



**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**