

## IAAP Congress, Zurich – August 24, 2025

Thank you, President Berg, and thank you, dear colleagues, presidents, and delegates gathered here.  
My message will be brief, but it comes from the heart.

On behalf of LIRPA, I am pleased to deliver these two booklets: the latest issue of our Journal, which includes one of my articles, and the multilingual edition of the same article, 'Trauma and Healing, Personal and Collective, of the Jewish People.'

First of all, I wish to thank President Misser Berg for all the important work she has done over the years, and for kindly announcing that I would share this message today. I would also like to thank our President, Prof. Antonio Grassi, who has supported me along this path, and the President of the New Israel Jung Association, Iris Meroz, who — together with LIRPA — helped organize the international conference held in Rome on October 7, 2024, with the participation of Italian, Israeli, and British analysts. This paper was born from that very conference.

That conference had originally been scheduled for June 9, 2024, in collaboration with the Italian associations AIPA and ARPA and with NIJA, but it was cancelled at the last minute for reasons related to antisemitism. It was for me a painful moment, when my ancient wound of antisemitism was reopened.

On October 7, 2024, I was able to organize in Rome a conference on trauma and healing, with the participation of Italian, Israeli, and British analysts, and Mrs. Berg gave us the honor of opening the proceedings. I am therefore particularly grateful to LIRPA, which entrusted me with organizing that international conference, and to President Antonio Grassi for his decisive support that made its realization in Rome possible, where it turned out to be a great success.

I understand that sometimes silence is chosen for fear of upsetting the balance. I myself could have remained silent. But I know that if I remain silent, I become an accomplice. And so today I speak out. "I will speak so that I may find relief" (Job). And as Rabbi Ovadia Sforno taught: "One who has the possibility to speak out against injustice and remains silent becomes a partner to those who commit it."

For this reason, today, the possibility of speaking here, freely, in front of colleagues from so many associations, takes on for me a reparative meaning and an emotionally healing experience, at both the individual and collective level. It represents concrete testimony that the IAAP is against antisemitism and in favor of inclusivity and freedom of speech.

I felt it was my duty to bring to your attention this serious episode that occurred in 2024. Such an act, beyond representing discrimination and a violation of professional ethics, risks undermining trust in the IAAP.

My speech is also a form of protest, and we call for a clear and firm response to condemn and prevent such incidents, so that our collective voice may help reaffirm the fundamental values of respect, fairness, and responsibility that must guide our profession.

I express my concern because it is evident that this action was not accidental, but carried out with the

intent to encourage a boycott. We trust that this episode will be addressed with the necessary attention and that the fundamental principles of responsibility, neutrality, and the centrality of care within the IAAP will be reaffirmed.

I am grateful to share this at this important international congress, here in Zurich, where I first came in 1995 as a newly recognized analyst. To return here today, thirty years later, with a few more kilograms and a few more white hairs — and with this contribution — is for me a profound sign of continuity.

This contribution arises from my personal, family, and collective experience: I am a son of war and a refugee from Libya who sought to transform trauma into healing. I am deeply grateful to our teacher, C. G. Jung, who helped me transform this suffering into a mission, giving meaning to my life. One of his greatest gifts to me — along with the process of individuation — has been the concept of the union of opposites.

Even in the symbols I wear, I strive to embody this union: identity and universality, my love for Israel and my love for peace.

For this reason, I also chose to commit myself to dialogue across differences in the broader world. Over the years, I have met world leaders and Nobel Peace Prize laureates: Pope Francis, Elie Wiesel, Desmond Tutu, the Dalai Lama (who wrote the preface to one of my books), and even Muammar Gaddafi — about whom I staged a one-man show at the IAAP Congress in Cape Town in 2007, entitled 'Making Peace with Gaddafi.' That was an initiative and a potential model for establishing peace in North Africa and the Middle East.

These personal encounters reflect my ongoing commitment to dialogue and reconciliation. Dreams, too, have been powerful guides on this journey. I thank Jung for teaching me to understand and teach the symbolic language of dreams — which have guided my destiny — and for transmitting the value of inclusivity and the union of opposites.

For this very reason, I decided to translate this article into ten languages, specifically for IAAP 2025, so it could be shared with as many people as possible. And since we do not wish to exclude anyone, both booklets will also be sent in digital format to all participants here, as well as to those absent, so that this message may reach colleagues and friends in many parts of the world. The spirit of inclusivity — linguistic, cultural, and human — is deeply Jungian.

I also cannot remain silent in the face of the suffering that continues in our world. I sincerely hope that the destructiveness of the war between Russia and Ukraine — now nearing four years — may finally give way to peace.

As a refugee myself, I am one of 800,000 Jews expelled from Arab countries. My family and my community were murdered and became victims of three pogroms against Jews. We were expelled, we lost everything, and had to start again from zero — in Italy and in Israel. Even today, I cannot return to my home in Libya because I am Jewish. Ethnic cleansing was carried out there, and it became an apartheid state against Jews.

