of Minister Akunis and Chief scientist Alexander Bligh

11:00-11:30 Discussion (perspectives of intensified cooperation)

11:30-12:00 Visit of the EPFL Innovation Park lead by Marc Gruber (VP Innovation
EPFL Innovation Park = 55'000 m2, 125 start-ups, 25 large companies,
397 mios de Venture Capital attracted in 2016.)

12:00-14:00 - lunch

14:00-16:00 **Proceed to Bern**

16:00 **Meeting with Mr. Mauro Dell'Ambrogio**

Deputy-Minister and State Secretary for Education, Research and
Innovation

Venue: (TBC)

17:00 **Tour of Bern's old city**

18:30-20:30 **Dinner at Ambassador Jacob Keidar's Residence**

*Greetings by Minister and short overview of the Ministry's work (5
minutes)*

Guest List attached

Venue: Mannenriedstrasse 9, 3074 Muri b. Bern

20:30-22:30 **Return to Hotel in Geneva**

Destination: Hotel Royal, Rue de Lausanne 41, 1201 Genève

Thursday 23 February (Departure)

09:30 **Leave Hotel, proceed to the Geneva airport**

Farewell at Airport VIP lounge, with Ambassador Aviva Raz Shechter

11:00 **Departure, El-Al flight LY346**

16:20 **Arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport**