Lessons Learned from October 7 in Forensic Medicine

The 1st International Symposium



Tuesday, OCT 13, 2026

08:00 – 09:00	**Registration and Reception**
09:00 – 09:15	**Ira Titunik,** DDS, Symposium General Chair **Yoram Weiss,** MD, Professor, Director General, Hadassah Medical Center **Jonathan Riss,** Managing Director, Museum of Tolerance, Jerusalem Greeting
09:15 – 09:30	**Mr. Isaac Herzog,** His Excellency, the President of the State of Israel Greetings
09:30 – 10:00	**Yoav Tellem,** LLB, LLM, MPA, BG (Ret.), Deputy Head of the Investigations and Intelligence Division of the Israel Police (Ret.) The role of police in forensic investigation of mass murder
10:00 – 10:30	**Michal Levin-Elad,** PhD, Commander, Head of Forensic Biometry Department, Israel Police The role of forensic science in investigating the October 7 massacre
10:30 – 11:00	**Coffee Break**
11:00 – 11:30	**Michael Baden,** MD, Forensic pathologist, Chief Medical Examiner of New York City (Ret.), Co-Director of the New York State Police Medico-Legal Investigations Unit (Ret.) The Role of the Forensic Pathologist in Mass Fatalities
11:30 – 12:00	**Esi Sharon,** DMD, Professor, Specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Rehabilitation, Spec. Chief Inspector, Head of the Forensic Odontology Unit in the Israel Police Disaster Victim Identification Unit; Symposium Deputy General Chair The Expert's Challenge: Forensic dental identification in the wake of October 7 and three years of conflict
12:00 – 12:30	**Chen Kugel,** MD, Professor, Forensic pathologist, Director of National Center of Forensic Medicine Management of the Dead in the October 7 Massacre - The Challenges of Forensic Medicine
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch Break**
13:30 – 14:00	**Nurit Bublil,** PhD, Forensic biologist, DNA identification expert in the field of criminal investigations, Director of the Laboratories Division and the Biological Laboratory at the National Center of Forensic Medicine Complex challenges of DNA identification in mass murder events
14:00 – 14:30	**Thomas Holland,** JD, PhD, DABFA, Forensic anthropologist, Scientific Director of the Department of Defense's Central Identification Laboratory (Ret.) The identification of the dead from war, mass disasters, and chaotic events
14:30 – 15:00	**Sarah Reuveny,** MSc, Chief Inspector, Senior Fingerprint Expert in the Identification and Forensic Science Division of the Israel Police Hand in Hand: Fingerprint identification of the October 7 victims
15:00 – 15:30	**Waffi Hamed,** DMD, Maj. (Res), Commander of the Unit for Casualty Identification and Investigation of Mechanisms of Death, Medical Corps, IDF Unit 6017 - IDF's Identification and Death Mechanism Investigation Unit in Wartime

Wednesday, OCT 14, 2026

08:00 – 09:00	**Registration and Reception**
09:00 – 09:30	**Meir Dukhan,** Commander, DIFS, Head of the National Forensic Identification Department in the Identification and Forensic Science Division, Israel Police Beyond the Protocol: Leading disaster victim identification under fire
09:30 – 10:00	**Lowell Levine,** DDS, DABFO (Ret.), Forensic Odontology specialist, FACD The identification process in the Josef Mengele Case
10:00 – 10:30	**Tzipi Kahana,** PhD, Professor, Forensic Anthropologist, Spec. Chief Inspector, lecturer at the Institute of Criminology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Forensic anthropologist of the Forensic Odontology Unit in the Israel Police Disaster Victim Identification Unit The role of forensic anthropology in mass death investigation
10:30 – 11:00	**Coffee Break**
11:00 – 11:30	**Hugh Berryman,** PhD, Forensic anthropologist, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Anthropology, DABFA Extracting clues from bone trauma
11:30 – 12:00	**Ira Titunik,** DDS, DABFO (Ret.), FICD, FACD; Symposium General Chair Age estimation in the Somali Pirate investigation, "Captain Phillips" movie
12:00 – 12:30	**Tanya Ram,** MSc, Commander, Head of the National DNA Database, Identification and Forensic Science Division, Israel Police DNA issues in identifying the dead
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch Break**
13:30 – 14:30	**Bruce Sackman,** SAC, OIG, CID (Ret.), US Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General When the crime scene is the hospital; Multiple homicide investigations
14:30 – 15:00	**Amit Blumberg,** PhD, IDF, Computational Biologist specialist, IDF Genomic Center for Casualties Identification Integrating technologies for rapid DNA in large scale death investigations
15:00 – 15:45	**Fauda - Avi Issacharoff,** Journalist, Co-creator of "Fauda" and Middle East affairs analyst From Evidence to Narrative: How Truth Becomes Memory
15:45 – 16:00	**Closing Remarks**

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