Because of this, I deeply understand the pain of civilians — both Palestinians and Israelis — who find

themselves in the midst of war, forced to flee and deprived of safety. This is not an abstract theme for me; it is part of my life. My family — four brothers and two sisters — was almost without food for forty days because we had curfew and in Rome we did not have the money to buy food. King Idris allowed us to leave with only 20 pounds per family.

My great-great-grandmother Ruth is buried on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. My grandparents, parents, and relatives are buried in Israel because Gaddafi destroyed the Jewish cemeteries in Libya.

My siblings, nieces, and nephews live in Israel and are all deeply affected by this war, as are my colleagues in the New Israel Jung Association, of which I am also a member.

I am an Italian and Spanish citizen — having been recognized as a descendant of the Jews expelled from Spain in 1492. And I still hold my UNHCR refugee certificate.

I pray to God that the hostages will soon be freed, that the war in Gaza will come to an end, and that one day, Israelis and Palestinians may live and prosper side by side. May this region, so deeply scarred by conflict, finally become an example — and an initiative — of peace.

Let us remember the teaching of Aharon, Moses' brother: to love peace, to pursue peace — because only peace can contain all blessings.

If any of you would like to exchange ideas, share reflections, or explore possible collaborations, I will be here throughout the congress and would be happy to connect.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Dr. David Gerbi  
Representative of LIRPA at IAAP Congress, Zurich 2025

#### Appendix – Evidence of the Cancelled Conference

On June 9, 2024, an international conference on 'Trauma and Healing' was scheduled to take place at the headquarters of AIPA in Rome, co-organized with ARPA and the New Israeli Jungian Association (NIJA). After six months of preparation and travel at my own expense from Rome to Tel Aviv, this conference was cancelled at the very last moment for reasons related to antisemitism. The original poster is shown below, as concrete testimony of what happened. Page 4

#### Appendix – Evidence of the Successful Conference

On October 7, 2024, an international conference on trauma and healing was organized in Rome with the participation of Italian, Israeli, and British analysts. President Misser Berg gave us the honor of opening the proceedings. I am grateful to LIRPA, to its President Prof. Antonio Grassi, and to NIJA President Iris Meroz for their decisive support, which made this event possible and successful. The complete program is shown below. Page 5,6,7,8.





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**07.10.2024**

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7th October 2024 - First poster

9:30 - 10:00 **WELCOME COFFEE**

10:00 - 11:00 **SALUTI ISTITUZIONALI**

**Giuseppe Benedetto**, Presidente Fondazione Einaudi  
**Misser Berg**, Presidente Associazione Internazionale per la Psicologia Analitica, IAPP

### **INTRODUZIONE**

**Dr. David Gerbi**, Psicologo e Analista Junghiano, membro della New Israeli Jungian Association (NIJA), membro onorario del Laboratorio Italiano di Ricerche di Psicologia Analitica (LIRPA)

*"Trauma e guarigione, personali e collettivi, del popolo ebraico."*

### **CERIMONIA DI APERTURA**

**M° Claudio Di Segni**, Direttore del Coro del Tempio Maggiore, docente di Canto al Conservatorio Santa Cecilia

*"Il pianto e la consolazione nella tradizione musicale ebraico - cristiana" prima parte*

11:00- 13:30 **PRIMO PANEL**

Relatori:

**Senatrice Susanna Campione** Componente commissione Giustizia e componente commissione parlamentare d'inchiesta sul femminicidio:

*"La violenza contro le donne come arma di guerra."*

**Barbara Cerminara** Italia-Regno Unito, MA, (PhD Candidate), Psicoterapeuta di Orientamento Junghiano, Membro della British Association For Counseling And Psychotherapy (BACP):

*"Stupro simbolico: l'esperienza di una donna ebrea della diaspora in un periodo di recrudescenza antisemita."*

**Iris Elyakim-Meroz** Israele, MA, Psicologo Clinico e Analista Junghiana Senior, Presidente della New Israeli Jungian Association (NIJA):

*"La complessità e la diversità della psiche nell'attualità sia per gli analisti che per i pazienti."*

**Gadi Maoz** Israele, PhD, Psicologo Clinico, Analista Junghiano Senior e Trainer, Ex Presidente della New Israeli Jungian Association (Nija):

*"Affrontare il post trauma - un approccio junghiano alla guarigione attraverso l'accettazione e il contenimento dei morti."*

### **COFFEE BREAK**

*"Il pianto e la consolazione nella tradizione musicale ebraico - cristiana" seconda parte*

**Fiamma Nirenstein** Giornalista, Scrittrice, Foreign Ministry Special Advisor for Combating Antisemitism:

*"Il 7 ottobre come sfida strategica mondiale."*

**Paolo Liguori** Direttore Tgcom24: *"Alla fine Israele sta tornando se stessa."*

**Marilù Lucrezio** Corrispondente RAI Bruxelles: *"La reazione dell'Unione europea."*

**Claudio Pagliara** Corrispondente RAI Stati Uniti: *"L'antisemitismo nei campus americani."*

Moderatore **Dr. David Gerbi** Membro del Dipartimento delle Politiche Internazionali  
Comitato Scientifico Fondazione Einaudi

Traduzione simultanea dall'inglese all'italiano e viceversa

7th October 2024 - Second poster

13:30 - 15:00 **RINFRESCO**

15:00 - 15:30 **SALUTI ISTITUZIONALI**

**Andrea Cangini**, Senatore e Segretario Generale Fondazione Einaudi

Rappresentante dell'Ambasciata di Israele in Italia

**Richard Kemp**, ex comandante dell'esercito britannico

*"La guerra e la reazione internazionale"*

15:30 - 18:00 **SECONDO PANEL**

**Relatori:**

**Antonio Grassi** Italia, Psichiatra e Analista Junghiano, Presidente e Fondatore del Laboratorio Italiano di Ricerche di Psicologia Analitica (LIRPA):

*"Il trauma e la guarigione nei loro aspetti psico-sociali."*

**Giovan Battista Brunori** Corrispondente capo sede RAI Gerusalemme:

*"La notte di Israele: un anno di guerra."*

**Jill Gower** Presidente East Anglia Friends of Israel:

*"Essere amici di Israele in tempi di antisemitismo."*

**Ora Cuperman** Israele, MAAT, Psicoterapeuta Junghiana, Art Therapist e Sandplay Therapist, Docente al Seminario Hakibutzim, Tel-Aviv:

*"La crescita dal trauma nella terapia junghiana."*

**COFFEE BREAK**

**Nesia Zaruk** Manager del Centro per i soldati caduti in Israele, biologo e docente:

*"Essere a metà strada tra Trauma e Consolazione"*

**Yoram Inspektor** Israele-Regno Unito, M.D, Psichiatra, Analista Junghiano Senior e Trainer, Membro della Nuova Associazione Junghiana Israeliana (NIJA):

*"Riflessioni sul ruolo della funzione sentimentale il 'cuore che ascolta' in tempo di guerra."*

**Adolfo Ceretti** Docente di Criminologia:

*"Percorso di riconoscimento tra vittime e persecutori. Esperienze della storia recente."*

**Stefano Parisi** Presidente Associazione Setteottobre:

*"Il trauma non vissuto in occidente."*

**Senatore Giulio Terzi** Presidente IV Commissione Affari Europei:

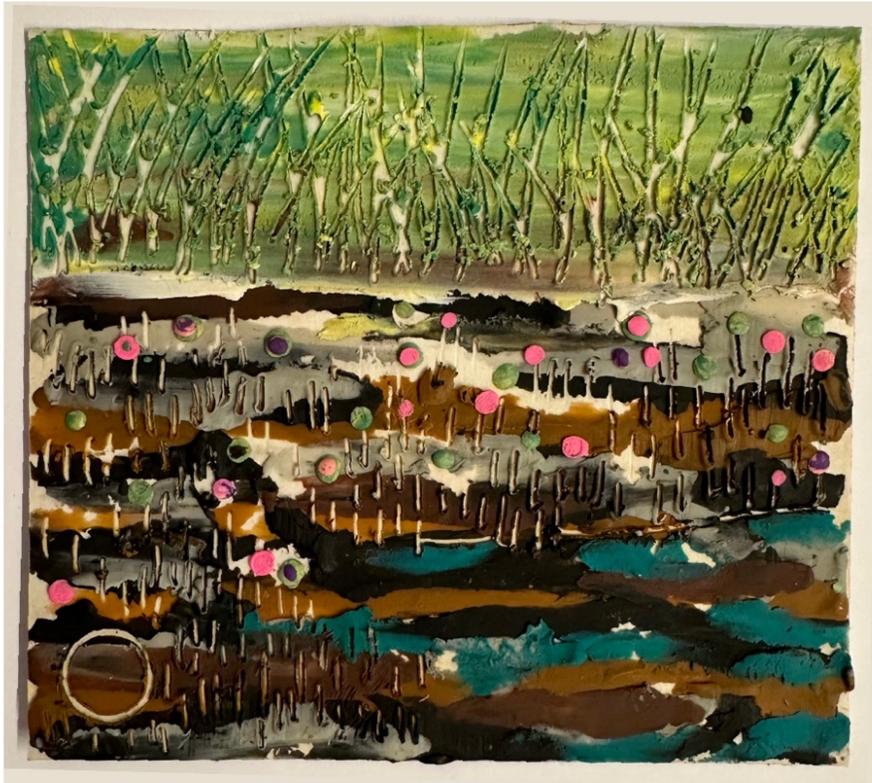
*"I crimini di aggressione e la violazione dei diritti umani."*

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7 October 2024 - Third poster



Ora Cuperman  
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7 October 2024 - Fourth poster