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SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Registration Opens

4:30 pm • Salon ABC

Doors Open

7:15 pm • Ballroom AB

Plenary Session

8 pm • Ballroom AB

A Clear Choice for a Better Future

This evening, we hear from courageous Israeli, Palestinian and American community leaders who have made a clear choice: not to give up in the fight for a better future.

Welcoming Remarks:

Morton H. Halperin, Chair, J Street Board of Directors

Roll Call

J Street Leaders

Moment of Silence:

Bassam Aramin, Palestinian Spokesperson and Director of International Relations, The Parents Circle **Robi Damelin,** Israeli Spokesperson and Director of

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Remarks:

Jeremy Ben-Ami, President, J Street

Keynote Address

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism

Featured Speakers:

Roni Keidar, Activist, Other Voice; Resident of Netiv Ha'asara Maha Mehanna, Gaza Office Coordinator and Senior Arabic/ English Translator, Applied Information Management; Resident of Gaza

Dessert Reception

10 pm • South Pre-function

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Breakfast

7:30-8:15 am • Outside Room 202AB

Chapter Leadership Breakfast

This session is closed to the press.

208AB

Come together with other J Street Chapter leaders for a special breakfast. This is an opportunity for J Street to show its appreciation for the people who are building successful chapters across the country. It will also be a chance for leaders to network, share successes and discuss challenges with one another.

Rabbinic Cabinet Breakfast and Conversation with Rabbi Rick Jacobs

This session is closed to the press.

209AB

Rabbis, Cantors, Rabbinical students and Cantorial students are invited to bring their breakfast and join Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism for an open discussion and an opportunity to prepare together for the conference that is about to unfold.

Concurrent Sessions

8:30-9:45 am

Israel as a Neighbor: A Progressive Approach to Israeli National Security and Foreign Policy

Presented by the New Israel Fund

207A

Do Israelis feel more secure today than they did 20 years ago? Has the dependence on military options brought more security? Can Israel find a productive relationship with its moderate neighbors? Join the New Israel Fund for a discussion with leading Israeli security and foreign policy experts bringing a diplomatic, progressive breath of fresh air to Israel's security conversation.

Panelists:

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Shlomo Brom, Visiting Fellow, Center for American Progress

Nimrod Goren, Chairman, Mitvim—The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies

Heather Hurlburt, Director, New Models of Policy Change, New American Foundation

Moderator: Libby Lenkinski, Vice President for Strategy

What Happens From Here? A Look at the Israeli Elections

202AB

With the Israeli election now behind us, this panel will draw on the experience of political analysts and Israeli politicians to look ahead at what happens now that the voting is over. How will Israel's next government get formed and who is likely to exert influence on that process? What forces and interests are likely to drive the next Knesset? What is the next government likely to prioritize? What will be the implications of these elections for the Israel-US relationship and Israel's broader international standing?

Panelists:

Nabila Espanioly, Activist, Hadash Party; Founding Member and Former Chair. Mossawa Center

Yoel Hasson, Candidate for Knesset, Hatnua Party (Zionist Union)
Guy Ziv, Assistant Professor American University School of
International Service

Moderator: Chemi Shalev, US Editor and Correspondent, *Haaretz* Chair: Benjamin Samuels, J Street President's Council

BEYOND THE GREEN LINE

Can the Obstacle of Settlements be Overcome?

Presented with Americans for Peace Now

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Over the past several years, the number of settlers in the West Bank has skyrocketed. At the same time, opposition to settlements from both Israelis and the international community has grown. It is widely accepted that settlements are a significant obstacle to lasting peace; the financial and moral costs are high, as are the potential security risks. Yet, despite popular opposition to settlements, strong political forces have successfully deterred Israeli leaders from curtailing, if not ending, the settlement enterprise. What is the creeping impact of continued construction, both in the settlement blocs and in the "distant" settlements, on this political calculus? Join Americans for Peace Now for a discussion with leading settlement experts on the cost of settlements and the question of whether it can be reversed.

Panelists:

Huda Abuarquob, Regional Director, Alliance for Middle East Peace
 Lior Amihai, Deputy Director, Settlements Watch, Shalom Achshav
 (Peace Now)

Avshalom Vilan, Former Member of Knesset, Meretz Party; President, Israel Farmers' Federation

Moderator: Debra DeLee, President and CEO, Americans for Peace Now

Chair: Jim Klutznick, Chair, Americans for Peace Now

Beyond the Green Line sessions delve into issues of settlements and occupation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

CHOICES FOR A BETTER FUTURE

What Should the US Do Next To Advance a Two-State Solution?

204AB

Following the suspension of the Obama administration's second attempt to achieve a negotiated resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, what are America's options for continuing to pursue a peace deal? Can the US put forward a proposal of

its own that would result in meaningful negotiations? What role can and should the US play at the United Nations on this topic? Should it focus on alternative means to drive the parties toward an agreement? Or should it disengage from the peace process and simply manage periodic crises arising from the conflict?

Panelists:

Ilan Goldenberg, Senior Fellow and Director, Middle East Security Program, Center for a New American Security

Lucy Kurtzer-Ellenbogen, Director, Arab-Israeli Programs, United States Institute of Peace

Daniel Levy, Middle East Director, European Council on Foreign Relations

Moderator: Ben Birnbaum, Journalist Chair: Nancy Buck, Chair, J Street Boston

Choices for a Better Future sessions explore the crucial choices facing American, Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

Beyond the Usual Suspects: Broadening the Israeli Peace Camp

207B

A frequent critique of the Israeli "peace camp" —those who campaign actively for a two-state solution as an urgent policy priority— is that it's primarily made up of Ashkenazi, secular elites. Yet to make real progress in changing the political calculus in Israel, voices of other constituencies are needed as well. Why are the voices of Mizrachi, Haredi, Russian and Arab Israelis not often heard in the ranks of the "peace camp"? What are emerging and seasoned community leaders doing to address this gulf? To what extent can broadening the Israeli constituency for peace help move the ball forward in the next Knesset?

Panelists:

Noam Shuster, Program Director, Interpeace
Ksenia Svetlova, Journalist and Commentator; Candidate for Knesset,
Hatnua Party (Zionist Union)

Additional panelists to be announced

Moderator: Orly Noy, Editor and Blogger, Local Call Chair: David Thorpe, J Street Finance Committee

TRAINING WORKSHOP

How to Deal With Conflict When Talking About the Conflict

This session is closed to the press.

204C

In Israel, debate and dissent are seen as legitimate expressions of care and engagement in Israel's vibrant political conversation. Even though Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people, such discussions about it in the American Jewish community often result in hurtful judgment and high

emotions. Shutting down the conversation about an issue as central to our identity as Israel is not an option. How can we have constructive conversation about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that don't end in a shouting match?

In this interactive workshop, participants will learn a proven approach to navigating such sensitive conversations—including how to side-step pitfalls and how to facilitate a more constructive discussion.

Presenter:

Stanley Wulf, J Street National Leadership Circle

Coffee Break

9:45-10 am • South Pre-function

Plenary Session

10-11:30 am • Ballroom AB

The Choices Ahead: Views from Israel

Five days after the Israeli election, hear from candidates and newly-elected Knesset members from several different parties about what is likely to happen next. What will the next coalition look like? What policies will it pursue at home and abroad? Will it be stable? Will it pursue peace—or will this government devote itself to expanding the settlements and undermining the Palestinian Authority? What kind of relationship will it have with the United States and the international community? Can it rebuild bipartisan support for Israel or will it allow the gaps with the pro-peace majority of American Jews to widen?

Keynote Address

Member of Knesset Yaakov Peri, Yesh Atid Party; Former Director, Israeli Security Agency; Former Minister of Science, Technology and Space

Panelists:

Member of Knesset Hilik Bar, Secretary General, Labor Party; former Deputy Speaker of the Knesset Nabila Espanioly, Activist, Hadash Party; Founding Member and Former Chair, Mossawa Center Yoel Hasson, Candidate for Knesset, Hatnua Party (Zionist Union)
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Knesset, Hatnua Party (Zionist Union)

Member of Knesset Tamar Zandberg, Meretz Party

Moderator:

Aluf Benn, Managing Editor, Haaretz



Parents Circle Mural Open House

In the wake of the 2014 Gaza war, in the heart of Tel Aviv, the Parents Circle-Families Forum established the Peace Square—a makeshift space where they held vigil for 70 nights, from the outbreak of the war to International Peace Day. There, both Israelis and Palestinians shared their stories, facilitated dialogue and provided an alternative to hatred and violence.

The Peace Square Mural, conceptualized by artist Max Frieder, who was inspired by the anti-war, anti-violence Peace Square, began when bereaved Palestinians painted a canvas mural in Beit Jalla in the West Bank. The mural was completed by bereaved Israelis at the Peace Square in Tel Aviv. The mural was

11:30 am-12 pm • Outside Ballroom B

then displayed in the Peace Square as a strong and vivacious message of reconciliation and anti-violence.

The mural will be showcased at the United Nations following the conference in order to promote messages of dialogue, mutual understanding, nonviolence and reconciliation.

Join **Bassam Aramin,** Palestinian Spokesperson and Director of International Relations of The Parents Circle, and **Robi Damelin,** Israeli Spokesperson and Director of International Relations of The Parents Circle, alongside artist **Max Frieder** for an open house to learn more about the mural.

Lunch and Supplementary Sessions

11:45 am-12:45 pm

Lunch will be available for purchase in Salon ABC and on the East Overlook. The food carts will remain open from 11:15 am-6:30 pm.

Stay Tuned: Israeli Women Up Front

This session is closed to the press.

202AB

The J Street Women's Leadership Forum will provide an update on women's political activism in Israel, including the new Haredi women's party, the new women Members of the Knesset and the new grassroots, non-partisan movement, Women Wage Peace. Let's talk about how we can support women's activism in Israel and build momentum in our American Jewish communities for getting to two states.

Presenters:

J Street Women's Leadership Forum

Chair: Nancy Bernstein, J Street Board of Directors

Moderator: Molly Freeman, J Street Board of Directors

Please join us at 2:30 pm for our related session, Beyond the Green Line: Eroding the Dream—The Cost of the Occupation to Israeli Society.

Advocacy Day State Captain and Team Leader Training

This session is closed to the press.

207A

All Advocacy Day State Captains and Team Leaders must attend either this training or the identical session for state captains and team leaders on Monday, March 23. These sessions are in addition to the General Advocacy Day Training for their regions on Monday, March 23 at 10:30 am.

Israeli Meet-Up

This session is closed to the press.

204C

Are you an Israeli living in the US? As an Israeli, do you bring a special perspective or standing to J Street? Israeli supporters of J Street are invited to join us for a lunch-time discussion focusing on the role Israelis can play in the diaspora to help forward J Street's pro-Israel, pro-peace mission. The discussion will take place in Hebrew. A light lunch will be provided.

Artistic Freedom and Israeli History: A Book Discussion

201

David K. Shipler, best-selling author and one of America's most trenchant social commentators, is taking on this American ideal in his new book, *Freedom of Speech: Mightier Than the Sword* (out in May 2015). Through selected accounts of First Amendment invocation and infringement, he maps a rapidly shifting topography of political and cultural norms. Among his various case studies, Shipler unpacks the tensions over portrayals of Israel's history at Washington's Theater J. Shipler spent several years behind the scenes there watching artistic director Ari Roth struggle against political constraints to bring Washington audiences soul-searching plays, readings and discussions on Israel's most acute problems. Shipler will talk about the difficult nobility of introspection by a society in conflict, and the utility of theater in provoking people to listen to narratives they would rather ignore.

Presenter:

David K. Shipler, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of seven books, including *Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land*

Chair: Stephen Stern, Co-Chair, J Street DC Metro

J Street U Presents: A Conversation with the Next Generation of Anti-Occupation Activists

This session is closed to the press.

207B

Join J Street U for a lunch discussion with leading grassroots activists who are advocating for justice and democratic rights in Israel and the future state of Palestine. We'll examine how young leaders are reshaping progressive movements in the region. How new voices—especially those of traditionally underrepresented groups—are impacting the traditional "peace camp." What does the future of anti-occupation work look like and what role should young Americans play? Join J Street U for this timely and critical conversation.

Panelists:

Lior Amihai, Deputy Director, Settlements Watch, Shalom Achshav (Peace Now)

Nader Jayousi, Peace Activist; Founder, Pal Vision for Sport **Noam Shuster,** Program Director, Interpeace

Moderators: Kalyani Grad-Kaimal, George Washington University Class of 2017, Southeast Regional Co-Chair, J Street U; Sara Abramson, Vassar College Class of 2016; President, J Street U Vassar

An Insider's Look at a Unique Israeli-Palestinian Publication

Presented by Palestine-Israel Journal **204AB**

How is it possible to maintain, edit and publish a joint Israeli-Palestinian publication in a period of pessimism and despair in both the Israeli-Palestinian societies, and in East Jerusalem, with its growing cycle of violence? What motivates the Israeli and Palestinian co-editors to continue this venture, together with 16 Israeli and 16 Palestinian members of the editorial board? We'll get an insider's look at the dynamics involved in such a joint publication: what sensitivities have to be overcome? How is an equal relationship maintained in an unequal reality?

Panelists:

Ziad AbuZayyad, Founder and Co-Editor, *Palestine-Israel Journal*Yudith Oppenheimer, Executive Director, Ir Amim; Member,
Editorial Board, *Palestine-Israel Journal*Hillel Schenker, Co-Editor, *Palestine-Israel Journal*

Moderator: **Lilly Rivlin,** Filmmaker; Member of the Board, Partners for Progressive Israel

J Street U: High School Meet-Up

This session is closed to the press.

208B

Join J Street U for a discussion on the role of high school students in creating a new conversation in our communities and schools about Israel, a future state of Palestine and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We'll talk about the role of students in effecting political and communal change and meet with national J Street U college leaders from across the country.

J Street U: Hillel Professionals and Israel Fellows Meet-Up

This session is closed to the press.

208A

Join J Street U staff and campus professionals from around the country for lunch and conversation. We'll discuss how the political issues of the moment impact the conversations about Israel on campus, as well as develop strategies and ideas for collaboration. Our shared goal is to create more opportunities for deeper Israel engagement on campus. This session is open to all campus professionals.

J Street U Parent Session

This session is closed to the press.

Balcony of Ballroom A

Are you the proud parent of a J Street U student? If so, please join us to learn more about J Street U's goals on campus and in the community, and how you can support your son or daughter's involvement. We will discuss J Street U's strategy for engaging the American Jewish community on campus and in communities across the country. You will be able to meet other parents who are curious about the work their students are doing and are searching for a way to get involved in the larger J Street movement. Don't worry about grabbing lunch, as we will go down after the session!

Concurrent Sessions

1-2:15 pm

Democracy Not Deals: Fighting Israel's Hidden Corruption

Presented by the New Israel Fund

207B

The politics of the 19th Knesset stymied many anti-democratic measures proposed by the extreme right, but corruption in Israel persists. Money continues to flow secretly to settlements and to the nationalist school system, American tycoons control newspapers and political parties manipulate their primary elections. Join the New Israel Fund and some of our allies who are intent on taking back the political system from the backroom deals, hidden alliances and outright corruption threatening a free and open society.

Panelists:

Batya Kahana-Dror, Executive Director and Advocacy Coordinator, Mavoi Satum (Dead End)

Boaz Rakocz, Director General, Knesset Social Guard **Noam Sheizaf,** Journalist and CEO, +972 *Magazine*

Moderator: **Naomi Paiss,** Vice President of Public Affairs, New Israel Fund

Gaza: The Human and Political Costs of Deprivation and Disunity

204AB

Following another devastating war with Israel and continued control by Hamas, the Gaza Strip dramatically demonstrates the desperate human need to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But Gaza is also a complicating factor in peace negotiations. Join experts on the stark political, humanitarian and economic realities in Gaza in examining what the future may hold for its Palestinian residents and the complications—and opportunities—the territory lends to efforts to resolve the underlying conflict.

Panelists:

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Shlomo Brom, Visiting Fellow, Center for American Progress

Maha Mehanna, Gaza Office Coordinator and Senior Arabic/English
 Translator, Applied Information Management; Resident of Gaza
 Howard J. Sumka, USAID, Senior Foreign Service (ret.)

Moderator: Matt Duss, President, Foundation for Middle East Peace Chair: Elianna Boswell, Yale University Class of 2017; Mid-Atlantic Regional Co-Chair, J Street U

CHOICES FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Israel at a Crossroads

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Following the collapse last year of US-led peace negotiations, Israel stands at a crossroads. It can either continue down the path of the outgoing government, building settlements, shunning serious negotiations, cementing the occupation and deepening the country's diplomatic isolation, or it can change course to resolve its conflict with the Palestinians and the Arab world through a two-state solution. Looking ahead, what options does Israel have for moving down that second path in the coming years? Can Israel re-engage the Palestinians in bilateral negotiations? What if the Palestinians are no longer interested in or capable of pursuing such a path? Are alternative unilateral or regional approaches more realistic?

Panelists:

Aluf Benn, Managing Editor, *Haaretz*Member of Knesset Ofer Shelach, Yesh Atid Party

Member of Knesset Tamar Zandberg, Meretz Party

Moderator: Moav Vardi, Diplomatic Correspondent, Israel Channel 10 News

Chair: Malke Frank; Co-Chair, J Street Pittsburgh

Choices for a Better Future sessions explore the crucial choices facing American, Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

BEYOND THE GREEN LINE

What Can the US and International Community Do About Settlements?

Presented with Americans for Peace Now

202AB

There were only a handful of Israeli settlers beyond the Green Line in 1968, when Lyndon Johnson became the first American president to express opposition to settlements in the West Bank. Now, despite protest from every subsequent administration, there are more than 350,000 Israelis living in the West Bank and

200,000 in East Jerusalem. President Johnson's prediction that settlements would "prejudice a peace settlement" has come true, as the dramatic rise of the settler movement—in both numbers and political power—has complicated repeated efforts to achieve a two-state solution. This session will bring together experts on American and European policy to explore what steps can be taken to halt further settlement growth and entrenchment, and discuss the political and policy implications of American and European initiatives—from discouragement of Israeli settlement subsidies to the labeling or boycott of settlement goods.

Panelists:

Michael Cohen, Fellow, Century Foundation; Columnist, *Boston Globe*Lara Friedman, Director of Policy and Government Relations,
Americans for Peace Now

Alon Sachar, Former Senior Advisor, US Department of State

Moderator: Steven Krubiner, Chief of Staff, J Street

Beyond the Green Line sessions delve into issues of settlements and occupation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

TRAINING WORKSHOP

Moving Others Through Stories

This session is closed to the press.

204C

Stories are the building blocks of successful organizing. Stories convey why each of us is called to act and challenge others to take a risk. They create community, convey urgency and impart shared values. All effective public figures tell stories—of themselves, of others, of what we can achieve together. In this workshop participants will learn the basic structure of "public narrative," the art of telling one's story in order to invite others into our work on Israel and challenge them to act together, with us, to achieve a two-state resolution.

Presenter:

Daniel May, Former Director, J Street U; Co-Founder, If Not Now



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Palestinian Efforts from the Ground Up 207A

In their effort to end the occupation and achieve self-determination, many Palestinian activists believe that conventional diplomacy aimed at achieving a two-state solution through negotiations is no longer sufficient to achieve their goals. This panel will explore different non-violent strategies and tactics that Palestinian communal, business and civil society leaders are pursuing. These leaders will discuss their different approaches to pursuing their rights and achieving peace—including building the institutions of statehood, promoting citizen

diplomacy and promoting Palestinian rights and representation within Israel—as well as their perspectives on the current state of Palestinian public and political opinion.

Panelists:

Bassam Aramin, Palestinian International Relations Director, The Parents Circle

Bashar Azzeh, Chief Executive Officer, Jerusalem Business Forum **Nabila Espanioly**, Activist, Hadash Party; Founding Member and Former Chair, Mossawa Center

Moderator: Samer Makhlouf, Executive Director, OneVoice Palestine *Chair:* Aaron Rice, J Street National Leadership Circle

Concurrent Sessions

2:30–3:45 pm

The Iranian Nuclear Negotiations: The Political Challenges Ahead

202AB

Six major world powers and Iran have been engaged for 18 months in a diplomatic process aimed at achieving an agreement limiting Iran's nuclear program. A deal on the nuclear program has the potential to alter the strategic landscape of the Middle East. An Iran without the capacity to threaten its neighbors with nuclear weapons would not only improve Israel's security, but also open up a host of policy options for the United States in the region as it deals with the rise of ISIS, the disintegration of Syria and instability in Iraq. This panel will focus on the political dynamics shaping these negotiations and discuss the power struggles in and between the United States, Israel, the Arab world and Iran that have encouraged, imperiled and delayed a comprehensive agreement.

Panelists:

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Shlomo Brom, Visiting Fellow, Center for American Progress

Suzanne DiMaggio, Senior Fellow, New America Foundation; Director. Iran Initiative

Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering, Distinguished Fellow, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution

Moderator: **Negar Mortazavi,** Iranian-American Journalist **Chair: Peter Frey,** Co-Chair, J Street NYC

What Just Happened? A Look at the Israeli Elections

207A

An intense and suspenseful Israeli election season has just come and gone. Looking back, what were the defining issues and trends of the campaign? Who rose, who fell and who surprised? What factors explain the outcome—and what can they teach us? A panel of politicians, campaign strategists and commentators will discuss.

Panelists:

Aluf Benn, Managing Editor, Haaretz

David Eichenbaum, Partner, Struble Eichenbaum Communications **Member of Knesset Tamar Zandberg,** Meretz Party

Moderator: Lisa Goldman, Contributing Editor, +972 Magazine Chair: Yuval Lion, J Street Finance Committee

BEYOND THE GREEN LINE

Eroding the Dream—The Cost of the Occupation to Israeli Society

207B

Since 1967, the occupation has had an insidious and damaging impact on Israeli society. This session will examine the dangers and the price Israelis pay for perpetuating the status quo. It will explore the economic consequences of the settlement enterprise and how these costs relate to reduced support for social services, education and healthcare. It will delve into the effects of persistent militarization, the assault on democratic principles, the social and psychological impact citizens experience on a daily basis and the complicated second-class status of Palestinian citizens of Israel. This discussion will add texture to your understanding of the occupation as the primary existential threat to Israel.

Panelists:

Huda Abuarquob, Regional Director, Alliance for Middle East Peace **Robi Damelin,** Israeli Spokesperson and Director of International Relations, The Parents Circle

Noam Shuster, Program Director, Interpeace

Moderator: Anat Saragusti, Journalist, Blogger, Women Wage Peace *Chair:* Joanna Goodwin Friedman, J Street Board of Directors

Beyond the Green Line sessions delve into issues of settlements and occupation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

The Pro-Israel, Pro-Peace Movement: Looking Back, Looking Forward

204AB

The present state of diplomatic efforts to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leaves many in the pro-Israel, pro-peace camp wondering what exactly can be done by American activists. We care deeply about Israelis and Palestinians, and we recognize that the occupation and rapidly expanding settlements are eroding the Jewish and democratic nature of the state of Israel. What are the next steps and strategies for American pro-

Israel, pro-peace, pro-democracy activists and the organizations that they work through? What has worked so far, and what new tactics and ideas should we pursue? In what ways have we failed or missed opportunities—and how can we improve? Leaders of some of the major organizations in the pro-Israel, pro-peace movement will share their thoughts and discuss the latest efforts to promote peace and justice for the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.

