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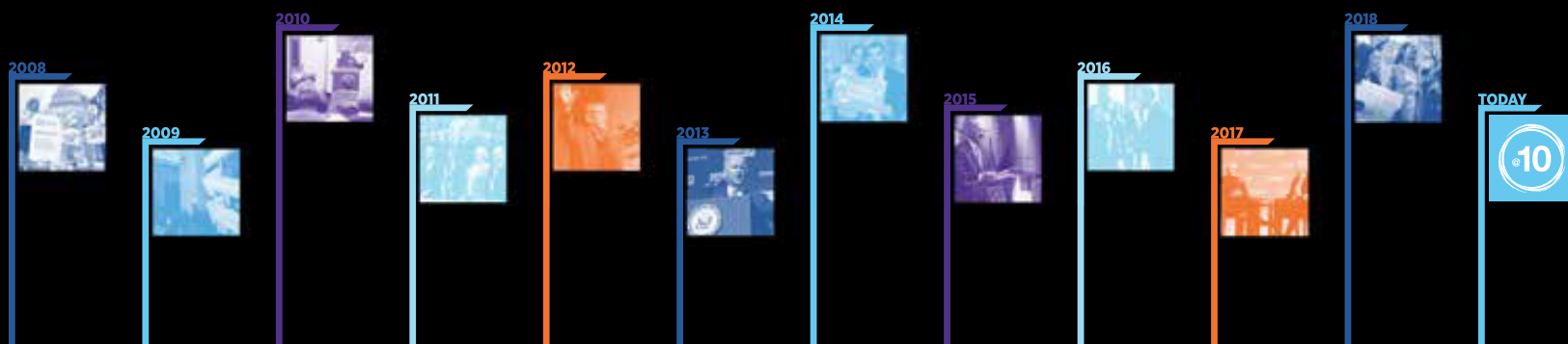
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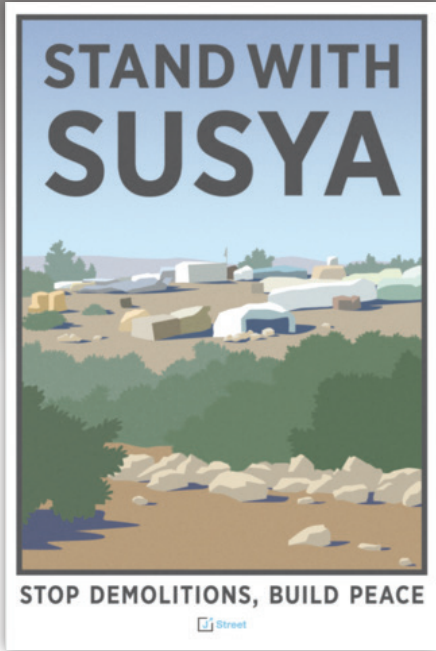
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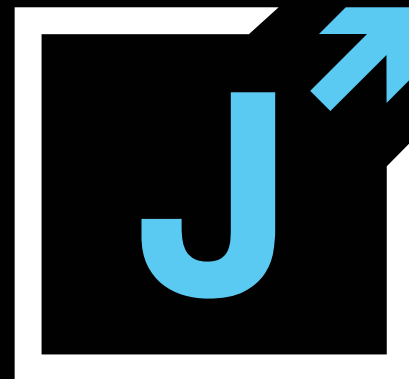
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SATURDAY, APRIL 14

2:00PM	REGISTRATION OPENS Omni Shoreham Hotel, <i>Executive Room</i>
8:00PM	OPENING NIGHT Doors Open
8:30PM	PLENARY SESSION A Voice For Today, A Vision for Tomorrow At a time when those in seats of power both here and in Israel share a worldview and a set of values that threaten so much of what we in the pro-Israel, pro-peace movement hold dear, we draw inspiration from Israeli, Palestinian and American leaders, activists and entrepreneurs whose pivotal work challenges the status quo, breaks down barriers, fosters optimism and demands change. Their commitment to creating new possibilities in the face of adversity and pessimism drives us to find our voice, proudly articulate our vision and fight for our values. OPENING REMARKS Jeremy Ben-Ami, President, J Street BUILDING PEACE AND POSSIBILITY FROM THE GROUND UP <i>Presented by the J Street Women’s Leadership Forum</i> Eti Livni, Former MK for Shinui, Women Wage Peace Avital Brown, Women Wage Peace Huda Abuarqoub, Alliance for Middle East Peace Ohad Elhelo & Sally Zaghmout, Our Generation Speaks REMARKS Member of Knesset Tamar Zandberg, Meretz Chairwoman STOP DEMOLITIONS BUILD PEACE: A CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANNEXATION Nasser Nawajeh, Susya spokesperson Matan Arad-Neeman, J Street U Haverford College Ben Gellman, J Street U Johns Hopkins University Taylor Onderko, J Street U Chapman University KEYNOTE ADDRESS Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers



SUNDAY, APRIL 15

7:30AM	REGISTRATION OPENS Omni Shoreham Hotel, <i>West Registration</i>
8:00–9:00AM	BREAKFAST <i>West Conference Foyer</i>
8:00–9:30AM Executive Room	RECONSTRUCTIONIST MOVEMENT BREAKFAST Reconstructing Judaism and the Reconstructionist Rabbinic Association (RRA) welcome congregants, rabbis, students and all who identify with Reconstructionist Judaism to join us for a breakfast gathering. Rabbi Deborah Waxman, President of Reconstructing Judaism, will offer words of welcome. We will hear about the movement’s recent Israel trip, and other opportunities to become engaged, and have a chance to meet and greet one another.
8:30–9:45AM Ambassador Ballroom	CONCURRENT SESSIONS To What Effect?: Countering BDS on Campus and in Communities In recent years, the Jewish community and Israel have invested significant resources in countering the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (BDS). There has been little effort expended to measure the effectiveness of their strategy or to assess the broader impact on campuses and communities. This session will explore these questions. We’ll also consider what is the best way for J Street, on campus and beyond, to integrate our work against BDS into a broader effort to constructively engage with the Jewish community and to promote a genuine dialogue about Israel. MODERATOR Peter Beinart, Contributor, <i>The Atlantic</i> ; Non-Resident Fellow, Foundation for Middle East Peace PANELISTS Jeremy Burton, Executive Director, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston Leanne Gale, Student, Yale Law School Becca Lubow, National Reactive Committee Strategy Chair, J Street U Geri Palast, Executive Director, Israel Action Network
Capitol Room	Training: Bringing Resistance Techniques to J Street’s Work So you want to be an activist and to make a difference, but feel you lack organizing skills? This workshop is for you and will teach program and action-planning skills drawn from fundamental community organizing principles that have propelled justice movements for decades. You will learn how to ensure that every event, action and relationship advances the organization’s larger strategy. These frameworks will help you be more strategic at every step of planning. FACILITATORS Danny Blinderman, National Leadership Cohort, J StreetLEAD Joy Hill, National Captain, J StreetLEAD

8:30–9:45AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Hampton
Ballroom

Activists Under Siege: The Challenges Facing Israeli Human Rights Leaders

Meet the leaders of the Israeli human rights community. Their work is crucial to shaping our understanding of the occupation and to galvanizing public opinion around the need to end it. Yet they are subject to intense hostility from an Israeli government that labels them as disloyal and even as traitors, and makes their work as difficult as possible. Hear how they fight for change, undaunted in the face of a political era dominated by politics of fear, practices of separation and waning liberalism.

MODERATOR

Libby Lenkinski, Vice President for Public Engagement, New Israel Fund

PANELISTS

Hagai El-Ad, Executive Director, B'Tselem

Avner Gvaryahu, Executive Director, Breaking the Silence

Tania Hary, Executive Director, Gisha

Emily Schaeffer Omer-Man, Israeli human rights attorney

Palladian
Ballroom

Americans for Peace Now presents:

Setting Settlements in Stone: Formalizing Annexation

Over the past quarter-century, while peace initiatives have either languished or failed, we have seen an explosive growth in Israeli settlements in the West Bank on land designated for a future Palestinian state. With every land grab, the dream of a Jewish, democratic Israel living peacefully alongside a Palestinian state becomes more tenuous. To make matters worse, we are witnessing a paradigm shift: the Israeli government is supporting legislation to formally annex parts of the West Bank to Israel. Americans for Peace Now presents an update and analysis of the Israeli settlement enterprise. What is the current status of Knesset legislation on settlements? How do recent Israeli High Court rulings affect proposals for Israeli annexation of key parts of Jerusalem and the West Bank? What kinds of actions are settlers taking on the ground? What are the consequences of this project for the Palestinians?

MODERATOR

Debra Shushan, Director of Policy and Government Relations, Americans for Peace Now

PANELIST

Nidal Foqaha, Director, Palestinian Peace Coalition

Lara Friedman, President, Foundation for Middle East Peace

Member of Knesset Merav Michaeli, Zionist Union

8:30–9:45AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Diplomat
Ballroom

Advocacy Day Training — State Captains

This session is closed to the press.

All Advocacy Day State Captains and Team Leaders must attend this session one of the two times this training is offered. The same session will also be offered on Sunday, April 15 from 11:45-1:00 PM.

PRESENTER

Dylan Williams, Vice President of Government Affairs, J Street

Empire
Ballroom

Palestinian Citizens of Israel: A Key Piece of the Puzzle
(Solutions @ 70)

When Americans debate the national futures of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples, we often forget that almost one-fifth of Israel's citizens are Palestinian. While Palestinian citizens of Israel would be deeply affected by any future peace settlement, they have not been given a real voice in the peace process. This session seeks to explore the unique political challenges Palestinian citizens of Israel face, and the ways in which they are uniquely positioned to play a role in future peace efforts.

MODERATOR

Nimrod Goren, Head of the Institute, Mitvim - The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies

PANELIST

Thabet Abu Rass, Co-Director, The Abraham Fund Initiatives

Amnon Be'eri-Sulitzeanu, Co-Director, The Abraham Fund Initiatives

Samah Salame, Representative, Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salam

Nisreen Shehada, Outreach Coordinator, Standing Together

This session will be livestreamed.

Director's Room

J Street U LGBTQ+ Discussion Group

A discussion group designed for anyone interested in LGBTQ+ issues within the J Street movement. Come join us to discuss how queerness intersects with the organizing work of J Street, brainstorm how to create more queer space within J-Street and build community and relationships with other LGBTQ+ J Streeters.

10:00–10:30AM

PLENARY SESSION

Regency Ballroom

J Street Honors Congresswoman Barbara Lee with the 2018 *Tzedek v'Shalom* Award

KEYNOTE

The Honorable Barbara Lee, Representative from California

10:30–11:30AM

PLENARY SESSION

Regency Ballroom

Polarized or Galvanized? Progressives in Israel and America Tackle the Rise of Illiberal Democracy

In the Trump era, ultranationalism and right-wing populism are on the rise in democracies around the world, from the US to Europe and Israel. The leaders of this movement target immigrants, minorities, civil society, diplomacy and the free media. Their foreign policies promote confrontation and conflict.

Few world leaders have cheered the rise of Donald Trump more than Benjamin Netanyahu — and the two have at times shown a striking similarity in their language and tactics. What are the common aims and traits of this partnership? How can American and Israeli progressives effectively confront the challenge of illiberal democracy, and work together towards a future grounded in shared goals and values? A panel of elected officials, advocates and experts will discuss.

MODERATOR

Sarah Wildman, Deputy Editor, *Foreign Policy*

PANELISTS

Peter Beinart, Contributor, *The Atlantic*; Non-Resident Fellow, Foundation for Middle East Peace

Member of Knesset Yoel Hasson, Opposition Whip, Zionist Union

The Honorable Barbara Lee, Representative from California

Nancy K. Kaufman, CEO, National Council of Jewish Women

Member of Knesset Michal Rozin, Meretz

11:45–1:00PM

SUPPLEMENTARY SESSIONS

Lunch, including Kosher options, will be available for purchase 11:30-2:00 PM in front of the Ambassador Ballroom, by the West Elevators and in the West Corridor.

Ambassador Ballroom

Laying the Foundations: The Impact of Grassroots People-to-People Projects

Despite uncertain political prospects for peace, dedicated Israeli and Palestinian peace activists continue to work together to engage civil societies in both communities in dialogue in order to lay the foundation for peace in the future. Join us to learn about their projects, theories of change and daily struggles.

MODERATOR

Joel Braunold, Executive Director, The Alliance for Middle East Peace

PRESENTERS:

Jon Greenwald, Vice President, International Crisis Group

Yaniv Sagee, Executive Director, Givat Haviva Center for Shared Society

Liel Maghen, Co-Director, Israel-Palestine: Creative Regional Initiatives (IPCRI)

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11:45–1:00PM

Palladian
Ballroom

SUPPLEMENTARY SESSIONS

Contested Past, Uncertain Future: A Conversation
with Author, Ian Black

Ian Black, former Middle East editor at *The Guardian*, and Ori Nir of Americans for Peace Now examine the formative clashes, pivotal moments and evolving views that have defined the Israeli-Palestinian conflict over the past century. They will discuss Black’s latest book, Enemies and Neighbours: Arabs and Jews in Palestine and Israel, 1917-2017- an even-handed telling of the story of the Israel-Palestine conflict that examines the very different narratives of both sides.

PANELISTS

Ian Black, Author and former Editor, *The Guardian*
Ori Nir, Director of Communications and Public Engagement, Americans for Peace Now

Empire
Ballroom

Israel’s Regional Cooperation: New Opportunities, Old Obstacles

Presented in cooperation with Mitvim – The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies

For many decades, Israelis saw themselves as surrounded by enemies. In recent years, however, new opportunities for Israel to integrate into the region have presented themselves. States like Egypt and Saudi Arabia now perceive Iran as their main adversary and Israel as a potential strategic partner. Many Arab states are eager to develop economic relations with Israel.

Prime Minister Netanyahu seems to believe that this new strategic reality makes solving Israel’s conflict with the Palestinians less pressing —or, perhaps, even entirely unnecessary. Is he correct? Or will the new opportunities Israel may have with the Arab world be stymied by lack of progress on the Palestinian issue? This panel will explore Israel’s regional opportunities and what it will take to turn them into reality.

MODERATOR

Rachel Brandenburg, Director, Atlantic Council Middle East Security Initiative

PANELISTS

Nimrod Goren, Founder and Head, Mitvim - The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies
Lucy Kurtzer-Ellenbogen, Director, Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Program, United States Institute of Peace
Nadav Tamir, Senior Adviser for Governmental and International Affairs, Peres Center for Peace and Innovation

This session will be livestreamed.

11:45–1:00PM

Executive Room

SUPPLEMENTARY SESSIONS

Zionism in Tension with Other Values: The Challenge
of Coalition-Building

*Presented in cooperation with The Shalom Hartman Institute of North America
Kosher lunch will be provided.*

Jews engaged in progressive causes today often find themselves conflicted about their relationship to Israel and their other political commitments. Supporters of Israel are often critical of progressive causes for explicitly or implicitly excluding Zionists from their coalition. What does it mean to maintain a commitment to Zionism while working in coalition with others? Is this possible?

PRESENTER

Yehuda Kurtzer, President, The Shalom Hartman Institute of North America

For rabbis, cantors, and seminary students only.

1:15–2:30PM

Ambassador
Ballroom

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Standing Together: The Power of Progressive Partnerships

Progressive political advocates around the world are facing the challenge of a united conservative government undoing years of hard-won progress. In the face of threats to democracy and civil rights, a new groundswell of activism has risen to push back on Trump’s dangerous policy moves - rallying around refugees and immigrants, fighting for racial justice and advocating for diplomacy-first foreign policy. Hear veteran organizers and leaders discuss how to build sustainable movements in difficult political moments. How can advocacy organizations contribute to the overall movement for change by building power and movement around a specific cause?

MODERATOR

Rebecca Kirzner, Director of Campaigns, HIAS

PANELISTS

Heather Booth, Founding Director, Midwest Academy
Rahna Eptig, Director of Strategic Partnerships, MoveOn
Rodney McKenzie, Vice President of Campaigns and Partnerships, Demos

1:15–2:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Hampton
Ballroom

Who Will Speak Up? Understanding Anti-Semitism in Today’s America

This year, we watched with horror as neo-Nazis marched through Charlottesville, chanting “Jews will not replace us.” Making matters even worse, the President of the United States praised some of them as “fine people.” Meanwhile, hate crimes against Jews and Jewish institutions have spiked, and Jewish leaders and journalists have found themselves the target of classic anti-Semitic propaganda. Significant concern, particularly within the Jewish community, has also been raised about language from the far left that crosses the line from criticism of Israel to anti-Semitism. Join two progressive leaders to learn how to understand and address today’s manifestations of anti-Semitism.

PRESENTERS

Rabbi Jill Jacobs, Executive Director, T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights

Eric K. Ward, Executive Director, Western States Center

Palladian
Ballroom

The Path to Power: Strategies for Political Change in Israel

Presented in cooperation with Partners for Progressive Israel

For much of the last 40 years, the right wing has dominated Israeli politics. How can this be changed? What will it take for progressives to regain power? How can the opposition tell a story that will capture the confidence of an electorate that seems increasingly hardline and intolerant? Will appealing to the center strengthen the peace camp? What public interests and needs should progressives aim to appeal to? This session will look at how progressive Israeli organizations and political actors are strategizing to win, as well as the challenges and opportunities presented by these strategies.

MODERATOR

Yael Patir, Israel Director, J Street

PANELIST

Eti Livni, Former MK for Shinui, Women Wage Peace

Mickey Gitzin, Executive Director in Israel, New Israel Fund

Member of Knesset Yoel Hasson, Opposition Whip, Zionist Union

Dahlia Scheindlin, Public opinion expert and journalist, +972 Magazine, The Tel Aviv Review

RESPONDENT

Paul Scham, President, Partners for Progressive Israel

1:15–2:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Diplomat
Boardroom

Minding the Gap: The Broken Relationship Between Israel and the Diaspora

A Text Study with The Shalom Hartman Institute of North America

The demise of the agreement on egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall, the growing tension between Israeli government officials and American Jewish leaders and deepening disagreement among American Jews about Israel’s political present and future represent the new nadir of the relationship between American and Israeli Jews, whose closeness characterized much of the 20th century. How did we get here, and how can we build a more productive relationship moving forward?

PRESENTER

Yehuda Kurtzer, President, The Shalom Hartman Institute of North America

Empire
Ballroom

“America First” or “America Alone”? The Erosion of Diplomacy Under the Trump Administration

The State Department under former Secretary Rex Tillerson saw a shocking reduction in the strength of the Foreign Service and resources available for US diplomacy. Major programs have been cut and scores of key vacancies are unfilled. Senior diplomats, including prominent ambassadors, have resigned rather than continue to serve under the Trump administration. Trump’s recent selection of ultra-hawks Mike Pompeo and John Bolton to serve as his new Secretary of State and National Security Advisor signal further hostility to a diplomacy-first foreign policy. How severe is the damage? Does the United States under Trump still believe in diplomacy — or have we entered a new era of policymaking through insult and threat?

What will be the long-term damage to America’s standing in the world and to our alliances? How do diplomats continue to do their daily work, despite the mounting challenges? Our panel of experts will discuss the challenges of a scaled-down State Department and whether it can continue to successfully advance our national interests.

MODERATOR

Lara Friedman, President, Foundation for Middle East Peace

PANELIST

The Honorable Gerry Connolly, Representative from Virginia

Tom Countryman, Former United States Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation

Nahal Toosi, Foreign Affairs Correspondent, POLITICO

This session will be livestreamed.

2:45–3:00PM

PLENARY SESSION

Regency
Ballroom

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Member of Knesset Tzipi Livni, Head of the HaTnua Party and Co-Leader, Zionist Union

3:00–4:15PM

PLENARY SESSION

Regency
Ballroom

The American Jewish Relationship with Israel: Crisis Point or Opportunity?

In the past 70 years, the American Jewish relationship with Israel has evolved. Though many still believe American Jews should offer uncritical support for everything the Israeli government does, a growing number have rejected this approach. Many believe that only a relationship grounded in love but informed by deep concern and honest dialogue can preserve the relationship over time and retain the support of the next generation.

This panel will explore the evolving relationship from both the Israeli and American Jewish perspective, and will discuss what is at stake. Is this a crisis point in the relationship or an opportunity for growth? What is the role of our shared values in bringing us together? What does the future of the Israeli-American relationship look like?

MODERATOR

J.J. Goldberg, Editor-at-Large, *The Forward*

PANELIST

Janet Aronson, Associate Director, Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and Steinhardt Social Research Institute, Brandeis University

Zoe Goldblum, President, J Street U

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism

Nadav Tamir, Senior Adviser for Governmental and International Affairs, Peres Center for Peace and Innovation

4:30–5:45PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Ambassador
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Iran and the Nuclear Agreement: Can Diplomacy Still Prevail?

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which removed the threat of Iran becoming a nuclear power for the next generation and beyond, was one of President Obama's greatest diplomatic achievements. While it did not tackle other dangerous Iranian activity, such as Iran's increasing role in Syria, arming of terrorist groups like Hezbollah and development of ballistic missiles, it did remove nuclear weapons from the equation.

Rather than building on the deal, President Trump has threatened repeatedly, from the campaign trail through to the present, to rip it up. The president has also selected two of the harshest opponents of the agreement as his new Secretary of State and National Security Advisor. With the nuclear pact hanging in the balance and the region sliding toward ever-greater volatility, non-proliferation and regional security experts will examine the challenges ahead for the JCPOA and US-Iranian dynamics - as well as the risk and implications of an open military conflict.

MODERATOR

Dylan Williams, Vice President of Government Affairs, J Street

PANELIST

Emma Ashford, Research Fellow, CATO Institute

Kelsey Davenport, Director of Nonproliferation Policy, Arms Control Association

Negar Mortazavi, Journalist, *Iran International*

4:30–5:45PM

Hampton
Ballroom

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Codependence to Cooperation: The Challenges and Opportunities of Israeli-Palestinian Partnerships *(Solutions @ 70)*

Palestinians and Israelis from the public and private spheres are investing in the construction of infrastructure for the future state of Palestine. These efforts have not slackened, even as a final status agreement may seem ever more distant. How can this cooperation pave the way for growth, security and political stability for both Israel and a future Palestine? What are the current challenges threatening this cooperation? Can Israeli-Palestinian partnerships withstand the growing lack of trust between the two societies?

MODERATOR

Howard Sumka, USAID Senior Foreign Service, ret.

PANELIST

Tahani Abu Daqqa, Former Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture, Palestinian Authority

Bashar Azzeh, Advisor to the President, PLO Planning Center

Gadi Baltiansky, Director General, Geneva Initiative

Avital Brown, Co-Founder, PosiTeam Consulting and Training

Palladian
Ballroom

American Jews in Progressive Coalitions: Finding Common Ground

From airport protests to the creation of sanctuary synagogues, Jewish Americans have responded in great numbers to the challenge to our core communal values posed by the Trump administration. Jewish organizers work in progressive coalitions to combat discrimination against LGBTQ Americans, advocate for DACA-recipients and refugee rights and fight for racial justice. There, they have, on occasion, faced challenges around anti-Semitism and Israel politics. In this session, we will hear from Jewish activists engaged in intersectional coalitions about how they build relationships and power to work towards common goals. They will also discuss how they have navigated anti-Semitism and Israel politics with their coalition partners.

MODERATOR

Amna Farooqi, Statewide Organizer, 9to5 Georgia

PANELIST

Rabbi Jill Jacobs, Executive Director, T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights

Idit Klein, Executive Director, Keshet

Yehuda Webster, Board Member, Jews for Racial and Economic Justice

4:30–5:45PM

Diplomat
Ballroom

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

New Israel Fund presents:

The New Grassroots: How New Organizations, Movements and Initiatives are Bringing Power to the Israeli People

Faced with a government whose leader is mired in corruption scandals and which has exhibited alarming anti-democratic tendencies, progressive Israelis are seeking new ways to organize and to build broader coalitions. For many years, progressive organizations tended to each pursue a single issue. Now, the times demand a more encompassing approach to meet the challenge posed by the current government.

How are new Israeli grassroots movements and initiatives reshaping the way Israelis see and engage in creating social change? How is the progressive movement organized now and where is it headed? What will it mean for the issues we care most about?

MODERATOR

Libby Lenkinski, Vice President for Public Engagement, New Israel Fund

PANELIST

Uri Keidar, Executive Director, Israel Hofsheets

Alon-Lee Green, Director, Standing Together

Nisreen Shehada, Outreach Coordinator, Standing Together

Noam Shuster Eliassi, Speaker, Comedian and activist

Empire
Ballroom

Shaping the Palestinian Future: Voices of the Next Generation

J Street supporters are often confronted with the argument that “there is no Palestinian partner” for peace with Israel. This criticism often focuses on the aging policymakers who have been the face of the Palestinian nation for decades, ignoring an emerging new generation of energetic advocates. We don’t often see the young Palestinian peace activists, entrepreneurs and other optimists working to shape their national political future. Panelists will discuss the issues that most concern young Palestinians today. How are Palestinian organizations engaging the next generation through messages of nonviolence and hope for a two-state solution? How can their activism be amplified?

MODERATOR

Samer Makhoulf, CEO, Zimam Palestine

PANELIST

Huda Abuarquob, Regional Director, Alliance for Middle East Peace

Sulaiman Khatib, Co-Director, Combatants for Peace

Walid Issa, Founder and President, The American Palestinian Hope Project

Nivine Sandouka, Co-Director, Israel Palestine Creative Regional Initiatives (IPCRI)

This session will be livestreamed.

4:30–5:45PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Congressional

Who Are We: J Street U

Interested in learning more about J Street U as a national movement and our theory of change? In this session, student leaders will explain J Street U’s goals and delve into the experiences that bring students to our issue. This training will give students insight into why our personal stories matter and how they can build power for our movement.

This session is open to students only.

5:50–6:00PM

Egalitarian Mincha Service

Committee Room

5:50–7:00PM

Happy Hour With T’ruah and the J Street Rabbinic and Cantorial Cabinet

Executive Room

T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights and J Street’s Rabbinic and Cantorial Cabinet invite all clergy and T’ruah supporters to join us for a happy hour. Meet your clergy colleagues, seminary students and leaders from both organizations. Complimentary drinks and light food will be served.

6:00–7:30PM

Partners for Progressive Israel Meet-Up

Palladian Ballroom

All conference attendees are welcome to join Partners for Progressive Israel (PPI) to meet and schmooze with Members of Knesset and other conference speakers.

Regency Ballroom

J Street U Student Organizing Session

All students are invited to attend this session to learn more about the work that J Street U is doing on and off campus in its Stop Demolitions, Build Peace Campaign. Attendance is required in order to receive your travel stipend.

This session is open to students only.

6:00–7:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Blue Room Prefunction

J StreetPAC National Event

This is a ticketed event.

If 2016 has taught us one thing, it’s that elections matter. Since taking office, the Trump Administration has pursued a dangerous foreign policy agenda, one that has alienated our allies and emboldened our enemies. The 2018 mid-term elections are our first opportunity to elect a Congress that can contain and reverse the Trump administration’s most reckless policies — and represent a different vision of American leadership.

This election cycle, one of our electoral priorities will be to defend our most steadfast and vocal champions, those who have stood with us during our first decade and who have worked to promote a diplomacy-first approach to foreign policy in the Middle East. Please join us for a reception to Senator Tammy Baldwin (WI) and Senator Sherrod Brown (OH), two of the most at-risk senators up for re-election this year, and two of our most vocal and effective champions on Capitol Hill.

8:00–9:30PM

J Street Regional Meet-Ups

Join other J Street supporters local to your area for food, drinks and discussion. Regional meet-ups take place promptly after programming concludes for the evening.

J Street Tri-State/PA Region Meet-Up
(NY, NJ, PA, CT-4, CT-5)

Tryst
2459 18th Street NW

J Street New England Region Meet-Up
(MA, ME, NH, RI, VT, CT-1,2,3)

Roofers Union
2446 18th Street NW

J Street Midwest Region Meet-Up

Mission
1606 20th Street NW

J Street South Region Meet-Up

Lebanese Taverna
2641 Connecticut Avenue

J Street West and Mountain West Region Meet-Up

LiLLiES
2915 Connecticut Avenue NW

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

8:00PM
Ambassador Ballroom

Wrestling Jerusalem: Film Screening and Talkback

Co-sponsored by Mosaic Theater Company

Writer-Actor Aaron Davidman embodies 17 different characters in and around the sacred city of Jerusalem as he takes us on an eye-opening journey into the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian story. Exploring universal questions of identity and human connection, this film dares the audience to leave the theater with their pre-existing ideas about its subject matter intact. The film will be followed by a lively discussion.

MODERATOR
Ari Roth, Founding Artistic Director, Mosaic Theater Company

TALKBACK PANELISTS
Aaron Davidman, Writer and actor, *Wrestling Jerusalem*
Libby Lenkinski, Vice President for Public Engagement, New Israel Fund
Nisreen Shehada, Outreach Coordinator, Standing Together

Congressional Room

Heather Booth: Changing the World: Film Screening and Talkback

Heather Booth: Changing the World is an urgent response to the recent election of Trump and all that has since ensued. At a time when many are wondering how to make their voices heard, when civil and women's rights are under attack, this empowering documentary is an inspiring look at how social change happens. Through Booth's life and work, this film explores many of the most pivotal moments in progressive movements that altered our history over the last 50 years: from her involvement with Fannie Lou Hamer and the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project to her founding of the JANE Underground in 1964 and her collaborations with respected leaders such as Julian Bond and Senator Elizabeth Warren. Anyone who has been confused or disheartened by these challenging political times needs to see this film. Film will be followed by a Q&A conversation with Heather Booth.



MONDAY, APRIL 16

8:00–9:00AM
7:15–8:30AM
Executive Room

BREAKFAST

West Conference Foyer

BREAKFAST FOR MEMBERS OF THE J STREET RABBINIC AND CANTORIAL CABINET

This breakfast is a unique opportunity for members of the J Street Rabbinic and Cantorial Cabinet to get together to shmooze, network and share challenges and successes.

8:30–9:45AM

Advocacy Day Planning Briefing

These sessions are closed to the press.

Everything you need to know for Advocacy Day. Attendance is mandatory for all Advocacy Day participants.

Please attend the training specific to your region, below:

Northwest and Southwest Regions
Palladian Ballroom

Tri-State, Pennsylvania and New England Regions
Hampton Ballroom

Mountain West, Midwest, South and Capital Regions
Diplomat Ballroom

10:00–11:15AM
Ambassador Ballroom

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

The Politics of Demolitions and Creeping Annexation: How Can We Push Back?

In the Fall of 2017, J Street U launched a campaign to tackle the issue of home demolitions and forced evacuation of Palestinian villages in Area C of the West Bank. This panel will delve into the politics of annexation and examine why stopping demolitions is key to protecting a two-state solution. Why are these small Palestinian communities so crucial to the chances of a two-state solution? What challenges are the residents facing? What are the political and legal forces driving Israeli policy, and how can they be changed? How can Americans contribute to the anti-demolition activism of Palestinians and Israelis and preserve possibilities for peace?

MODERATOR
Rachel Powers, Student, J Street U, Colorado College

PANELISTS
Matt Duss, Foreign Policy Advisor, Senator Bernie Sanders
Avner Gvaryahu, Executive Director, Breaking the Silence
Eid Hathaleen, Artist and activist
Member of Knesset Michal Rozin, Meretz Party

10:00–11:15AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Hampton
Ballroom

Tough Neighborhood: Israel’s Security Challenges in a Tumultuous Middle East

Presented in cooperation with Commanders for Israel’s Security

Israelis are used to living in an unstable part of the world but, in recent years, the turmoil and unpredictability of the region has only grown. As a result of the Syrian civil war, Iran and Russia have expanded their influence while the US has stepped back. As the Syrian conflict nears its endgame, new threats to Israel are emerging.

These developments cause some to argue that Israel cannot make progress toward a peace deal with the Palestinians right now. Commanders for Israel’s Security (CIS), a group of more than 280 former Israeli senior security officials, disagrees. CIS representatives will share their analysis of Israel’s national security interests and ways to advance them. What are the prospects of reaching a settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? What are the potential benefits of a regional security structure? What is the role of the international community in building security in the Middle East?

MODERATOR

Michael Koplow, Policy Director, Israel Policy Forum

PANELISTS

Rolly Gueron, Executive Committee Member, Commanders for Israel’s Security

Member of Knesset Merav Michaeli, Zionist Union

Brig. Gen. (ret) Israela Oron, Security and strategic affairs analyst and commentator

Palladian
Ballroom

Behind the Trump Agenda: What Are the Forces Shaping the Administration’s Policies in the Middle East?

The Trump administration’s foreign policy during its first year in office has often been reckless and incoherent - especially when it comes to the Middle East and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. From refusing to back the two-state solution to recognizing Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and cutting funding to UNRWA, the president’s actions have frequently broken with longstanding US policy. The president has a reputation for ignoring expert analysis and just abruptly replaced reasonable security advisers with extremist uber-hawks, which begs the question: who are the people and what are the forces - political, communal and intellectual - that are actually shaping White House policy in the region, and what could that mean for the future American leadership and the US-Israel relationship?

MODERATOR

Matt Nosanchuk, Former Associate Director of Public Engagement and American Jewish Community Liaison, Obama Administration

PANELISTS

Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, Executive Director, Churches for Middle East Peace

Eli Clifton, Fellow, The Nation Institute

Ilan Goldenberg, Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security

10:00–11:15AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Diplomat
Ballroom

Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor: Meditations on Zionism and Reconciliation with Yossi Klein Halevi

Just before the second intifada, Israeli author Yossi Klein Halevi went on a year-long journey into Palestinian Islam and Christianity. That journey was chronicled in his 2001 book, At the Entrance to the Garden of Eden. The purpose of that pilgrimage was to listen to Palestinians and learn about their lives, their narratives and their religious experiences. Now, nearly 20 years later, Halevi has written a kind of sequel: Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor offers his understanding of the Jewish identity and the Israeli story. Huda Abuarquob and Halevi will discuss his new book.

PRESENTERS:

Huda Abuarquob, Regional Director, Alliance for Middle East Peace

Yossi Klein Halevi, Senior Fellow, The Shalom Hartman Institute

Empire
Ballroom

US Foreign Policy and the 2018 Election

Since taking office, President Trump has pursued a foreign policy agenda that sharply contrasts with that of his predecessors - of both parties. By engaging in bellicose rhetoric, removing the United States from important multilateral agreements and pacts, alienating friends and allies, while failing to confront Russia and selecting ultra-hawks like Mike Pompeo as Secretary of State and John Bolton as National Security Advisor, the president is isolating our nation and depriving the world of crucial US leadership.

The 2018 midterm elections will likely be fought mostly on domestic issues, but will have an important foreign policy component as well. We are seeing a groundswell of candidates running for Congress with significant experience in national security, foreign service and the military. This session will explore how these candidates are shaping the foreign policy conversation on the campaign trail and how they may serve as a check on the president’s foreign policy agenda after the election.

MODERATOR

Andrew Albertson, Executive Director, Foreign Policy for America

PANELISTS

Mieke Eoyang, Vice President, National Security Program, Third Way

Will Fischer, Director of Government Relations, VoteVets

Andy Kim, Congressional Candidate (D, NJ-03)

This session will be livestreamed.

11:30AM–
12:45PM

SUPPLEMENTARY SESSIONS

Lunch, including Kosher options, will be available for purchase 11:30-2:00 PM in front of the Ambassador Ballroom, by the West Elevators and in the West Corridor.

Ambassador
Ballroom

The Power of Reconciliation:
The Geneva Initiative’s Reconciliation Project

Fifteen years ago, the Geneva Initiative introduced a first-of-its-kind model for an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement. It became an essential tool in formal negotiations and a reference point for the local and international peace-seeking communities. In the intervening years, Geneva Initiative NGOs conducted field work in Israel and the Palestinian territories. They identified a process of reconciliation as a “missing piece” of the work to resolve the conflict that is vital to paving the road to a sustainable peace. This session will present a new holistic approach to peacemaking that highlights the way we deal with our past, acknowledge the other’s narrative and prepare the ground for reconciliation. The panel will introduce new concepts and concrete steps that can contribute to current efforts to reignite the peace process.

PRESENTERS

Gadi Baltiansky, Director General, Geneva Initiative
Nidal Foqaha, Director, Palestinian Peace Coalition

Hampton
Ballroom

“Stop Demolitions, Build Peace” on Campus

This session is for students interested in learning more about what the “Stop Demolitions, Build Peace” campaign looks like on campus. We’ll talk about what different chapters have done so far and what we’re trying to accomplish in this campaign.

Palladian
Ballroom

Habonim Dror Meet-Up

Come meet members of Habonim Dror North America, both current and past, to learn all about how they are all working for a better Israel.

Palladian
Ballroom

Canada Meet-Up

All participants from Canada are invited to join Karen Mock, President of JSpaceCanada, and Barbara Landau, Chair of JSpaceCanada’s Shared Society Initiative, to learn more about JSpaceCanada! Grab your lunch and join us to discuss how we can work together from coast to coast to raise the progressive Zionist voice more effectively in Canada. And enjoy a taste of maple syrup cookies too!

11:30AM–
12:45PM

SUPPLEMENTARY SESSIONS

The Role of Israeli Americans in Jewish Progressive Politics

This panel and conversation will be in Hebrew

In this session, we will explore what can be done to strengthen Israeli-American participation in progressive Jewish politics in Washington and the American Jewish community. We’ll examine how we can better serve as bridge builders for a stronger progressive American-Israeli alliance for peace and social justice. This panel will look at the shared struggle across borders of this community, and discuss best practices for organizing within this sector.

PRESENTERS

Gili Getz, Programming Chair, J Street New York
Maya Haber, Strategic Consultant, Israel Forward
Uri Zaki, Founder, the Front

Hampton
Ballroom

J Street @ 10: How J Street Has Helped Transform the Israel
Conversation on Capitol Hill and the Campaign Trail

Since its founding, J Street has worked to transform the conversation within Washington’s corridors of power and within the American Jewish community regarding Israel, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and US policy in the Middle East. This session will explore the impact of J Street’s political and advocacy work during our first decade and how these efforts have provided lawmakers and candidates the space to advocate for a two-state solution and champion a diplomacy-first approach to foreign policy. The discussion will illustrate how the political and legislative environment has shifted since 2008 and what to expect in the next Congress and beyond.

MODERATOR

Dan Kalik, Senior Political Adviser, MoveOn

PANELISTS

The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Representative from Maryland
Nancy Soderberg, Congressional Candidate (D, FL-06)

Capitol Room

Capital Region Meet-Up

If you’re interested in getting to know other DC area J Street supporters and activists—and learning more about what’s being done in our area between national conferences to advance our shared values — this meet-up is for you!

11:30AM–
12:45PM

Executive Room

SUPPLEMENTARY SESSIONS

Fight Like a Mensch: Engaging in Constructive Dialogue in Your Community

Israel advocacy can be a bruising endeavor. No issue on the Jewish communal agenda sparks such strong emotions on all points along the political spectrum, and no issue takes as much commitment and optimism in the face of despair. The fierce personal attacks, anger and disappointment that are part of pro-Israel, pro-peace advocacy can lead to exhaustion and burnout. How can we channel our passion and anger about injustice in healthy, nurturing ways and not be distracted or derailed by attacks? How can we build resilience and renew our enthusiasm for pro-Israel, pro-peace advocacy when peace seems so far away? This session will explore Jewish spiritual resources for mobilizing inner qualities that help us stay connected to our own deep wisdom and to each other, while staying committed to the good fight for years to come.

PRESENTERS

Rabbi David Jaffe, Director, Inside-Out Wisdom and Action Project
Rabbi Rachel Timoner, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Beth Elohim
Rabbi Deborah Waxman, President, Reconstructing Judaism

1:00–3:15PM

Regency
Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

The Policymakers: Middle East Policy in the Era of Trump

A CONVERSATION WITH FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR SUSAN RICE

Tamara Cofman Wittes, Senior Fellow, Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution
Ambassador Susan E. Rice, former National Security Advisor to President Barack Obama

LAWMAKER KEYNOTES

The Honorable Ben Cardin, Senator from Maryland
The Honorable Brian Schatz, Senator from Hawaii
The Honorable Bernie Sanders, Senator from Vermont

REMARKS

Ambassador Dr. Husam Zomlot, Chief Representative of the Palestinian Delegation to the United States

A CONVERSATION: SETTING THE TABLE FOR PEACE

Daniel Levy, President, US/Middle East Project
Member of Knesset Merav Michaeli, Zionist Union
Ambassador Dr. Husam Zomlot, Chief Representative of the Palestinian Delegation to the United States
Rikki Baker Keusch, J Street UChicago

3:30–4:45PM

Ambassador
Ballroom

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Palestinian Path to Peace? The Future of Palestinian Leadership

This year opened with the PLO Central Council recommending that the organization suspend recognition of Israel until the Israeli government recognizes the state of Palestine. This came in response to Trump’s Jerusalem declaration, which placed President Abbas in a very difficult position. The Palestinians have declared that they will no longer cooperate with US-led peace efforts and boycotted Vice President Pence during a visit to the region and the White House’s recent conference on Gaza. Yet, in a speech to the UN Security Council, Abbas also reiterated his commitment to the two-state solution. This panel will gather Palestinian experts to examine possible strategies available for Palestinian leadership to advance Palestinian interests.

MODERATOR

Ezzeldeen Masri, Senior Regional Director, OneVoice

PANELISTS

Tahani Abu Daqqa, Former Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture, Palestinian Authority
Walid Issa, Founder and President, The American Palestinian Hope Project
Samer Makhoulf, CEO, Zimam Palestine

Capitol Room

Training: Opening Up the Israel Conversation in Your Synagogue

This session will explore recent case studies of synagogue engagement within our communities as a means of teasing out best practices for opening up the Israel conversation in congregations and Jewish communities. No two synagogues are the same, so this session will provide participants the chance to determine which approach is best suited for their community. Clergy, synagogue leaders and program facilitators will discuss a range of efforts to engage congregants in pro-Israel advocacy.

PRESENTERS

Rabbi Larry Bach, Rabbi, Judea Reform Congregation
Kenneth Cohen, Associate Regional Director, J Street
Rabbi Nancy Kasten, Rabbi, Dallas, TX
Emily Katz, Congregant, Judea Reform Congregation

Director’s
Room

Breaking the Taboo: Talking About the Occupation in High School

Trying to figure out how to talk about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the occupation in your high school? J Street U leaders will be sharing their experiences with productively pushing boundaries on campus and in their communities, discussing how to open up the conversation about Israel in high schools and offering an inside look at J Street U’s “Stop Demolitions, Build Peace” campaign.

3:30–4:45PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Palladian
Ballroom

The Debate Over Free Speech, Hate Speech and “No Platforming” on College Campuses

College campuses are at the center of a contentious national debate surrounding free speech. Of particular concern is the issue of “no platforming,” where public figures are denied speaking opportunities because of their political views. While the First Amendment and freedom of expression have long been cornerstones of American public life and of the progressive agenda, there have been numerous attempts by progressives on campus over the past few years to block certain speakers on the basis that they incite violence and their views hurt the most marginalized among us. Join our panel to learn about how this growing trend is impacting the our movement. How should we, as activists, engage with no platforming calls? How do we balance our commitment to free expression with our concern about the rise of hateful and extreme rhetoric?

MODERATOR

Rikki Baker Keusch, Student, J Street UChicago

PANELISTS

Zack Kirk, Co-Chair, Political Action Committee of Black Student Union, Stanford University

Joseph J. Levin, Jr, Co-Founder, Southern Poverty Law Center

Kenneth Stern, Executive Director, Justus & Karin Rosenberg Foundation

Diplomat
Ballroom

Jerusalem: Present Home and Future Capital of Two Peoples

Jerusalem is, in many ways, at the epicenter of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The city has been central to Jewish, Muslim and Christian religious identities, as well as to the Israeli and Palestinian national identities. Five months ago, President Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, saying he’s “taken the issue off the table.” The announcement did little to resolve the daily challenges faced by the city’s 870,000 Israeli and Palestinian residents. At the same time, the Knesset continues to weigh legislation to redraw the city’s boundaries that would incorporate more Jewish neighborhoods into the municipality, while cutting out several large, predominantly Arab neighborhoods. Panelists will analyze the complex past, present and future of this divided city.

MODERATOR

Liel Maghen, Co-Director, Israel Palestine Creative Regional Initiatives (IPCRI)

PANELISTS

Bashar Azzeh, Advisor to the President, PLO Planning Center

Betty Herschman, Director of International Relations and Advocacy, Ir Amim

Menachem Klein, Bar-Ilan University and Kings College London

Nivine Sandouka, Co-Director, Israel-Palestine: Creative Regional Initiatives (IPCRI)

3:30–4:45PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Empire
Ballroom

The Choices Ahead: A Look at the Issues That Dominate the Israeli Public Debate

Despite the seemingly nonstop scandals and controversies rocking Israeli politics, this current governing coalition may be the rare exception to serve through its entire term. One way or another, Israel is headed to elections before the end of 2019, and this panel will examine the forces likely to shape the coming campaign. How much of a role will public anger over a culture of corruption play in the election? Will there be any focus on the conflict with the Palestinians, on the increasing power of the religious sector over civil life or on challenges to the health of Israeli democracy? What effect will new parties or new party leaders in the Zionist Union and Meretz have? What do average Israelis care about, and how will the various parties identify and appeal to the limited number of swing voters in the electorate? Israeli public affairs specialists and advocates discuss the exciting political possibilities.

MODERATOR

Amir Tibon, Washington Correspondent, Haaretz

PANELISTS

Bar Gissin, National Chair, Young Meretz

Uri Keidar, Executive Director, Israel Hofsheets

Mikhael Manekin, Israel Director, Alliance for Israel’s Future

Samah Salaime, Representative, Wahat al-Salam–Neve Shalom

This session will be livestreamed.

Hampton
Ballroom

Hasbara or Human Rights? Understanding Israel’s Approach to African Asylum Seekers

Presented in cooperation with HIAS

On April 2, Israel announced that it had reached an agreement with the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) to resettle more than 16,000 Sudanese and Eritrean asylum seekers to unspecified Western countries, and provide some form of legal status to an equal amount who remain in Israel. Later that day, Prime Minister Netanyahu suspended the implementation of the agreement. For the nearly 40,000 Eritrean and Sudanese people who fled violence and genocide in some of the world’s most oppressive regimes, this level of uncertainty has been a common theme throughout their time in Israel. As a nation founded by refugees and one that helped shape international refugee laws, what is Israel’s moral and legal mandate to provide safety? How successful will the UNHCR agreement be? Hear from some of the leading voices on this issue as they discuss Israel’s legal obligations, the policy options that are available, and actions that we can all take to stand up for the rights of African asylum seekers in Israel.

MODERATOR

Mark Hetfield, President and CEO, HIAS

PANELISTS

Mickey Gitzin, Executive Director in Israel, New Israel Fund

Member of Knesset Michal Rozin, Meretz

Alon-Lee Green, Director, Standing Together

MONDAY, APRIL 16

5:00–5:15PM

Egalitarian Mincha Service

Executive Room

5:00–6:30PM

J StreetLEAD Meet-Up

Tryst

2459 18th Street NW

Join J StreetLEAD, J Street’s young leadership program, for a free drink—while the tickets last!

5:15–6:30PM

Reform Movement Meet-up

Religious Action Center – 2027 Massachusetts Ave NW

Join the Reform movement for a reception for lay, professional, rabbinic and cantorial leaders at the Religious Action Center. Shmooze with other Reform movement Israel activists, hear from movement leaders and enjoy some snacks and drinks!

6:30–7:30PM

Gala Dinner Reception

This is a ticketed event.

Ambassador Ballroom

7:30PM

Gala Dinner

This is a ticketed event.

Regency Ballroom

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Jeremy Ben-Ami, President and Founder of J Street

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Senator from Illinois

KEYNOTE CONVERSATION

The Honorable George Mitchell, Former US Senate Majority Leader, Former US Special Envoy f or Middle East Peace

Susan Glasser, Chief International Affairs Columnist, POLITICO



TUESDAY, APRIL 17

9:00AM

ADVOCACY DAY KICK-OFF

Advocacy Day participants who are free at this time are invited to hear 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.

Russell Senate Office Building, Room SR-301

9:00AM–4:00PM

APPOINTMENTS WITH MEMBER OFFICES

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

Congressional meetings are closed to the press.

Capitol Hill

1:00–2:00PM

Hill Briefing Presented by J Street U: West Bank Demolitions and Their Impact on the Two-State Solution

This briefing will take an in-depth look at home demolitions in Palestinian communities in the West Bank, and their relationship to the growth and encroachment of Israeli settlements on land that would be part of a future Palestinian state. What are the political dynamics behind such policies, what are their impact on the local Palestinian population? How do such demolitions affect the possibility of a peace deal going forward? Hear from a local resident of a West Bank community living under daily threat of demolitions, alongside experts on the danger of these policies, and the preventable threat they pose to a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

MODERATOR

Irena Ehrlich, Student, J Street UChicago

PANELISTS

Rabbi Arik Ascherman, Founder and Director, Torat Tzedek

Nasser Nawaja, Susya Community Leader, Field Researcher, B’tselem

Betty Herschman, Director of International Relations and Advocacy, Ir Amim

SPEAKER ORGANIZATIONS

J Street is proud to welcome speakers from the following organizations to our conference:

Abraham Fund Initiatives	Israel-Palestine: Creative Regional Initiatives (IPCRI)
Alliance for Israel's Future	Israel Policy Forum
Alliance For Middle East Peace (ALLMEP)	Justus & Karin Rosenberg Foundation
American Federations of Teachers	Keshet
American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salam	Mitvim - The Israel Institute for Regional Foreign Policies
American Friends of the Parents Circle	Mosaic Theater Company
The American Palestinian Hope Project	MoveOn
Americans for Peace Now	The Nation Institute
Arms Control Association	New Israel Fund
Breaking the Silence	OneVoice Movement
The Brookings Institution	Our Generation Speaks
B'Tselem	Palestinian Peace Coalition
CATO Institute	Partners for Progressive Israel
Churches for Middle East Peace	The Peres Center for Peace and Innovation
Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and Steinhardt Social Research Institute	Reconstructing Judaism
Combatants for Peace	Reconstructionist Rabbinical Council
Commanders for Israel's Security	The Shalom Hartman Institute of North America
Foreign Policy for America	Standing Together
Foundation for Middle East Peace	T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Geneva Initiative	Third Way
Gisha	Union for Reform Judaism
Givat Haviva	United States Institute of Peace
HIAS	USAID
Inside-Out Wisdom and Action Project	VoteVets
Israel Action Network	Western States Center
Israel Hofsheet	Women Wage Peace
	Wrestling Jerusalem
	Zimam Palestine

EXHIBITORS

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Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
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Encounter Programs
Equal Exchange
Givat Haviva
Habonim Dror
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Wrestling Jerusalem

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SENATOR BEN CARDIN is a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He works to influence US foreign policy by reaching across party lines to further US national security and fighting to ensure that good governance, transparency and respect for human rights are integrated into US diplomatic efforts. He is the ranking Democrat and former Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the US Helsinki Commission). In 2015, he was named as the Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly. Using these positions, he has worked to raise awareness of the escalation of global anti-Semitic violence, anti-Muslim laws and other forms of intolerance while working to promote peace, tolerance and equality. He recently was appointed to the United States Holocaust Museum Council. Cardin serves as Ranking Member of the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, and is a member of the Environment and Public Works and Finance Committees.

MEMBER OF KNESSET TZIPI LIVNI is the Co-Leader of the Zionist Union party. Livni has held the posts of Minister of Foreign Affairs, Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Justice. Livni was Chief Negotiator in the peace negotiations with the Palestinians in 2008 and 2013. Livni served as a member of the National Security Cabinet and the Senior Security Cabinet during the Second Lebanon War, Operation Cast Lead and Operation Protective Edge. Livni previously served in the Mossad and as Director General of the Government Companies Authority. She is currently the head of the HaTnua party and Co-Leader of the Zionist Union. She is a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, and head of the Subcommittee for International Legal Warfare.

CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA LEE has been the US Representative for California's 9th congressional district (now the 13th) since 1998. She serves on the Budget Committee and the Appropriations Committee, which oversees all federal government spending. She is the former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and former co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. In 1990, Lee was elected to the California State Assembly, where she served until 1996 when she was elected to the State Senate. On September 15, 2001, amidst enormous pressure, Lee stood firm in casting her dissenting vote to granting President George W. Bush authority to start military actions – anywhere. A tireless advocate for diplomacy, she is working to repeal this blank check and restore Congress's constitutional oversight to matters of war and peace.

AMBASSADOR SUSAN E. RICE is currently Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at the School of International Service at American University, and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Previously, Rice served President Barack Obama as National Security Advisor and US Permanent Representative to the United Nations. In her role as National Security Advisor from July 1, 2013, to January 20, 2017, Ambassador Rice led the National Security Council staff of approximately 400 defense, diplomatic, intelligence and development experts. She chaired the cabinet-level National Security Principals Committee, provided the president's daily national security briefings and was responsible for coordinating the formulation and implementation of all aspects of the administration's foreign and national security policy, including all diplomatic, intelligence, homeland security and military efforts.

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SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS is serving his second term in the US Senate after winning re-election in 2012 with 71 percent of the vote. His previous 16 years in the House of Representatives make him the longest serving independent member of Congress in American history. Born in 1941 in Brooklyn, Sanders attended James Madison High School, Brooklyn College and the University of Chicago. After graduating in 1964, he moved to Vermont. In 1981, he was elected (by 10 votes) to the first of four terms as mayor of Burlington. Sanders lectured at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and at Hamilton College in upstate New York before his 1990 election as Vermont's at-large member in Congress. He currently serves as the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on the Budget. The Almanac of American Politics calls Sanders a "practical and successful legislator." Throughout his career he has focused on the shrinking American middle class and the growing income and wealth gaps in the United States.

SENATOR BRIAN SCHATZ is recognized as a rising leader in Congress, focusing on delivering federal funding for Hawaii, protecting our environment and building a stronger economy. In the US Senate, he serves on several key committees: Appropriations; Indian Affairs; Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. He also serves on the Senate Democratic leadership team as Chief Deputy Whip. Pragmatic and hard-working, Schatz has proven to be an effective representative for Hawaii, securing millions of dollars in funding for the state and working across the aisle to create more opportunities for all. From fighting to expand rural health care, to protecting Social Security and Medicare, to finding solutions to climate change, Schatz has developed a record of leadership in the Senate since joining in 2012.

RANDI WEINGARTEN is President of the 1.6 million-member American Federation of Teachers (AFT), AFL-CIO. Prior to her election as AFT president in 2008, Weingarten served for 12 years as President of the United Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2, representing approximately 200,000

educators in the New York City public school system. In 2013, *The New York Observer* named Weingarten one of the most influential New Yorkers of the past 25 years. *Washington Life* magazine included Weingarten on its 2013 "Power 100" list of influential leaders. She is an active member of the Democratic National Committee and numerous professional, civic and philanthropic organizations.

MEMBER OF KNESSET TAMAR ZANDBERG

represents the Meretz party. She has 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 Yafo 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.

AMBASSADOR DR. HUSAM S. ZOMLOT currently serves as the Chief Representative of the Palestinian General Delegation to the United States. He is also strategic adviser to Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas. Zomlot's official roles include Ambassador-at-Large for the Palestinian Presidency, as well as Charge d'Affairs of the Palestinian Mission to the United Kingdom. He was elected to the Fatah Council as Director of its Foreign Relations Commission. Zomlot was previously professor of public policy at Birzeit University, where he co-founded and chaired the Birzeit School of Government. He has held teaching and research positions at both Harvard University and the University of London. His professional involvements include working as an economist for the United Nations and economic researcher with the London School of Economics and the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute.

TAHANI ABU DAQQA is a youth development and civil society institutional building specialist, who has worked towards building a culture of peace for more than 30 years. She has previously held several positions in the Palestinian Authority, including as the Minister of Youth and Sport and Minister of Culture. Abu Daqqa has more than 20 years of experience in designing and implementing municipal development projects, promoting active and inclusive community participation, capacity building in civil society organizations, developing youth leadership and advocating for women's empowerment.

DR. THABET ABU RASS joined The Abraham Fund Initiatives as its Co-Executive Director in April 2014, with a rich background in leadership of civil society organizations. Abu Rass is a political geographer by training and an expert in land use and planning. He has taught courses at Ben Gurion University and Sapir College. Abu Rass served on the Board of Directors of Adalah, and joined the Adalah staff in October 2010 as its Negev Office Director. Before Adalah, he was Co-Director of New Horizon—The Arab-Jewish Center for Dialogue and a Shared Society. From 2003-2005, he served as the Director of Shatil's office in Be'er Sheva. From 2005-2007, he directed a development project for the recently recognized Bedouin villages in the Negev. He is a member of the board of directors of several environmental and Jewish-Arab educational organizations. He has been the Co-Chair of the board of

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Hand In Hand, the bilingual schools in Israel and is the co-founder of the Association of Environmental Justice in Israel (AEJI).

HUDA ABUARQUOB is the Alliance for Middle East Peace's on the ground Regional Director. She has years of experience in conflict resolution, NGO leadership and social change education and activism, as well as a lifelong commitment to building strong people-to-people Israeli-Palestinian relations. After studying conflict transformation and peace studies as a Fulbright scholar, she worked as an executive director, a program director and an NGO consultant to a number of organizations in the US, Israel and Palestine. She has long been an active leader in grassroots Palestinian initiatives focused on women's empowerment and people-to-people diplomacy. Previously, Abuarquob worked as a teacher, trainer and consultant for the Palestinian Ministry of Education for 15 years.

ANDREW ALBERTSON is the Executive Director of Foreign Policy for America. Albertson brings more than a decade of experience leading initiatives that promote smart, principled approaches to American foreign policy challenges. From 2007-2010, he was the founding Executive Director of the Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED). From 2011-2012, he served in Afghanistan with USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI), where he was Deputy Regional Representative for OTI's programs in the South and Southwest

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DR. JANET KRASNER ARONSON is an Associate Director of the Cohen Center of Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University. She was the principal investigator on studies of the Jewish communities in Boston, MA (2015) and in Washington, DC (2017). Aronson studies new and emerging trends in Jewish engagement and Israel attachment using data from local Jewish community studies and the 2013 Pew Portrait of Jewish Americans. She is currently analyzing patterns of support for J Street and AIPAC among Jews in Greater Boston.

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BASHAR AZZEH is a leading Palestinian entrepreneur and youth activist. In 2008, Azzeh began

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working on the development of the Palestinian economy and civil society through entrepreneurship, NGOs and youth initiatives. He has worked as the Planning Director for the past two Palestine Investment Conferences, an economic and political adviser for various Palestinian ministers and as a business development manager for international economic development projects. Azzeh assisted in the founding of Al Quds Holding Company in Jerusalem and is also the founder and Chairman of Al Maqdese Association for Economic and Social Development in Jerusalem. He is the Chairman of Jerusalem Business Development Center, which serves Jerusalem's young entrepreneurs, and is Co-Chair of the Doha Forum's youth forum. Azzeh is currently the Chairman of the Board of the Jerusalem Student Union and Board Secretary of the Palestine-Britain Business Council.

RABBI LARRY BACH became the Senior Rabbi at Judea Reform Congregation in July 2015. Prior to joining the Reform congregation, he served Temple Mount Sinai of El Paso, Texas. He was ordained in 1998 at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, OH. Rabbi Bach works passionately on issues of interfaith understanding and social justice. In El Paso, he was among the founders of Border Interfaith, a broad-based community organization affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation. In 2007, he was named "Racial Justice Ambassador" by the Paso Del Norte YWCA in recognition

of his work in these areas and others. Israel holds an important place in Rabbi Bach's consciousness. In 2010-2011, he was a member of the second cohort of Rabbis Without Borders, an interdenominational project of the National Center for Learning and Leadership.

GADI BALTIANSKY is the Director General of the Geneva Initiative in Israel, an NGO that promotes a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians through diplomatic, political, educational and public tools, using the model for peace known as the Geneva Accord. Baltiansky served as a member of the Israeli official negotiation team with Syria and with the Palestinians between 1999-2000, and as a non-official adviser to the negotiating teams between 2007-2008 and 2014-2015. During his years in government, Baltiansky served as Israel's Prime Minister's Press Secretary, as an adviser to the Foreign Minister and as a Press Counselor at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC.

AMNON BE'ERI-SULITZEANU has been Co-Executive Director of The Abraham Fund Initiatives in Israel since 2004. From 1996-2004, Be'eri-Sulitzeanu served as the Director of Marketing Communications at the Jerusalem Foundation, under the leadership of Mayor Teddy Kollek and Ruth Cheshin. Be'eri-Sulitzeanu worked to initiate and develop educational, cultural and social enterprises in Jerusalem. He previously served as the Communications Director and

Spokesperson of the Ministry of Immigration and Absorption under Minister Yair Tsaban. Be'eri-Sulitzeanu has lectured and presented papers at many institutions and conferences including the Herzliya Conference, the Jaffa Convention, the Ma'alot-Tarshicha Conference for Shared Society, the Israel-Sderot Society Conference and many Knesset committees. Be'eri-Sulitzeanu's work at The Abraham Fund has been highlighted in a variety of domestic and international publications such as ESPN, AP, *Jerusalem Post*, *Haaretz*, *JTA*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post* and *New York Jewish Week*.

PETER BEINART is Associate Professor of Journalism and Political Science at the City University of New York. He is also a contributor to *The Atlantic*, a Senior Columnist at *The Forward*, a CNN Political Commentator and a Non-Resident Fellow at the Foundation for Middle East Peace. He has written three books, *The Good Fight*, *The Icarus Syndrome* and *The Crisis of Zionism*. Beinart has written for *The New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *The Financial Times*, the *Boston Globe* and other prominent publications. Beinart became *The New Republic's* managing editor in 1995. He became the magazine's Senior Editor in 1997, and from 1999 to 2006 served as its Editor.

IAN BLACK is a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Middle East Centre of the London School of Economics. He worked for *The Guardian* newspaper from 1980-2016 as Middle East Editor,

Diplomatic Editor, European editor and Jerusalem correspondent. He has also written for *The Economist*, *Washington Post* and *Observer* and is a regular broadcaster and commentator on Middle Eastern and international affairs. He won the Peace Through Media Award in 2010. His new book, *Enemies and Neighbours: Arabs and Jews in Palestine and Israel, 1917-2017* is published by Atlantic Monthly Press in the US. It was chosen as a book of the year for 2017 by *The Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *The Sunday Times* and *The Guardian*. The New York Times listed it as an "editors' choice" in January 2018.

HEATHER BOOTH has been a social change organizer since the early 1960s. She has been a strategist in over 65 campaigns, including voter registration, immigration reform and Wall Street accountability. She participated in Freedom Summer in 1964 as a college student, founded JANE to provide abortion services when it was illegal, created the Midwest Academy to train organizers, worked on Harold Washington's campaign for mayor of Chicago, ran the NAACP National Voter Fund in 2000 and directed Sen. Elizabeth Warren's campaign to establish the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. She has been a supporter and trainer for J Street since its inception. There is a new film about her life, *Heather Booth: Changing the World*.

RACHEL BRANDENBURG is director of the Middle East Security

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AVITAL BROWN is the co-founder of PosiTeam Consulting and Training, established to assist high-tech organizations to cope with management challenges. She has been active in the field of training and education since 1984 in Israel, North America and Australia. In their work, Brown, and her partner in PosiTeam, managed and delivered, in partnership with CISCO, capacity-building programs for Palestinian high-tech companies. They were awarded a USAID Conflict Management & Mitigation Grant to develop and implement a program to empower Palestinian and Israeli women in the High-Tech sector, while facilitating cross-border economic cooperation. Brown has also been an active member of Women Wage Peace (WWP) since its early days. She was a member of the outreach team which fosters relationships

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with Palestinian women, and women around the world. She co-led the 2016 March of Hope, and the 2017 Journey to Peace. In 2017, she served as the head of WWP Resource Development team, and she currently co-heads the Strategic Team of WWP. Her two sons and son-in-law served in the front line in Tzuk Eitan during the 2014 Gaza War, which motivated her to join WWP with the utmost determination and faith that peace is possible.

JEREMY BURTON is the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Boston. Previously he was the Senior Vice President of Programs at the Jewish Funds for Justice and Vice President of Programs at the Jewish Funders Network. Burton also served as a board member of Keshet, working for the full inclusion of LGBT Jews in Jewish life. Burton writes and speaks widely about challenges and opportunities facing the Jewish community. He has been published widely, including in the *New York Jewish Week*, *The Forward*, *Zeek*, *Sh'ma* and the *Washington Post: On Faith*. The JTA included him in their 2010 "Twitter 100" list of the most influential Jewish voices on Twitter.

REV. DR. MAE ELISE CANNON is the Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace and an ordained Pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). Cannon formerly served as the Senior Director of Advocacy and Outreach for World Vision US on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, consultant to the Middle East for child

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THOMAS COUNTRYMAN, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, served as Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security from October 2016-January 2017. He also served as Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation (ISN), where he advised the Secretary on arms control, nonproliferation, disarmament and political-military affairs. Prior to his position as Assistant Secretary, he served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, and as the Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commandant of the US Marine Corps. From 1994-1997, he was responsible for advising Ambassador Albright on Middle East affairs at the US Mission to the United Nations, and served as Liaison with the UN Special

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KELSEY DAVENPORT is the Director for Nonproliferation Policy at the Arms Control Association, where she provides research and analysis on the nuclear and missile programs in Iran, North Korea, India and Pakistan and on nuclear security issues. Davenport is also the author of the Arms Control Association's e-newsletter and her commentary has been featured in numerous outlets, including the *Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, CNN and NPR. Prior to coming to the Arms Control Association, Kelsey worked for a think tank in Jerusalem researching regional security issues. She is a term member at the Council on Foreign Relations and is a member of the Atlantic Council's Future of Iran Advisory Board.

AARON DAVIDMAN is a writer, actor, director and producer. He is drawn to stories of ethnic history and cultural complexity that challenge our assumptions of the "other." Davidman served as Artistic Director of Traveling Jewish Theatre from 2002-2011. His play *Wrestling Jerusalem*, a solo performance about the Israel/Palestine story, has toured internationally since its premiere in 2014 and has been made into a feature film. He was a recipient of the TIKKUN Award in 2016.

MATT DUSS is a Senior Policy Advisor for US Senator Bernie Sanders, working on foreign policy, national security and veterans' affairs. Before joining Senator Sanders' staff, he served as President of the Foundation for Middle East Peace. From 2008-2014, he was a national security and international policy analyst at the Center for American Progress.

HAGAI EL-AD is Executive Director of B'Tselem. Prior to joining B'Tselem in 2014, El-Ad served as the director of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) and as the first Executive Director of the Jerusalem Open House for Pride and Tolerance. In 2014, El-Ad was named among *Foreign Policy* magazine's "100 Leading Global Thinkers."

OHAD ELHELO left his hometown of Ashdod, Israel in 2013 to study as a Slifka Scholar at Brandeis University, where he received his bachelor's and master's in Economics. Elhelo founded Our Generation Speaks (OGS) in 2014 to empower young Israeli and Palestinian change agents to build shared prosperity and an infrastructure of hope through entrepreneurship. OGS has since created seven companies, some of which have raised significant capital. He won the 2017 New England Innovation Award. Elhelo has contributed to several major media outlets in the US and Israel, including Israel's national TV and radio stations. Elhelo has been included in the 2018 edition of

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MIEKE EOYANG runs Third Way's National Security Program. She has particular expertise in intelligence oversight and electronic surveillance reform. She studies partisan perception on national security. Eoyang's writing has been published in *Politico*, the *Washington Post*, *Democracy Journal*, *The Hill* and *Lawfare*, and she frequently provides commentary on MSNBC. Prior to joining Third Way, Eoyang had a long career on Capitol Hill. Most recently, she served as Representative Anna Eshoo's Chief of Staff (D-CA-18). Previously, she was the Defense Policy Advisor to Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) during the Iraq War, the Subcommittee Staff Director on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and a professional staff member on the House Armed Services Committee.

RAHNA EPTIG has over 15 years of experience in political education, program development, lobbying and advocacy and nonprofit management. She currently serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships for MoveOn, where she oversees high-level strategic partnerships between MoveOn and organizational allies within the movement. There, she also serves as a key leader of the Fight Back Table, a cross-movement space for the progressive left focused on resistance strategies. Before joining MoveOn, Eptig was the Chief of Staff at Every Voice where she oversaw the

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strategic implementation of programs, supported the supervision and development of staff and served as a liaison to campaign finance reform efforts across the country. Eptig is also a Wellstone Action trainer; she has trained with Wellstone for over seven years. She continues to be committed to youth organizing and currently serves as the Board Chair of the Alliance for Youth Organizing.

WILL FISCHER is the Director of Government Relations for VoteVets, which is the largest progressive veterans organization in America, with more than 500,000 members. Prior to his work at VoteVets, Fischer spent nearly a decade working at the national AFL-CIO and on a variety of political, legislative and organizing campaigns across the country. A fixture in the media and on Capitol Hill, Fischer's commentary has been featured on MSNBC, CNN, Fox News and in hundreds of magazines and newspapers throughout the country. Fischer is a veteran of the War in Iraq, where he served as a US Marine.

NIDAL FOQAHA is the Director General of the Palestinian Peace Coalition – Geneva Initiative in Palestine, a nonprofit Palestinian organization that works on promoting the concept of a peaceful settlement for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict based on the two-state solution. Foqaha has contributed to the different dialogues as part of the Geneva Initiative process, including on issues of security, borders, Jerusalem water, refugees and reconciliation. Foqaha

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GILI GETZ is an Israeli-American actor, photojournalist and activist. In recent years, his work has focused on Jewish-American political activism. His photography is published regularly in Jewish and Israeli press. He served as a photographer for the Israel Defense Forces and as a news editor for YNET US. Getz is a member of J Street NYC's Executive Committee.

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J.J. GOLDBERG is Editor-at-Large and Senior Commentator at *The Forward*. He was *The Forward's* Editor in Chief from 2000 to 2007. In the past he has served as US Bureau Chief of *The Jerusalem Report* and Managing Editor of the *New York Jewish Week*. His books include *Jewish Power: Inside the American Jewish Establishment*, which was listed by the *Philadelphia Inquirer* among the "100 Most Important Books" of 1996; as well as *Builders and Dreamers, a History of Labor Zionism in America*. Before entering journalism, Goldberg worked as an Education Specialist with the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem, a founding member and

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ZOE GOLDBLUM is a senior at Stanford University. She has previously served as a Regional Co-Chair and as Vice President to the Northwest region on the National Student Board, and as a Co-Chair for Stanford's J Street U chapter. She is also serving as a Vice President on the Board of Stanford's Jewish Students Association. Goldblum is from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she attended a Solomon Schechter Day School.