Panelists:

Jeremy Ben-Ami, President, J Street
Kenneth Bob, National President, Ameinu
Debra DeLee, President and CEO, Americans for Peace Now
Libby Lenkinski, Vice President for Strategy

Moderators: Maya Berkman, Wesleyan Class of 2016, J Street U Northeast Regional Co-Chair; Benjy Cannon, University of Maryland Class of 2015; J Street U President

TRAINING WORKSHOP

Responding to the Toughest Questions

This session is closed to the press.

204C

The reason we get so many tough questions is because we work on such a tough issue. When talking about Israel's future security and character, we run into deep emotions—both our own and others.' How can we effectively answer tough questions without closing down conversation? Hint: you don't need to be a Middle East expert to be able to speak about our issue.

In this workshop, participants will learn tools for answering some of the tougher questions they've been asked. They'll come away feeling ready to invite others into our work.

Presenters:

Jessica Rosenblum, Director of Communications and Media Relations, J Street

Kate Press, New York Regional Director and Deputy National Field Director, J Street



Is There a Regional Peace Process on the "Diplomatic Horizon?"

201

After last summer's conflict in Gaza, Prime Minister Netanyahu announced that "regional change" in the Middle East was creating a "diplomatic horizon," echoing calls from across the Israeli political spectrum that a regional peace process with Arab partners might replace the traditional Israeli-Palestinian approach. Some, like Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, have urged Israel to embrace the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative, which promises full Arab normalization with Israel if a two-state peace agreement is reached. Others have argued that common interests in confronting Iran and ISIS demand that formal Israeli-

Arab cooperation precede any resolution of the Palestinian issue. Given recent instability across the Arab world, what opportunities exist for a regional process? Is it all talk, or could it provide the breakthrough that the peace camp has been waiting for?

Introductory Remarks:

Walid Salem, Director, Center for Democracy and Community Development

Panelists:

Saeb Erekat, Chief Negotiator, PLO

Member of Knesset Yaakov Peri, Yesh Atid Party; Former Director, Israeli Security Agency; Former Minister of Science, Technology, and Space

Moderator: Nadia Bilbassy-Charters, Chief Correspondent, Al Arabiya Chair: Howard Dickstein, J Street Board of Directors



4-5:30 pm • Ballroom AB

Does Liberal Zionism Have a Future?

This summer, an article in *The New York Times Magazine* declared the end of liberal Zionism. "Liberal Zionists," it posited, "embrace Israel as the Jewish state. For it to remain so, they insist it must have a Jewish majority in perpetuity. Yet to achieve this inevitably implies policies of exclusion and discrimination." It concluded that the only solution to the conflict is a joint Israeli-Palestinian movement to attain human, civil and political rights and the full equality they imply. In other words, Liberal Zionists embrace a two-state solution that is no longer compatible with liberal values, therefore Liberal Zionism is over.

Is Liberal Zionism over? Are liberal values compatible with a two-state solution? Should the issues of liberal Zionism and the issue of a two-state solution to the conflict be linked or are these separate questions entirely? Leaders and experts discuss.

Panelists:

Peter Beinart, Contributing Editor, The Atlantic and National
 Journal; Senior Fellow, New America Foundation
 Marcia Freedman, Former Member of Knesset; Founding President,

Drift Tradak vi Chalara

Brit Tzedek v'Shalom

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah **Noam Sheizaf,** Founder and Editor, +972 *Magazine*

Moderator:

Daniel Levy, Middle East Director, European Council on Foreign Relations Mechizta: 208AB Egalitarian: 201

J STREET U Student Plenary Session

5:45-8:15 pm • 202AB

The Student Session is required programming for all students attending the conference.

Meet the 1000 students at the National Conference and get to know J Street U and our student-led advocacy work. Across the country, students organizing with J Street U are fundamentally shifting the conversations about Israel on their campuses and impacting the political dynamics around Israel and the future state of Palestine. This session will delve into a discussion of our responsibility as students to engage our communities and hold

our leaders accountable to our vision for diplomacy, security, human rights, and peace. Please see your student conference insert for more information.

Featured Speakers:

Bashar Azzeh, Chief Executive Officer, Jerusalem Business Forum **Member of Knesset Tamar Zandberg,** Meretz Party

Offsite Gatherings

T'ruah and J Street Rabbinic Cabinet Happy Hour

5:45-7:30 pm

Sixth and I Synagogue, 600 I St., NW

T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights and J Street's Rabbinic Cabinet invite you to join us for a happy hour. Come meet rabbinic leaders from both organizations. Complimentary drinks and light food will be served. Conveniently located just around the block from the Convention Center. Open to all. Questions? Stop by T'ruah's information booth at the in the exhibit hall, find J Street's Rabbinic Director Rabbi Jonah Geffen or visit truah.org.

Young Professionals Bar Night

8 pm

Sponsored by J Street and the New Israel Fund

Sixth Engine, 438 Massachusetts Ave., NW

Are you a young professional? Love Israel? Love peace? Join J Street's young professionals and NIF's New Gen for a bar night. Meet new friends and enjoy your first drink on us while they last.

LGBT Meet-Up

8:30 pm

Co-sponsored by our friends from A Wider Bridge

Ping Pong Dim Sum, 900 7th St., NW

Are you a member of the LGBT community? Join us for some social time. Meet your peers from across the country who share our pro-Israel, pro-peace values. Light refreshments served and enjoy your first drink on us*.

*while drink tickets last

J Street Delegation Meet-Ups

Conference participants from selected delegations are invited to regional social meet-ups at the conference. Come meet others from your hometown or region and learn about the work being done to advance J Street's mission locally. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at each event.

J Street Pacific Northwest Chapters Happy Hour	6 pm	Vapiano 623 H St., NW
J Street California Chapters Happy Hour	6 pm	Vapiano 623 H St., NW
J Street New York Chapters Happy Hour	6 pm	Sixth Engine 438 Massachusetts Ave., NW
J Street South Chapters Happy Hour	6 pm	City Tap House 901 9th St., NW
J Street Midwest Chapters Happy Hour	6 pm	La Tasca 722 7th St., NW
J Street Philadelphia and South Jersey Chapter Happy Hour	6 pm	Poste Brasserie 555 8th St., NW
J Street DC Metro Chapter Happy Hour	6 pm	Busboys and Poets 1025 5th St., NW
J Street Texas Chapters Happy Hour	6 pm	Vapiano 623 H St., NW
J Street New England Chapters Dinner	6 pm	Busboys and Poets 1025 5th St., NW
J Street Pittsburgh Chapter Dinner	6:30 pm	Royal Thai Cuisine & Bar 507 H St., NW
J Street Baltimore Chapter Dinner	7 pm	Carmine's 425 7th St., NW

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Breakfast

8-8:50 am • Outside 202AB

Advocacy Day State Captain Team Leader Training

8-8:50 am • 207A

This session is closed to the press.

All Advocacy Day State Captains and Team Leaders must attend either this training or the identical session for state captains and team leaders on Sunday, March 22nd. These sessions are in addition to the General Advocacy Day Training for their regions on Monday, March 23rd at 10:30 am.

Concurrent Sessions

9-10:15 am

Text Study: How Do We Understand Jewish Values?

Presented by the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America 208AB

When we speak about ethics, justice and values, what are we really talking about? Come delve deeper into the roots of Jewish values in this two-part series, and explore ways to apply those values to our work.

Part I: Justice and Jewish Values in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

We often take for granted that we know what justice means from a Jewish, humanist, or moral point of view. This session will examine the different types of justice that are reflected in Jewish tradition, provide participants with an opportunity to think about how they translate into real-world situations, and push participants to reflect on their own assumptions about their definitions of justice.

Presenter:

Yehuda Kurtzer, President, Shalom Hartman Institute of North America

Chair: Noa Kushner, Founding Rabbi, The Kitchen; Member, J Street Rabbinic Cabinet

J Street, Can We Hold it Together? 207B

At J Street's first national conference skeptics wondered aloud if a viable pro-Israel, pro-peace movement could be built and can hold together over time. They questioned whether a politically diverse coalition—combining those bringing primarily their concern for Israel's security and those moved foremost by upset over the occupation—could work together with those in between to build the numbers necessary under a pro-Israel banner to change the politics on Israel in this country. Six years later—after three escalations in Gaza, two failed US-led peace initiatives and the continued rightward drift in Israel's politics—we revisit the question: can J Street balance the demands of its left and right flanks and continue to build an ever more potent and coherent political force? What will it take to do so?

Panelists:

Lisa Goldman, Contributing Editor, +972 Magazine

Rachel A. Lerner, Senior Vice President for Community Relations,

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Daniel May, Former Director, J Street U; Co-Founder, If Not Now

Moderator: Ron Kampeas, Washington Bureau Chief, JTA Chair: Mark Zivin, Chair, J Street Chicago

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The Rise of European Anti-Semitism 204AB

The past 12 months have seen some terrifying acts of anti-Semitism in France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and elsewhere in Europe, which spiked during the military confrontation between Israel and Hamas and then culminated with the shocking murders of hostages in a kosher supermarket in Paris. Jewish leaders do not recall such levels of venom and hatred since the Holocaust. French President Francois Hollande said: "It is indeed an appalling anti-Semitic act that was committed." This panel examines the roots of this phenomenon and asks: Is this a reemergence of deeply-ingrained historical hatred of Jews or is it something new? How much is driven by alienated young Muslim immigrants? Can European Jewish communities survive or are we seeing the slow death of Jewish life in Europe?

Panelists:

Ambassador Gérard Araud, Ambassador of France to the United States

David Cesarani, History Professor, Royal Holloway, University of London **Megan Doherty**, Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund **Giorgio Gomel**, Member of the Board, JCall Europe

Moderator: Alan Elsner, Vice President for Communications, J Street Chair: Talia Benamy, Co-Chair, J Street NYC

Old Conflicts and New Developments on the Temple Mount

Presented by Ir Amim **207A**

The Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif may be the most highly emotionally charged symbol of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It is no coincidence that the second intifada began here. But why, after years since of relative quiet has the Mount again become a flashpoint for religious and nationalistic tensions? This panel will address the growing political influence of messianic groups, increasing support for their activities from within the Israeli political establishment, and the way they have integrated the language of equal rights into their messaging. What is the relationship of the

Temple Mount to recent violence in Jerusalem? Is the conflict over the Mount a microcosm of the conflict at large? What issues does it raise about the Jewishness of the Jewish state and the growing challenge of managing national-religious tensions in Israel?

Panelists:

Ziad AbuZayyad, Founder and Co-Editor, Palestine-Israel Journal
 Yudith Oppenheimer, Executive Director, Ir Amim
 Ophir Pines Paz, Director, Institute for the Study of Local Government,
 Tel Aviv University

Moderator: Menachem Klein, Professor, Bar Ilan University; Visiting Fellow, King's College London

CHOICES FOR A BETTER FUTURE

What's Next for Palestinian Leadership? 202AB

After last summer's crisis in Gaza, the face of Palestinian leadership appears increasingly fractured—with Fatah and Hamas each struggling to find a message and a course of action that addresses the Palestinian people's desire for self-determination and dignity. As the international community refuses to deal with Hamas and President Mahmoud Abbas enters the twilight of his career, what lies ahead for Palestinian leadership? Is seeking recognition from international forums a useful tool and what are its costs? What other strategies are in play? How solid is the Palestinian Authority and what might happen if it were to collapse?

Panelists:

Huda Abuarquob, Regional Director, Alliance for Middle East Peace **Bashar Azzeh,** Chief Executive Officer, Jerusalem Business Forum **Khaled Elgindy,** Fellow, Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings

Moderator: Muna Shikaki, Correspondent, Al-Arabiya Chair: Elaine Reuben, J Street President's Council

Choices for a Better Future sessions explore the crucial choices facing American, Israeli and Palestinian leaders.



BEYOND THE GREEN LINE

Follow the Money—American Philanthropic Dollars and the Future of a Two-State Solution

Presented by J Street U with Americans for Peace Now **201**

Since before the founding of Israel, American philanthropic dollars have significantly influenced realities on the ground in the region. In March 2014, the Jewish Daily Forward released a report highlighting the hundreds of millions of dollars that the American Jewish community raises for Israel, as well as the sometimes opaque nature of where that money ends up. While major Jewish and non-Jewish financial contributions to projects beyond the Green Line are well-established, there remain many questions about the impact of these dollars. What are the policies of communal Jewish charity organizations like Federations towards funding programs across the Green Line? Is there transparency over the allocation of communal charity for Israel? What role do American contributions have on settlement projects and the future of a two-state solution? Join us to explore how American charitable giving is impacting the future of Israel and the Palestinian territory.

Panelists:

Kenneth Bob, National President, AmeinuRabbi Jill Jacobs, Executive Director, T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights

Menachem Leibovic, Deputy Director, Jewish National Fund Sarah Anne Minkin, Post-Doctoral Student, University of California-Berkeley Moderators: Hannah Nayowith, Carleton College Class of 2016; Co-Chair, J Street U Carleton; Rachael Stryer, Stanford University Class of 2017; Northwest Regional Co-Chair, J Street U

Beyond the Green Line sessions delve into issues of settlements and occupation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

TRAINING WORKSHOP

Our Future, Our Choice: Get Engaged In Your Community

This session is closed to the press.

204C

You've made the choice. You are committing or recommitting to work to ensure that our country and our communities oppose a continuing occupation that erodes Israel's security, democracy, morality and Jewish character. In this workshop, we will explore two new J Street initiatives: the Green Line Maps Project initiated by the Rabbinic Cabinet, and the Transparency Project spearheaded by J Street U. We will also discuss J Street's local political lobbying efforts and how you can change the conversation in your own community. Whether you are a seasoned chapter leader or just thinking about getting involved, this workshop is for you.

Presenters:

Amos Buhai, Southwest Regional Director, J Street **Josh Friedes,** Director of Regional Operations and Strategy, J Street

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Advocacy Day Training

10:30 am-12 pm

Everything you need to know for Advocacy Day. Attendance is mandatory for all Advocacy Day participants. Please attend only the training for your region, below:

These sessions are closed to the press.

Midwest, PA-Great Lakes and New York

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States: Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin

Northeast, Northwest and Southeast

204AB

States: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington state and Northern California (CA 1–CA 20)

Southwest, Mountain West and Capitol Region

202AB

States: Arizona, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming and Southern California (CA 21–CA 53)

Supplementary Sessions

12:15-1:15 pm

Lunch will be available for purchase in Salon ABC and on the East Overlook. The food carts will remain open from 10 am-2 pm.

Community and Youth Group Meet-Ups

This session is closed to the press.

12-12:45 pm

Bring your lunch and meet at the J Street U Chapter table in Salon ABC.

Were you active in a youth group such as NFTY, USY, Young Judea, Habonim Dror or Hashomer Hatzair? Join conference participants of all ages for mini meet-ups with others involved in similar organizations. Meet for lunch and critical conversations led by J Street U student leaders about how to utilize our communal connections to drive forward pro-Israel, pro-peace work.

Rabbinic Lunch: Who Speaks for the Jews?

208AB

Join J Street's Rabbinic Cabinet for a lunch and learn with Yehuda Kurtzer, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America.

This lunch is open to rabbis, cantors, rabbinical students and cantorial students only. Kosher sandwiches will be served.

Lives in Common—Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Hebron: A Book Discussion

202AB

History shows that Jews and Arabs can live together in mixed cities. Menachem Klein's new book, *Lives in Common*, examines this history, taking the reader on a fascinating journey through the streets of the ethnically mixed cities of Jerusalem, Jaffa and Hebron—revealing the untold stories of touching daily encounters between Jews and Arabs in the last 150 years. Despite these intertwined narratives, why do so many claim exclusivity in the land today? And, looking forward, how will the two-state solution translate past experiences into both the present and future of Israel and Palestine? Join us for a lively discussion of this book, which was ranked number four on the *Christian Science Monitor's* list of best books in November 2014.

Presenters:

Abigail Jacobson, Professor, Humanities, Art and Social Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Menachem Klein, Professor, Bar Ilan University; Visiting Fellow, King's College London

People to People: Is It Just Nice or Also Necessary?

Presented by the Alliance for Middle East Peace and the Alliance for Peacebuilding

204AB

In addition to diplomatic efforts to promote peace over the past two decades, dozens of civil society organizations have convened Israelis and Palestinians to pursue scores of joint projects to build a better future. With over 80 NGO's, the Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP) is one of the main conveners for the people-to-people movement in Israel and Palestine, creating a sense of community among their members and a platform for cooperation and partnership. In the US, ALLMEP advocates on Capitol Hill for the movement and has successfully garnered over \$70 million in funding. What is the point of all of

this? Is the people-to-people movement just a feel-good bandaid while the conflict rages on? Or is the movement a necessary part of any solution?

Panelists:

Huda Abuarquob, Regional Director, Alliance for Middle East Peace **Joel Braunold**, US Director, Alliance for Middle East Peace **Ned Lazarus**, Visiting Assistant Professor of International Affairs

Moderator: Melanie Greenberg, President, Alliance for Peacebuilding

Youth Activism From One Generation to the Next

Presented by the American Jewish Peace Archive **201**

Shortly after the 1967 Six Day War and the beginning of the settlement enterprise, young Jews across the US opposed Israel's occupation and supported Palestinian self-determination at a time when there was negligible support for the idea. Among the earliest proponents were activists from the Radical Jewish Youth Movement, a loose network of campus and young adults groups that addressed a range of contemporaneous issues through a Jewish progressive lens. Members of this movement will share stories from the era and lessons learned. A recent J Street U board member will reflect on the significance of earlier efforts for the work of present-day activists.

Panelists:

Kenneth Bob, Member, Radical Jewish Union; Former President, Habonim; President, Ameinu; Member, J Street Board of Directors

Cherie Brown, Member, Radical Jewish Community; Training Director, Shalom Network; Member, New Jewish Agenda Board of Directors; Vice President, Brit Tzedek v'Shalom

Rachel Cohen, Former Member, J Street U National Board; Writing Fellow, *The American Prospect*

Robbie Skeist, Founding Member, Chutzpah Jewish Liberation Collective; Founding President, Chicago Friends of Peace Now

Moderator: Aliza Becker, Director, American Jewish Peace Archive: An Oral History of Activists for Israeli-Palestinian Peace

Disruptive Media: Changing the Conversation in the Israeli-Palestinian Context

207A

Frustrated with the way the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is covered in the mainstream media? Join us to learn how citizen journalists, bloggers and new media in Israel are reshaping mainstream conversations about issues of inequality, occupation, human rights and non-violence. Where can we find voices that challenge the status quo? How do we know what

sources to trust? Is there a "balanced" way to cover the conflict? What role can emerging independent platforms in Israel play in bolstering free speech and challenging top-down narratives?

Panelists:

Ronit Avni, Founder and Former Executive Director, Just Vision Orly Noy, Co-Editor, *Local Call*Noam Sheizaf, Founder and Editor, +972 Magazine

Moderator: Muna Shikaki, Correspondent, Al-Arabiya Chair: Jackson Holtz, Advocacy Chair, J Street Seattle

Plenary Session

1:30-4 pm • Ballroom AB

Policy Perspectives: Finding a Way Forward

Keynote Address

US Administration speaker to be announced

Featured Address:

The Honorable Jan Schakowsky, Representative from Illinois

Panel Discussion:

 Member of Knesset Hilik Bar, Secretary General, Labor Party; former Deputy Speaker of the Knesset
 Saeb Erekat, Chief Negotiator, PLO
 Ambassador Martin S. Indyk, Vice President and Director for Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution

Moderator:

Ethan Bronner, Managing Editor, International News, *Bloomberg*



Concurrent Sessions

4:15-5:30 pm

Tapping Into a Better Future: Water Across Borders

Presented by EcoPeace Middle East 207B

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict's effect on the region's environment is one of the least talked about issues in the Israeli public, despite the health and security implications it has for both Israelis and Palestinians. Water in particular has been held hostage to the parties' inability to reach final status agreements for the past two decades. As a result, trans boundary water resources are inequitably and unsustainably allocated. Water and sanitation issues are at the heart of the once again rising tensions in Gaza, posing a serious threat to public health and regional stability. Can a resolution to the water issue move forward despite the lack of a formal political process? How can the Israeli and Palestinian governments take on water issues in a way that strengthens moderate forces and rebuilds trust in joint initiatives? Does the American government have a role to play in helping to facilitate cross-border cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians to improve the shared water reality?

Panelists:

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer, Representative from Oregon **Yoel Hasson,** Candidate for Knesset, Hatnua Party (Zionist Union)

Moderator: Mary Alexander, Chair, International Advisory Committee,

EcoPeace Middle East

Chair: Robert Stein, J Street Board of Directors

CHOICES FOR A BETTER FUTURE

How Can the American Jewish Community Advocate for Two States?

201

While many Jewish communal organizations express public support for a two-state solution, too often they stop short of translating that support into action. This panel will explore the choices that synagogues, organizations and campuses face in deciding whether, how and when to actively push a two-state agenda. What are the stumbling blocks to "walking the walk," and can they be overcome? If one presumes that there is the will to promote two states, what role could the American Jewish community play in addressing the existential threat to Israel posed by the lack of a two-state resolution to the conflict? And what would it take for Jewish communal leaders to take action?

Panelists:

Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater, Senior Rabbi, Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center

Geri D. Palast, Managing Director, JFNA/JCPA Israel Action Network Rabbi Josh Weinberg, President, Association of Reform Zionists of America

Moderators: Ariella Hohl, Columbia University/Jewish Theological Seminary Class of 2017; Co-Chair J Street U Columbia;

Jacob Kraus, Macalester College Class of 2015; Regional Co-Chair, J Street U Midwest Chair

Chair: Gaby Tolchinsky, J Street National Leadership Circle

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Pragmatic Middle Ground or Political Food Fight? Middle East Peacemaking and the 2016 Elections

207A

With the 2016 presidential elections looming, both political parties are debating their respective foreign policy platforms. On the Republican side, neoconservatives are battling with isolationists over America's international focus. Meanwhile, on the Democratic side, anti-war activists are debating the limits of the president's military authority with interventionists. Will these debates result in a pragmatic middle ground favorable to Middle East peacemaking, or will a polarized conversation on foreign policy further impede efforts to achieve an Israeli-Palestinian accord? Could we see bipartisan cooperation between those who, despite being in different parties, hold similar views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? How might these debates impact US involvement in the Middle East? Join leading political minds from both sides of the aisle to discuss these questions and more.

Panelists:

W. James Antle, III, Managing Editor, Daily Caller
 Jim Gerstein, Founding Partner, Gerstein | Bocian | Agne Strategies
 Heather Hurlburt, Director, New Models of Policy Change,
 New American Foundation

Moderator: Dan Kalik, Vice President of Political Affairs, J Street Chair: Diana Shaw Clark, Co-Chair, J Street Finance Committee

Arab Spring, ISIS Fall?

202AB

Beginning in December 2010, pro-reform activists took to the streets across the Middle East and North Africa demanding political and economic change. However, more than four years and several regime changes later, what's truly different? The political landscape in Egypt has returned to the status quo, a civil war rages on in Syria, and the rise of the Islamic State has not only re-upped the threat of terrorism in the region but brought the violence closer to home for Americans and other Westerners. Did the wave of democracy-minded demonstrations achieve anything positive? Or has it simply paved the way for extremist groups to

take control? And what does the current state of the region mean for Israel's security and the prospects for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian and Arab-Israeli conflicts?

Panelists:

Joseph Bahout, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Marina Ottaway, Senior Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

François Rivasseau, Deputy Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to the United States

Ksenia Svetlova, Journalist and Commentator; Candidate for Knesset, Hatnua Party (Zionist Union)

Moderator: Rebecca Abou-Chedid, Fellow and Co-Chair, Middle East and North Africa Working Group, Truman National Security Project Chair: Maida Schifter, J Street Finance Committee

Going Global: Palestine at the UN and ICC 204AB

In the first few months of 2015, Palestinians have taken their quest for statehood to the international arena, putting the 2014 negotiations with Israel behind them. 2014 ended with a failed resolution at the United Nations Security Council, quickly followed by a bid to join the International Criminal Court. Such acts have been met by Israel withholding tax receipts it collects on behalf of the Palestinian Authority and some in Congress urging an end to US aid for the Palestinians. What do the Palestinians hope to achieve through this strategy? What are the legal and procedural hurdles to the Palestinians' approach to the ICC? Why are Israel and many of its supporters concerned about an ICC investigation? Could these controversial moves bring a Palestinian state closer? Or will they only create more roadblocks?

Panelists:

Saeb Erekat, Chief Negotiator, PLO

Member of Knesset Hilik Bar, Secretary General, Labor Party; former Deputy Speaker of the Knesset

Diane Orentlicher, Professor of International Law, American University

Moderator: Dylan Williams, Vice President of Government Affairs, J Street

Chair: Evan Aptaker, J Street President's Council



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Part II: The Ethics of Self-Preservation

Questions of security dominate and often obscure the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with the voices of security experts given prominence and a prevailing sensibility that the morality of self-preservation is secondary—either taken for granted, or irrelevant. This session will explore the moral responsibilities and obligations of self-preservation in the Jewish tradition, and will ask how this moral consideration can help to animate the contemporary political conversation.

Presenter: Yehuda Kurtzer, President, Shalom Hartman Institute of North America

Chair: Rabbi Amy Small, Founder and Director, Deborah's Palm Center For Jewish Learning And Experiences; National Co-Chair; J Street Rabbinic Cabinet

Mincha

5:30-6 pm

Mechizta: 208AB Egalitarian: 201

Gala Dinner Reception

This is a ticketed event.

6:30-7:30 pm • South Pre-function

Gala Dinner

7:30–10 pm • Ballroom AB

This is a ticketed event.

2015 J. Zel Lurie Tzedek v'Shalom Award

Charles C. Kremer, Member, J Street Board of Directors and President, Access Leasing Corporation

Joanna Goodwin Friedman, Member, J Street Board of Directors and President, Middle East Peace Dialogue Network

Richard C. Goodwin, Member, J Street Advisory Council and Chairman, Middle East Peace Dialogue Network

Keynote Address:

The Honorable James A. Baker, III, 61st US Secretary of State

Special Guest Speaker:

Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers

The program will also feature:

Ethan Bronner, Managing Editor, International News, *Bloomberg*Ambassador William J. Burns, President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Noam Shuster, Program Director, InterPeace

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Advocacy Day Kick-Off

8:30-10 am • 2226 Rayburn House Office Building

Advocacy Day participants who are free at this time are invited to enjoy a light breakfast while hearing from Members of Congress and fellow J Street leaders.

Please allow for an additional 20-30 minutes in your commute due to Capitol Hill security screening.

Appointments with Member Offices

9 am-2 pm • Capitol Hill

Advocacy Day participants should consult their individual schedules for meeting times and locations.

Congressional meetings are closed to the press.

Exploring the Impact of the Recent Israeli Elections on US Foreign Policy

12-1 pm

Senate Visitors Center, Room 201

Last week's elections in Israel will undoubtedly have significant impact on the prospects for a two-state solution and even potentially on the US-Israel relationship. Join leading experts in a discussion of the character of the forthcoming Israeli government and of its likely policies? Should we expect a shift in US policy towards Israel following the election or in Israeli relations with the White House or Congress?

Panelists:

 Zack Beauchamp, World Correspondent, Vox
 Tamara Cofman Wittes, Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution
 Ilan Goldenberg, Senior Fellow and Director of the Middle East

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Abraham Fund Initiatives is a not-for-profit organization working since 1989 to promote coexistence and equality among Israel's Jewish and Arab-Palestinian citizens. Named after the common ancestor of both Jews and Arabs, The Abraham Fund works toward a prosperous, secure and just society by promoting policies based on innovative social models, conducting large-scale initiatives, advocacy and public education.

Ameinu, Hebrew for "Our People," is a national, multi-generational community of progressive American Jews. Recognizing the unbreakable bond between the Jewish people and Israel, Ameinu seeks to mobilize American Jews who seek opportunities to foster social and economic justice both in Israel and the United States. As Zionists, Ameinu understands that a secure peace between Israel and its neighbors is essential to the survival of a democratic Jewish state, and to that end it builds support within the American Jewish community for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Ameinu is the leading progressive Zionist membership organization in the United States. Through its local, national and online activities, it provides community for college students, baby boomers and veteran activists.

American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam (NSWAS)

encourages, supports and publicizes the work of NSWAS, the "Oasis of Peace." For over 35 years, NSWAS—the only community where Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel have chosen to live together and share decision-making and a life of peace and equality—has been dedicated to dialogue, cooperation and a genuine and durable peace between Arabs and Jews, Palestinians and Israelis. NSWAS is home to three important educational institutions: the first-in-the-nation bilingual/binational Primary School, the School for Peace, the Pluralistic Spiritual Community Center, Youth Center and new World Peace College.

Americans for Peace Now (APN), the sister organization of Israel's Peace Now movement, is a leading non-partisan American Jewish organization that advocates in Washington and beyond for security for Israel through peace with its neighbors. Positions long advocated by APN—such as the evacuation of settlements and the creation of a Palestinian state—are now recognized by most Israelis and Americans as basic requirements for Israel's future as a Jewish state and a democracy, and as a key US national security interest.

Breaking the Silence is an organization of veteran combatants that served in the Israeli military who work to expose the realities of life in the occupied territories to the Israeli public. Breaking the Silence endeavors to stimulate public debate about the moral implications of military control over a civilian population. Discharged soldiers who return to civilian life discover the gap between the reality that they encountered in the territories and the silence that they face at home regarding this reality. While many soldiers are compelled to suppress what they have seen and done, we strive to make their voices heard, encouraging Israeli society to face the reality it has enabled.

Geneva Initiative provides realistic and achievable solutions to all issues of the conflict, based on previous official negotiations, international resolutions and peace initiatives. In addition to presenting a detailed blueprint for Israeli-Palestinian peace, the Geneva Initiative educates and campaigns, both locally and internationally, and reaches out to select target groups, including those groups that are traditionally left out of the discussion. Geneva Initiative believes that it is in the best interest of Israelis and Palestinians to negotiate directly in order to reach a realistic, dignified and sustainable two-state solution in which both peoples can build a brighter future.

Mosaic Theater Company of DC makes powerful, transformational art, producing plays by authors on the frontlines of conflict zones, providing audiences with a dynamic new venue for the dramatizing and debating of ideas, creating rich seasons of contemporary work and an annual intercultural festival, like our acclaimed Voices From a Changing Middle East series. We broaden our interactions with the art through a multitude of lenses, offering a variety of artistic responses and discussion platforms. Mosaic brings communities from across our region to encounter our shared humanity. We contribute to broader civic conversations with a concern for heritage and the health of our homeland informed by respect for our artists' vigorous, sensitive, uncensored portraits. For more information go to www.mosaictheater.org.

New Israel Fund (NIF) is the leading organization committed to equality and democracy for all Israelis. It is a partnership of Israelis and supporters of Israel worldwide who are dedicated to a vision of Israel as both the Jewish homeland and a shared society at peace with itself and its neighbors. NIF strengthens organizations and

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leaders that work to achieve equality for all citizens of the state; realize the civil and human rights of all, including Arab citizens of Israel; recognize and reinforce the essential pluralism of Israeli society; and empower groups on the economic margins of Israeli society.

OneVoice is an international grassroots movement that amplifies the voice of mainstream Israelis and Palestinians, empowering them to propel their elected representatives toward the two-state solution. It works to forge consensus for conflict resolution and to build a human infrastructure capable of mobilizing the people toward a negotiated, comprehensive, and permanent agreement between Israel and Palestine that ends the occupation, ensures security and peace for both sides, and solves all final-status issues. Our mission is premised on the notion that everyday people have a crucial role to play in creating the political conditions necessary to propel their leaders toward ending the conflict and the occupation.

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Alliance for Middle East Peace is a network of over 85 organizations that conduct civil society work in conflict transformation, development, coexistence and cooperative activities on the ground in the Middle East among Israelis, Palestinians, Arabs and Jews. Our members seek to build a secure, just and sustainable peace where all can enjoy the rights and freedoms needed for them to reach their human potential and live in peace with one another with dignity. Our mission is to support our members by ensuring more attention and resources are dedicated to their groundbreaking work.

API Regional Network is a forum of civil society activists and organizations from the Middle East (including Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, and Israel) which works together to promote and implement the Arab Peace Initiative (API) as basis for a regional solution. Partners include the Center for Democracy and Community Development from Palestine, AJEEC-NISPED (Arab-Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation—Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development) from Israel, PAX from Holland and URI (United Religions Initiative) from Jordan. The Network has been active since 2011.

American Friends of the Parents Circle works to increase visibility and support among the American public for the essential work of the Parents Circle. The Parents Circle—Families Forum (PCFF) is a unique grassroots organization made up of more than six hundred families, half Israeli and half Palestinian, who have all lost immediate family members to the conflict. These families have embarked on a joint reconciliation mission in the midst of the ongoing violence, transforming their loss and pain into a catalyst for reconciliation. PCFF members strive to develop and maintain mechanisms that will facilitate a genuine reconciliation process alongside any future political agreement. We believe that without reconciliation there will never be a lasting peace.

The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA)

enriches the Jewish identity of Reform Jews in the United States through a connection with Israel. We do so by strengthening the Reform movement in Israel while working to make Israel a Jewish, pluralistic, just and democratic society. ARZA links the people and institutions of the Israeli and American Reform Movements, informed by a love of Israel and a belief in K'lal Yisrael—Jewish peoplehood. ARZA works in partnership with the URJ and the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ), and their affiliates. ARZA represents US Reform Jews in national and international Zionist organizations, and the World Zionist Congress.

Bimkom—Planners for Planning Rights is an Israeli human rights organization formed in 1999 by a group of professional planners and architects, in order to strengthen democracy and human rights in the field of spatial planning and land issues. Bimkom assists communities throughout Israel and areas under Israeli control in matters concerning inadequate planning and home demolitions, as well as lack of infrastructure and public services. Drawing on values of social justice, good governance, equality and community participation, Bimkom advances the development of planning policies and practices that are more just and respectful of human rights, and responsive to the needs of local communities.

EcoPeace Middle East is a unique organization that brings together Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli environmentalists. Its primary objective is the promotion of cooperative efforts to protect the region's shared environmental heritage. In so doing, it seeks to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of necessary conditions for lasting peace in the Middle East region. It has offices in Amman, Bethlehem and Tel-Aviv. As a project oriented NGO, EcoPeace uses both a "top-down" (advocacy) approach coupled with a "bottom-up" (grassroots/community) strategy that has proven to be a very effective work model.

Givat Haviva is a nonprofit organization in Israel dedicated to promoting mutual responsibility, civic equality and cooperation between divided groups as the foundation for a shared future and shared society, critical elements of a sustainable and thriving democracy. Our mission is to further equality and understanding between Jews and Arabs in Israel. Givat Haviva serves as a catalyst in activating divided communities to work together towards achieving their common goals, while engaging in a process of interaction, support and empowerment. The Givat Haviva Educational Foundation is the NYC-based American arm, representing and supporting the Givat Haviva Institute in Israel.

Hashomer Hatzair USA encourages youth to build progressive Jewish values, explore connections to Israel and the Jewish community, and develop a commitment to social, environmental and economic justice in a setting characterized by youth leadership and collective responsibility. Since 1923, Hashomer Hatzair has been providing quality, youth-led alternative education, enabling its youth to take full responsibility over their education and culture while continuing to build life-long friendships. Through year-round programming and summer activities at Camp Shomria, each age group, led by young guides, learns and grows together in an environment that promotes and models youth leadership, personal maturation and cooperation.

Jewish Labor Committee (JLC), an independent secular organization, is the voice of the Jewish community in the labor movement and the voice of the labor movement in the Jewish community. Whether through its national office in New York or local offices and lay-led groups across the United States, the JLC enables the Jewish community and the trade union movement to work together in pursuit of our shared commitment to economic and social justice, to promote worker rights as well as civil and human rights in the workplace and the community-at-large, combat manifestations of anti-Semitism and all forms of prejudice, strengthen the historic relationship between American and Israeli trade unions, and promote a just peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

Partners for Progressive Israel (formerly MeretzUSA) is an American Zionist organization affiliated with the World Union of Meretz. We are dedicated to the achievement of a durable and just peace between Israel and all its neighbors, especially the Palestinian people, based on a negotiated two-state solution;

and to the realization of human and civil rights, equality and social justice for all of Israel's inhabitants—regardless of ethnic/religious identity, national origin, gender or sexual orientation. Towards this end, we educate Americans on the issues of peace, democracy, justice and equality in Israel and the territories it controls; and encourage American Jews to develop a direct, personal connection with Israel, by forming ties with the country's progressive forces and actively participating in programs with them.

Peace Now (Shalom Achshav) is Israel's largest peace movement and the leading voice of Israeli public pressure for peace. Peace Now's mission is to promote peace and democracy through educating the Israeli public. It works to ensure that both Israelis and Palestinians embrace the only viable solution to the conflict: a two-state solution. Peace Now works to advance the recognition within Israeli society that the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza harms Israel's national security, weakens it economically and politically and damages the values and fabric of Israeli society.

T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights is an organization of 1800 rabbis from all streams of Judaism who act on the Jewish imperative to respect and protect the human rights of all people. Grounded in Torah and our Jewish historical experience and guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we advocate for human rights in Israel and North America. We are proud to partner with Rabbis for Human Rights-Israel in our efforts to protect the human rights of Jews, Palestinians and all others living in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. In our North American work, we are proud to partner with a range of Jewish, interfaith and secular organizations that share our commitment to human rights.

The Workmen's Circle engages families and children in active, intergenerational learning and celebration. Our children's classes, joyful celebrations and social action programs are rooted in our rich Jewish culture and progressive values. Through shared education experiences, children and their families discover a compelling Jewish cultural identity and a passion for transformational social justice activism. For 113 years, the Workmen's Circle has been the heart of the Jewish progressive community: educating wave after wave of Jewish immigrants to America, caring for the poor and championing labor rights. Today, we are building on those strengths and focusing our energies on welcoming, teaching and encouraging children and families to build a better and more beautiful world for all.

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All for Peace Radio is a parallel-operated Israeli-Palestinian independent media outlet dedicated to increasing the positive role of the media in strengthening democracy and civil society in the Middle East. The station serves as a Palestinian and Israeli cutting-edge media platform to promote freedom, equality, democracy and peace. Founded in January 2004, All for Peace Radio is one of the region's leading and long-lasting independent media outlets, broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week to vast areas in Israel and the Palestinian Authority, via 87.8 FM, online broadcasting on our site www.allforpeace.org, Facebook, iCast and beyond.

Artsbridge, Inc. is an American, grassroots nonprofit organization that provides Israeli. Palestinian and American teens leadership training and skills in creative thinking and dialogue. Following a three-week intensive program in the United States, Artsbridge students return to their home communities and take on the responsibility of mentoring younger students through community partner programs. Empowered by what they have learned in Artsbridge, students are able to imagine the experience of the "other" instead of maintaining the fear, hatred and mistrust that most have lived with their entire lives. Artsbridge partners with other organizations in the US. Palestine and Israel to ensure our participants have continual support throughout their personal journeys to become the change-makers of tomorrow. Artsbridge, Inc cultivates creativity, voice, respectful listening and dialogue in order to empower today's youth to become leaders and changemakers in the question for a more just and constructive future.

The Center for Emerging Futures (CEF) creates dialogue and partnerships between Palestinians and Israelis. The joint Israeli-Palestinian team has designed and operates a specialized framework, changing the lives of thousands—young and old, women and men, professors and farmers—through a two-level process: gatherings allowing first-time dialogue and trust-building; and incubating grassroots civil projects of partnership, through which people stay connected and committed to each other and pull more people into the circle of common humanity. CEF also holds other specialized gatherings in the Middle East and abroad and cooperates with other organizations, integrating dialogue and partnerships into their programs.

The Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution (CRDC) engages in practice, education and research concerning peacebuilding in conflicts where religion and culture play a significant role. CRDC specializes in entrepreneurial engagement with partners, students and supporters who share the goal of promoting emerging networks of indigenous and global peacebuilders, mobilizing support for them and creating linkages between peacebuilders, citizen diplomats and policy makers.

The Foundation for Middle East Peace is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Washington, D.C. that promotes a just resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict through education and advocacy. FMEP publishes news and analysis on the conflict that is circulated to intellectuals, policymakers and peace activists. It also organizes speaker events, research trips to the region, and provides grants to other peacemaking organizations.

Gisha is an Israeli not-for-profit organization, founded in 2005, whose goal is to protect the freedom of movement of Palestinians, especially Gaza residents. Because freedom of movement is a precondition for exercising other basic rights, Gisha's work has a multiplier effect in helping residents of the occupied territory to access education, livelihoods and family. Gisha, whose name means both "access" and "approach," represents individuals and organizations in Israeli administrative proceedings and courts. As part of its advocacy work, Gisha reaches out to members of the public and opinion-makers and also advocates directly before decision-makers to promote policies that respect human rights. Visit us at www.gisha.org.

Healing Across the Divides is an American 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that brings together Jews, Muslims and Christians to improve the health of Palestinians and Israelis while helping to forge cooperation that furthers understanding between the two communities. By providing financial and technical support to community-based health organizations in Israel and the West Bank, Healing Across the Divides empowers a broad range of groups—including Arabs, Orthodox Jews, Ethiopians, young mothers and the disabled—to improve their lives and those of their communities. We believe that such empowerment is a critical component of the ability of such communities to achieve and sustain peace.

ILLI Initiatives believes that a peaceful and prosperous future in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) is contingent upon having innovative leadership in all realms of life, and fostering meaningful and sustainable relationships across ethnic, religious and national boundaries. ILLI Initiatives offers a variety of programs, including travel throughout the MENA region (primarily Morocco, Israel, Palestine, and Jordan); exchanges between internationals and Middle Easterners, as well as between different groups within the region; language study programs; the opportunity to perform an internship or service learning in the country and field of choice; and conflict resolution and leadership workshops and training.

Ir Amim ("City of Nations" or "City of Peoples") focuses on Jerusalem within the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Ir Amim seeks to render Jerusalem a more equitable and sustainable city for the Israelis and Palestinians who share it and to help secure a negotiated resolution on the city through sustained monitoring, analysis and exposure of harmful unilateral actions; public education and outreach to re-orient the public discourse on Jerusalem; and legal and policy advocacy to impede or halt developments counter to a two-state solution. Ir Amim envisions a city that ensures the dignity and welfare of all its residents and that safeguards their holy places, as well as their historical and cultural heritages—today and in the future—and aspires to a sustainable political future for Jerusalem, achievable only through a negotiated process to resolve the conflict.

JCall is an organization of European Jews who are concerned about the future of the State of Israel of whose existence, security and democracy they are strongly committed. JCall considers that only the end of occupation and the creation of a viable Palestinian state will guarantee the long-term sustainability of Israel as a democratic state with a Jewish majority. JCall appeals to European and American leaders to exert joint pressure on both the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority to resume serious negotiations to secure a diplomatic solution to end the conflict.

The Jewish Alliance for Change (JAFC), a pro-Israel nonprofit organization, works to foster the American Jewish contribution to an America and a Jewish democratic Israel that respect the dignity of every individual. The Campaign for Bedouin-Jewish Justice, a JAFC project, has taken a lead role in informing and mobilizing American Jews to end home demolitions and destruction of Bedouin villages in Israel and to promote a just, negotiated solution to the plight of Israel's Negev Bedouin citizens, the country's single most disadvantaged population. JAFC also sponsors a project to develop

educational curricula for teaching the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and peacemaking to Jewish high school students.

The Jewish Peace Lobby has just completed its 25th year of important work. We started in 1989 as an alternative Jewish voice in Washington; over the years we came to focus on innovative policy development focused on the final status issues of the conflict and new approaches to the peace process. We engage with US, Israeli, Palestinian and European policy makers in Washington, at the UN, and in Israel/Palestine. Visit our website www.peacelobby.org to find an array of material that outlines our ideas and proposals.

Living Liberally creates social communities around progressive politics across America and around the world. Best known for the Drinking Liberally happy hours in over 250 cities, they also host Screening Liberally films, Reading Liberally book tours, Eating Liberally meals and Laughing Liberally comedy shows. Their events become centers of progressive energy in conservative corners and liberal oases in big cities and small towns across the country. The organization's story was told in the recently-published 538 Ways to Live, Work and Play Like a Liberal, by co-founder Justin Krebs. Find or start a chapter at livingliberally.org.

MEPEACE—mepeace.org is a network for peace designed to exemplify and realize peace online and on the ground; empower people and organizations with interaction, information and inspiration; and enable a movement for peace with internet and networking technologies. Online, MEPEACE's web platform enables individuals and organizations from more than 200 countries to overcome physical barriers to share and learn about one another. On the ground, MEPEACE creates community-building encounters, provides activist leadership training, and offers technology consulting to other peace organizations.

a progressive foreign policy think tank that envisions a fresh start for Israel among the nations. It aims to reshape Israel's relations in the Middle East, Europe and the Mediterranean, by promoting new paradigms for Israel's foreign policies, enhancing Israel's regional belonging, and advancing Israeli-Arab peace. Mitvim works at the political, diplomatic and public levels. It is comprised of Israeli experts, strategists, scholars, and journalists, who bring forth fresh

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and innovative thinking. More information is at: www.mitvim.org. il and www.facebook.com/mitvim. To make contact: Dr. Nimrod Goren, Chairman, ngoren@mitvim.org.il.

Other Voice is a grassroots volunteer initiative comprised of citizens from communities around the Gaza border, working toward the co-creation of a sustainable reality for all people in the region. Other Voice keeps in close contact with Gazans, calls to end the siege on Gaza and demands that all sides end the cycle of senseless violence, which primarily harms innocent civilians. Other Voice has been extremely active in raising awareness to the dire reality of the region through public campaigns and petitions, letter writing to Israeli leaders, organization of seminars and conferences, speaking tours worldwide, educational tours of the area for visitors from Israel and from throughout the world, as well as occasional direct humanitarian aid to Gazans during and after the wars.

Palestine-Israel Journal (pij.org) is a Jerusalem-based non-profit organization, founded in 1994, concurrently with the first phases of the Oslo process, to encourage dialogue between civil societies on both sides and broaden the base of support for the peace process. Co-edited by Ziad AbuZayyad and Hillel Schenker, the PIJ is an independent publication with an often critical voice that provides background material and in-depth analysis of various aspects of the conflict from the perspective of both sides, thus helping to shed light on the complex issues dividing Israelis and Palestinians and the relationship between the two peoples.

Palestinian-Israeli Peace NGO Forum is a dynamic platform for cooperation and interaction between over 80 local NGOs in Israel and Palestine that are fostering bilateral civil society dialogue and working towards the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through ending the occupation and peace. This one-of-a-kind network, which goes beyond conflict lines, does not exist in any other conflict area. The Forum's mission is to improve the coordination between the sides and the professionalism of member organizations, while also creating a whole that is larger than the sum of its parts—all with the aim of increasing local NGOs' impact on Israeli and Palestinian societies.

Project Hayei Sarah is a community of rabbinical students, rabbis, Jewish educators and lay leaders who are grappling with the difficult realities of Hebron. In light of their awareness of violations of human dignity there, many in the name of Judaism, Project Hayei Sarah seeks to educate Jewish communities and generate communal conversations, rooted in Jewish text and tradition, about the history, complexity and current reality of the holy city of Hebron. They seek to ritualize this conversation using the week of Hayei Sarah to

reclaim and promote an alternative vision for marking this annual encounter with the text, inviting our communities into an experience of critical engagement, learning and action. Project Hayei Sarah hope to facilitate an alternate form of virtual pilgrimage inspired by the deeply held values of our communities for equality and justice. They work to spark individual and collective action towards a reality in Hebron that is reflective of our highest Jewish ideals.

Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to examining how genuine democracies can develop in the Middle East and how the US can best support that process. Through dialogue, research and advocacy, it aims to strengthen the constituency for US policies that peacefully support democratic reform in the Middle East. POMED believes there is a clear need to rigorously examine America's actual and potential impact on political reform in the region; to bring together for constructive dialogue academics and activists, policymakers and regional experts, Americans and Middle Easterners; to identify clearly the parameters of legitimate, constructive support for democracy in the Middle East; and to empower the coalition of actors supporting policies consistent with those principles.

Tikkun Magazine has been at the forefront of the movement for a two-state solution and an end to the Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza since its founding in 1986. They were the first to publish the new Israeli historians; they brought Senator Wellstone to a large peace conference in Israel in 1991; and they have argued that a peace movement must insist on the humanity of the Palestinian people and regard their suffering as equally important to God as the suffering of Jews. Tikkun is also about a New Bottom Line of love, generosity, caring, environmental sanity, global peace and social justice. Maybe you should be writing for Tikkun? You could certainly support them by subscribing at tikkun.org.

Tikkun Olam in Tel Aviv-Jaffa provides service-learning opportunities for Jewish young adults that explore the challenge and complexity of the Jewish-democratic state of Israel. Our participants volunteer with disadvantaged communities across diverse swaths of Israeli society, while learning about the underlying issues facing those populations from a broad range of perspectives. Our long-term programs, lasting five or ten months, begin each September and February. Tikkun Olam is a joint project of the BINA Center for Jewish Identity and Hebrew Culture, and the Daniel Centers for Progressive Judaism. More information is available at www.tikkunolamisrael.org.

The Water Resources Action Project (WRAP) is a volunteer, non-profit organization that was formed in 2009 to improve public health for underserved communities in the Middle East through greater water stewardship. WRAP's leadership and governing board is comprised of people of diverse political, ethnic and religious backgrounds, operating with strict neutrality to put real results on the ground, which are replicable, scalable and apolitical. WRAP funds and constructs rainwater harvesting systems at schools throughout the region, accompanied by a strong educational program and monitoring/reporting procedures. To date, WRAP has installed three rainwater harvesting systems in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Women Wage Peace is a non-partisan, inclusive and rapidly growing movement of thousands of women. We are influential in public and in political arenas. Our members have different political views and affiliations. We are Jewish and Arab, secular

and religious, and come from all over Israel. Yet we are unanimous in our call for the return of visions of peace to the very center of public discussion and diplomatic activity. We are working for the implementation of a non-violent, dignified, and regionally acceptable solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We understand that peace is not utopia; it is the means toward, and necessary foundation for, the security and freedom of two peoples in this region.

Yachad was established in May 2011 to build support within Anglo-Jewry through education, debate and advocacy for a two-state solution and end to the occupation. Whether raising the voice of Anglo-Jewry in support of a two-state solution, educating the community about the conflict, or providing British Jews the opportunity to spend time in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, Yachad's work reaches thousands of British Jew each year. A significant body of support for the organisation comes from the next generation of the community from within the Jewish student body and Zionist youth movements.

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RONI KEIDAR moved to Israel as a child in 1951. She has lived in Netiv Ha'asara, an agricultural village on the border of the Gaza Strip, since 1982. Roni has also lived in Egypt, where she was exposed to the two sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and discovered the power of dialogue in bringing people together. Since moving back to Netiv Ha'asara, Roni's home has been under constant threat of missiles, rockets and mortar shells. She has witnessed the damage to property, loss of life and ongoing fear of the next alert and the next rocket. However, through her work with Other Voice—a grassroots volunteer initiative comprised of citizens from the communities bordering the Gaza border—Roni and her peers try to make people understand that until people on both sides of the border are affected by the conflict, and that security and peace are imperative to their survival.

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AMBASSADOR GÉRARD ARAUD, a career diplomat, was appointed Ambassador of France to the United States in September 2014. The former Ambassador of France to Israel, Araud has also held numerous positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, including Director for Strategic Affairs, Security and Disarmament, Director General for Political Affairs and Security, and Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations in New York. Over the course of his career, Ambassador Araud has developed specialized knowledge of the Middle East, including his tenure as the French negotiator for Iranian nuclear talks from 2003 to 2006. Ambassador Araud has also contributed to the adoption of UN resolutions on Libya, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali and the Central African Republic. He has written numerous journal articles, including one recently published in Commentaire and another in Esprit.

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CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER has devoted his career to public service. He was elected to the Oregon Legislature in 1972, where he served three terms and Chaired the House Education and Revenue Committee in 1977-78. He was elected to the Portland City Council in 1986; there, his 10-year tenure as the Commissioner of Public Works demonstrated his leadership in transportation, planning, environmental programs and public participation. Elected to the US House of Representatives in 1996, Mr. Blumenauer has created a unique role as Congress' chief spokesperson for Livable Communities: places where people are safe, healthy and economically secure. He was a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee from 2001 to 2007, and vice-chair of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming from 2007 to 2010. He is currently a member of the Budget Committee and Ways and Means Committee and the subcommittees on Health and Trade.

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AMBASSADOR THOMAS R. PICKERING holds the rank of Career Ambassador. In a diplomatic career spanning five decades, he was US ambassador to the Russian Federation, India, Israel, El Salvador, Nigeria, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Pickering also served on assignments in Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam. Tanzania, and he has also served as Ambassador and Representative to the UN. Executive Secretary of the Department of State. and Special Assistant to William Rogers and Henry Kissinger. Ambassador Pickering is currently Vice Chairman at Hills and Company, which provides advice and counsel to a number of major US enterprises. He has previously served as Senior Vice President for International Relations and a member of the Executive Council at Boeing, which he joined upon his retirement as US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. He is a recipient of the Department of State's highest achievement, the Distinguished Service Award, and he serves as a member of the International Institute of Strategic Studies and the Council on Foreign Relations. He speaks French, Spanish and Swahili and has some fluency in Arabic, Hebrew and Russian.

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KATE PRESS is the New York City Regional Director and Deputy Field Director at J Street. In 2009 Kate joined J Street as the East Coast Student Organizer. She became a member of the Field Team in June 2010. Before J Street she worked in Freetown, Sierra Leone building public administrative capacities in the provinces outside of Freetown. In this role, she trained local college graduates and found them placements in provincial government offices. Before that Kate worked for the International Development Research Center. Kate has a Masters in International Affairs from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. Kate has spent a over a year living in Israel and traveling the West Bank extensively as part of the Dorot Fellowship in Israel which works to assemble and empower a network of young Jewish lay leaders to enliven the American Jewish landscape. Born in Toronto, Canada, Kate now lives in Brooklyn.

BOAZ RAKOCZ currently serves as the Director General of the Knesset Social Guard, a non-partisan, non-governmental organization dedicated to enhancing Israeli democracy and transforming the relationship between elected officials and their constituents. Previously, he worked at a marketing research firm, which he left in the wake of the 2011 social protests in Israel. Boaz was one of the leaders of the protest movement, and, inspired by its values, worked with other leaders to create the Knesset Social Guard. A native of Tel Aviv, Boaz served in the IDF for eight years as the commander of a combat unit and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the reserves. He is currently an executive member of the Heschel Sustainability Center. He holds a MA in International Relations from Columbia University, specializing in economic and political development, as well as a BA in History and Security Studies from the Hebrew University.

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LILLY RIVLIN is an award-winning filmmaker, writer and political activist. Before focusing on documentaries, she was a journalist and foundation consultant on the Middle East and women. Most recently, Rivlin was selected as the 2013-14 recipient of the annual Miller Distinguished Jewish Woman Filmmaker Award. In chronological order her films are Esther Broner: A Weave of Women (2013) and before that the award winning film, Grace Paley: Collected Shorts (2010); Can You Hear Me? Israeli and Palestinian Women Fight for Peace (2006); Gimme a Kiss (2000); Miriam's Daughters Now (1986); and The Tribe (1983). She contributed to such works as Expulsion and Memory (1995); Full Circle, a film about women's role in kibbutzim (1995); If Not Now When? (1988); Pillars of Fire, Israel TV's 18-part series on the history of Zionism (1983); The Jews (1970-72). She is listed in Feminists Who Changed America, 1963-1975 (2007) and Jewish Women, A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia (2007).

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ALON SACHAR spent a half-dozen years as a Middle East expert and advisor on Arab-Israeli issues at the U.S. Department of State. Soon after joining the State Department in 2006, Alon held the Roadmap monitoring portfolio in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and worked

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MEMBER OF KNESSET OFER SHELACH is a member of the Yesh Atid party. In 2013, he placed sixth on the party's list. Shelach is an experienced political and military commentator and sports journalist. He has worked for *Yedioth Ahronoth, Maariv* and many other publications. He has also written a great amount about the IDF and security issues in the region. Shelach served in an elite paratrooper during the 1982 Lebanon War. He holds a BA in Economics and English Literature from Tel Aviv University.

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Fellow. He has taught at Princeton University, at American University in Washington, DC, and at Dartmouth College.

NOAM SHUSTER graduated from Brandeis University as a coexistence scholar. Throughout her studies, she worked with youth in Rwanda and was awarded the "Davis Peace Prize" for having developed peace- peacebuilding programs for HIV-positive youth in Kigali. These initiatives supported the creation of healing narratives for health education based on reconciliation and confronting of the past. Ms. Shuster grew up in the only community in Israel where Palestinians and Jews live together in equality. Neve Shalom-Wahat Al Salam. She was educated in a bilingual and bicultural school, and speaks fluent Arabic—strengthening her Middle Eastern identity that is based on family roots in Iran. Ms. Shuster has worked in peacebuilding programs with Israelis and Palestinians since a young age and joined the international peacebuilding organization Interpeace in 2012, engaging with a special UN-based program working with strategic populations in the Israeli society that were previously excluded from the peace process.

ROBBIE SKEIST is the founder of the Chutzpah Collective and Chicago Friends of Peace Now. From the early 1970s through the mid-1980s, Skeist led the emergence of a vibrant pro-Israel, pro-peace movement among young Chicago-area Jews. He organized study groups and trips to Israel and the West Bank as well as Israeli-Palestinian dialogues at Hillels, synagogues, and social justice organizations. During his masters study in human services administration at Spertus College of Judaica, Skeist developed Chicago Friends of Peace Now (CFPN). In the 1980s, CFPN conducted hundreds of public forums to promote "two peoples, two states," demonstrated against Israel's role in the Sabra and Shatila massacres, and generated sustained coverage in Jewish and general media. For his clinical and advocacy work as an RN working with people over 50 impacted by HIV, he was honored by *Nursing Spectrum Magazine* as the nation's nurse of the year for community service.

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HOWARD J. SUMKA is an expert in post-conflict reconstruction and development in fragile and conflict-ridden regions. During his 25-year career with the US Agency for International Development, he lived and worked in Kenya and served as the country director of USAID's Missions in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina and, from 2006–2010, West

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KSENIA SVETLOVA is a Knesset candidate for the Zionist Union and the Hatnua party. For 13 years, she served for as Arab affairs correspondent and analyst on Middle Eastern affairs for Russianlanguage Channel 9 in Israel, as well as the Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem Report, and many other Israeli and international publications. Ksenia received her BA and MA degrees in journalism and Middle East studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She is currently a PhD candidate and an associate professor at Hebrew University, where she teaches courses on journalism and communications in the Middle East as well as on contemporary culture in the Arab world. Ksenia speaks four languages fluently: Russian, English, Hebrew and Arabic. She is a mother of two.

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with others reserve soldiers in 1977 to found Israel's first active peace movement. He served Peace Now as press liaison officer, represented the organization at international colloquia and meetings with heads of state in Israel and abroad, and functioned as a key spokesperson for the movement. Between 1977 and 1980, Vilan served the Kibbutz Artzi Federation of Kibbutzim as director of the KAF's Young Adults Division.

RABBI JOSHUA WEINBERG is the President of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. He was recently ordained from the HUC-JIR Israeli Rabbinic Program in Jerusalem, and is currently living in New York. Josh previously served as the Director of the Israel program for the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and as a faculty member of NFTY-EIE High School in Israel teaching Jewish History. Josh is a reserve officer in the IDF spokesperson's unit, has hiked the Israel-trail, and came on Aliyah to Israel in 2003. Originally from Chicago, he has a B.A. from University of Wisconsin in Hebrew Literature, Political Science and International Relations, and studied for an M.A. at the Hebrew University in Jewish Education. Josh has taught and lectured widely throughout Israel, the US and Europe, as well as on Kivunim and Shnat Netzer gap-year programs. He has led numerous tours and trained tour educators for the Reform movement's Israel experiences.

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MEMBER OF KNESSET TAMAR ZANDBERG was elected to Knesset in 2013 on behalf of the Meretz party. During her tenure, she served as chair of the Committee on Women's Rights, as well as a member of several committees, including the finance, affordable housing and gender equality committees. Zandberg was also behind the initiative to introduce public transport on Shabbat, as well as behind the Israeli movement to support Palestinian statehood. A former Tel Aviv Yaffo City Council Member, Zandberg is a lifelong social and feminist activist. She is also the former parliamentary assistant to Member of Knesset Ran Cohen. Zandberg is a former lecturer at Sapir College in Sederot and at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya. She graduated from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and received an LLB from Tel Aviv University Law School and MA from Ben Gurion University.

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	SATURDAY, MARCH 21	
8-10 pm	PLENARY SESSION A Clear Choice for a Better Future	Ballroom AB
10 pm	DESSERT RECEPTION	South Pre-function
	SUNDAY, MARCH 22	
7:30-8:15 am	BREAKFAST	Outside 202AB
	Chapter Leadership Breakfast	208AB
	Rabbinic Cabinet Breakfast	209AB
8:30-9:45 am	Israel as a Neighbor: A Progressive Approach to Israeli National Security and Foreign Polcy	207A
CONCURRENT	What Happens from Here? A Look at the Israeli Elections	202AB
SESSIONS	BEYOND THE GREEN LINE Can the Obstacle of Settlements be Overcome?	201
	CHOICES FOR A BETTER FUTURE What Should the US Do Next To Advance a Two-State Solution?	204AB
	Beyond the Usual Suspects: Broadening the Israeli Peace Camp	207B
	TRAINING WORKSHOP How to Deal With Conflict When Talking About the Conflict	204C
10 am -11:30 am	PLENARY SESSION The Choices Ahead: Views from Israel	Ballroom AB
11:30 am-12 pm	Parents Circle Mural Open House	Outside Ballroom B
11:45 am-12:45 pm	Stay Tuned: Israeli Women Up Front	202AB
SUPPLEMENTARY	Artistic Freedom and Israeli History: A Book Discussion	201
SESSIONS	An Insider's Look at a Unique Israeli-Palestinian Publication	204AB
	J Street U Presents: A Conversation with the Next Generation of Anti-Occupation Activists	207B
	Advocacy Day State Captain and Team Leader Training	207A
	Israeli Meet-Up	204C
	J Street U: Hillel Professionals and Israel Fellows Meet-Up	208A
	J Street U: Parent Session	Ballroom A Balcony
	J Street U: High School Meet-Up	208B
1-2:15 pm CONCURRENT	BEYOND THE GREEN LINE What Can the US and International Community Do About Settlements?	202AB
SESSIONS	Democracy Not Deals: Fighting Israel's Hidden Corruption	207B
	Gaza: The Human and Political Costs of Deprivation and Disunity	204AB
	CHOICES FOR A BETTER FUTURE Israel at a Crossroads	201
	Palestinian Efforts from the Ground Up	207A
	TRAINING WORKSHOP Moving Others Through Stories	204C
2:30-3:45 pm	The Iranian Nuclear Negotiations: The Political Challenges Ahead	202AB
CONCURRENT	Is There a Regional Peace Process on the "Diplomatic Horizon?"	201
SESSIONS	What Just Happened? A Look at the Israeli Elections	207A
	BEYOND THE GREEN LINE Eroding the Dream—The Cost of the Occupation to Israeli Society	207B
	The Pro-Israel, Pro-Peace Movement: Looking Back, Looking Forward	204AB
	TRAINING WORKSHOP Responding to the Toughest Questions	204C
4-5:30 pm	PLENARY SESSION Does Liberal Zionism Have a Future?	Ballroom AB
5:30-5:45 pm	MINCHA SERVICES: EGALITARIAN AND MECHITZA	See Program
5:45-9:30 pm	J Street U Student Plenary Session	202AB and various breakouts
SUPPLEMENTARY	T'ruah and J Street Rabbinic Cabinet Happy Hour	Sixth and I Synagogue, 600 I St. NV
SESSIONS Various times; see Program	Young Professionals Bar Night	Sixth Engine, 438 Massachusetts Ave NW
	LGBT Meet-Up	Ping Pong Dim Sum, 900 7th St. NV
	J Street Delegation Meet-Ups	See Program

	MONDAY, MARCH 23	
7:30-9 am	BREAKFAST	Outside 202AB
8-8:50 am	ADVOCACY DAY STATE CAPTAIN TEAM LEADER TRAINING	207A
9-10:15 am	J Street, Can We Hold it Together?	207B
CONCURRENT	The Rise of European Anti-Semitism	204AB
SESSIONS	Old Conflicts and New Developments on the Temple Mount	207A
	CHOICES FOR A BETTER FUTURE What's Next for Palestinian Leadership?	202AB
	BEYOND THE GREEN LINE Follow the Money—American Philanthropic Dollars and the Future of a Two-State Solution	201
	Text Study: How Do We Understand Jewish Values, Part I	208AB
	TRAINING WORKSHOP Our Future Our Choice: Get Engaged In Your Community	204C
10:30 am-12 pm	Midwest, PA-Great Lakes, and New York	201
ADVOCACY DAY	Northeast, Northwest, and Southeast	204AB
TRAINING	Southwest, Mountain West, and Capitol Region	202AB
12:15-1:15 pm	Lives in Common—Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Hebron: A Book Discussion	202AB
SUPPLEMENTARY	People to People: Is It Just Nice or Also Necessary?	204AB
SESSIONS	Disruptive Media: Changing the Conversation in the Israeli-Palestinian Context	207A
	Youth Activism From One Generation to the Next	201
	Community and Youth Group Meet-Ups	Salon ABC
	Rabbinic Lunch	208AB
1:30-4 pm	PLENARY SESSION Policy Perspectives: Finding a Way Forward	Ballroom AB
4:15-5:30 pm	Going Global: Palestine at the UN and ICC	204AB
CONCURRENT	Tapping Into a Better Future: Water Across Borders	207B
SESSIONS	CHOICES FOR A BETTER FUTURE How Can the American Jewish Community Advocate for Two States?	201
	Text Study: How Do We Understand Jewish Values, Part II	208AB
	Arab Spring, ISIS Fall?	202AB
	Pragmatic Middle Ground or Political Food Fight? Middle East Peacemaking and the 2016 Elections	207A
5:45-6 pm	MINCHA SERVICES: EGALITARIAN AND MECHITZA	See Program
6:30-7:30 pm	GENERAL PRE-GALA RECEPTION	South Pre-function
7:30-10 pm	GALA DINNER	Ballroom AB

TUESDAY, MARCH 24				
8:30-10 am	ADVOCACY DAY KICK-OFF	2226 Rayburn House Office Building		
9 am-2 pm	APPOINTMENTS WITH MEMBER OFFICES	Capitol Hill		
12-1 pm	Exploring the Impact of the Recent Israeli Elections on US Foreign Policy	Senate Visitors Center, Room 201		



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Talk to a J Street U student	Speak to a member of a reconciliation organization	J Street ↗	Visit the table of an organization that does work in the US and Israel/Palestinian Territory	Talk to a Hillel professional	Post your best conference picture to Facebook with #JStreet2015	Follow "JStreet.org" on Twitter
J Street ↗	Visit an organization table who does work in the US and Israel/Palestinian territory	Attend all four plenaries	Talk to a conference attendee from the West Coast	Find someone from your alma mater	Go to a restaurant on the Visitor's Guide	Find someone who has never been to Israel/ Palestinian authority
Talk to a Rabbi	Find the map of Israel in your conference bag and think about how you'll use it	Talk to a member of a joint Palestinian-Israeli organization	Tweet a selfie with a J Street staffer #JStreet2015	Attend a meetup	J Street ✓	Tweet at a J Street speaker with #JStreet2015
Attend a session on Israeli Settlements	Talk to a panelist	Talk to a J Street or J Street U leader from Seattle	J Street ≯	Talk to someone involved in a Jewish youth movement (BBYO, Habonim Dror, NFTY, etc)	Like "J Street" on Facebook	Vote in the World Zionist Congress elections, then put on an "I voted" sticker
Talk to someone who has visited a settlement in the last year	J Street ↗	Attend a session on a topic you know nothing about	Attend a session on greater regional issues	Find someone who is visiting DC for the first time	Visit the Parents Circle Mural	Ask a question during a session
Talk to someone who has lived in Israel/Palestinian authority	Talk to a participant from Illinois	Attend a lunch session!	Talk to someone who has been to every conference	Find someone who brought a parent to the conference	Pick up a free conference poster from the J Street merch table	J Street ↗
Speak to someone who has served in the IDF	Attend the J Street U session	Find a think tank	Attend a session sponsored by a participating organization	J Street ↗	Attend a book talk	Talk to a first time conference attendee

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