DR. NIMROD GOREN is the founder and Head of Mitvim—The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies. He teaches Middle Eastern Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. After completing his doctorate, Goren was selected to take part in public policy training at Syracuse University as the Israeli participant in the US State Department's Fulbright Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program. He was the Executive Director of the Young Israeli Forum for Cooperation (YIFC); in this capacity he was awarded the 2009 IIE Victor J Goldberg Prize for Peace in the Middle East. In addition, Goren worked at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, the Nehemia Levtzion Center for Islamic Studies and the

Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace.

ALON-LEE GREEN is the National Director of Standing Together. In his teenage years, he organized Israel's first trade union of waiters in a chain of coffee shops. He went on to found Israel's first National Waiters Union and has appeared numerous times in the media advocating for the rights of young and precarious workers. In the summer of 2011, he was a prominent leader of Israel's social protest movement and convened some of its biggest rallies. For five years, he worked in the Knesset as a political adviser involved in the legislative process and building citizens' campaigns that influenced parliamentary decisions. In the winter of 2015, he was one of the founders of Standing Together, a Jewish-Arab grassroots movement that mobilizes people around issues of peace, equality and social justice.

JON GREENWALD served in the Senior Foreign Service during his 30-year State Department career, then as Vice President of the International Crisis Group, the leading conflict prevention organization, for 17 years, until 2017. He now leads a project he initiated, in partnership with the Givat Haviva International School in Israel, to bring Israeli and Palestinian students to study together at leading prep schools in the US and abroad. It aims to strengthen the people-to-people infrastructure that can ultimately support a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-

Palestinian conflict. An international law specialist, he retired from State in 1998 after serving as Minister-Counselor of the US Mission to the European Union. While posted in West Berlin and East Berlin, he was the US Embassy's Political Counselor as the Wall fell and Germany was reunited. He was a US delegate to important international conferences, notably those that drafted, then reviewed the Helsinki Final Act on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

ROLLY GUERON is a member of the Executive and Steering Committees of Commanders for Israel's Security (CIS) and is a former Division Head in the Mossad. With over 25 years of Israeli government service, mainly in intelligence, homeland and international security, he is presently involved in introducing Israeli homeland security-related technologies to emerging markets in central Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere. Following his career with the Mossad, he served as a senior executive with several Israeli and Israeli-based multinational corporations, including ZIM (global shipping), Union Bank of Israel (Bank Igud) and Tnuva (Israel's largest dairy producer).

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MEMBER OF KNESSET YOEL HASSON, CEO for the HaTnua party, has a long track record of public service and Zionist activism. MK Hasson has served as a Public Affairs

Adviser to PM Ariel Sharon, as chair the Likud Youth Movement and as the 35th President of the World Zionist Congress, the youngest person to be elected to this position since Theodor Herzl. In 2006, Hasson joined the Kadima party, was elected as a Member of the 17th Knesset and was appointed both as the Kadima Parliamentary Group Chairman and Coalition Chairman. In the 18th Knesset, Hasson was appointed as the Chairman of the State Comptroller Committee. In 2012, Hasson joined the HaTnua party and, in March 2015, returned to serve as a Member of the 20th Knesset.

EID SULEIMAN HATHALEEN is an activist and artist from the Palestinian Bedouin village of Umm Al Khair. He leads advocacy and humanitarian efforts aimed at protecting his village, located in the South Hebron Hills area of the West Bank, from demolition. Hathaleen is a self-taught artist who builds miniature-sized jeeps, bulldozers, and helicopters from scraps, transforming vehicles representing the occupation into constructive elements that can be appreciated again for their positive use.

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RABBI NANCY KASTEN is a community educator, volunteer and activist. Ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1990, she spent her first 12 years as a rabbi at Southern Methodist University (SMU). During that time she served as Hillel Director, Associate Chaplain and Adjunct Professor of Biblical Hebrew. Following her tenure at SMU, Kasten worked as Campus Rabbi and Head of Jewish Studies at the Wise Academy, a Reform Jewish Day School. In recent years, her focus has been on the intersection between mindfulness and social justice. She is currently one of three co-chairs of Faith Forward Dallas at Thanksgiving Square where she works with a variety of organizations on improving voter education, registration and turnout, as well as organizations that advocate for peace and justice for Israelis and Palestinians.

EMILY ALICE KATZ is the author of *Bringing Zion Home: Israel in American Jewish Culture, 1948-1967* (SUNY Press, 2015) and numerous articles in the field of American Jewish history; she is also a writer of literary fiction. A member of Judea Reform Congregation in Durham, NC, she serves on the synagogue's Israel Discourse Advisory Committee.

URI KEIDAR joined Israel Hofsheet as the Executive Director in August 2017. Prior to this role, he spent over seven years in leading positions in civil society organizations and politics, both in elected and professional positions. He completed his military service as a tank commander in the Israel Defense Forces' armored corps, where he still serves in active reserve duty.

SULAIMAN KHATIB is Co-Founder and Co-Director of Combatants for Peace. Sulaiman is a committed advocate for peace in the Middle East and an active member of various programs and projects that promote a peaceful solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Khatib's work allows him to draw upon his own personal story and background to connect with youth on peace building projects. He is an elected member of the Peace NGO's Committee, an umbrella organization for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs working for peace. Khatib is a co-founder of the al-Quds Association for Democracy and Dialogue and the People's Peace Fund.

ANDY KIM is a congressional candidate running for the Democratic nomination to take on GOP Rep. Tom MacArthur in New Jersey's 3rd Congressional District. An experienced national security expert and practitioner, Kim served as the Iraq Director on the National Security Council under President Obama. He worked on the ground in Kabul as a strategic adviser to

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Generals David Petraeus and John Allen, and has served in various roles at the Pentagon, State Department, USAID and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

IDIT KLEIN has been an activist for equality and social justice for the past 20 years. Since 2001, she has served as Executive Director of Keshet. Under her leadership, Keshet developed a comprehensive training curriculum for LGBTQ inclusion and has trained educators in hundreds of Jewish communities around the country. In Massachusetts, Klein helped mobilize Massachusetts rabbis and synagogue members to defeat the proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. She also served as Executive Producer of Keshet's award-winning documentary film, *Hineini: Coming Out in a Jewish High School*. Prior to leading Keshet, Klein was an activist in the LGBTQ community in Israel and played a role in early organizing efforts to create Jerusalem Open House.

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BECCA LUBOW serves as the national Reactive Committee Strategy Chair for J Street U and the Chapter President of J Street U at the University of Michigan. Raised in the Reform Jewish community of Columbus, OH, Lubow got involved with J Street U on campus because she strongly believes in its vision of a just and peaceful end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Lubow has a double major in Political Science and Economics with a research focus on grassroots protest movements.

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Makhlof also serves as the Director of International Relations in the Palestinian Centre for Research and Strategic Studies (PCRSS). Makhlof has 15 years of experience in a broad range of nonprofit and business organizations within Palestine. He holds a master's degree in American Studies and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Birzeit University. Makhlof served as the head of Ramallah's Al Kasaba Theater and Cinematheque Programs and Development Department, and he serves as President of his hometown of Jifna's Youth Club. Makhlof is also the leader and organizer of the Apricot Festival, one of the biggest, most popular and well-known festivals in Palestine. Makhlof recently become the first Palestinian named to be a Fellow of the Royal Society of Art in London.

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MEMBER OF KNESSET MERAV MICHAELI is an Israeli Knesset member and a former journalist, TV anchor, radio broadcaster and

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activist. Michaeli is Chair of the Caucus for Female Knesset Members and a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. Prior to entering politics, Michaeli was known as one of Israel's most prominent journalists, an op-ed writer for *Haaretz* and the producer and star of her own prime time, documentary and current affairs television and radio programs. Michaeli has taught university classes and lectured extensively on the topics of feminism, media and communications. A longtime advocate for women's and minority rights, she is known for her ability to consistently challenge conventional views and positions. In September 2012, Michaeli spoke at TEDxJaffa on the theme of "paradigm shift," in which she argued for society to "cancel marriage." In October 2012, she announced that she was joining the Labor party, and intended to run for in the 2013 general election. On November 29, Michaeli won fifth place on the Labor party's roster.

NEGAR MORTAZAVI is the Washington Correspondent for Iran International, a private news channel based in London. She has been covering Iran and the greater Middle East for a decade and has lived and worked in the region for years. Mortazavi is a frequent commentator for domestic and international outlets, including MSNBC, CNN, BBC, Al-Jazeera, France24 and i24News in Israel. In 2017 she was named a "Global Young Leader" by Friends of Europe in Brussels. Mortazavi tweets extensively on Iran and has been

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ORI NIR joined Americans for Peace Now in 2006 following a 24-year career in journalism, which was mainly focused on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Nir covered Palestinian affairs for *Haaretz* during the first years of the first intifada and through the troubled implementation of the first phases of the Oslo Accords. Later, he covered Israel's Arab minority. As the Washington correspondent of *Haaretz* in the early 90's and of *The Forward* in the mid 2000s, he focused on America's Middle East policy. Between 1982 and 1986, Nir worked at the Arab Affairs desk of Israel Television's (Channel One) news department, following four years of service in the Israel Defense Forces.

MATT NOSANCHUK, Vice President at Quadrant Strategies, a research-driven consultancy, served in senior roles in the Obama Administration from 2009-2017. He was the president's liaison to the American Jewish community and Director of Outreach for the National Security Council. Nosanchuk also served at the State Department in the Secretary's Office of Religion and Global Affairs, the Department of Homeland Security in the Office of General Counsel and the Department of Justice in the Civil Rights Division. Highlights of Nosanchuk's service included advancing LGBT rights in the US and abroad, and concluding the historic nuclear agreement with

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BRIGADIER GENERAL (RET.) ISRAELA ORON is an analyst and commentator on security and strategic affairs, with special expertise on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Oron served as Deputy National Security Advisor at Israel's National Security Council (NSC). Oron had a lengthy and distinguished military career. She served in various key positions. Her last military posting was as the Commander of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF)'s Women's Corp, where she initiated significant reforms regarding the role of women in the IDF and Israeli society at large. Today, she serves on the boards of leading security, peace and social justice organizations, including the Geneva Accord, the Acharai Movement, New Israel Fund's International Council, Commanders for Israel's Security and the Executive Committee of Ben Gurion University.

GERI PALAST is the Executive Director of the Israel Action Network (IAN). She has extensive experience organizing and leading broad-based national grassroots and legislative issue campaigns. From 2000-2011, she founded and ran two NGOs on school finance reform to ensure adequate funding for poor children and justice system reform. From 1993-

2000, Palast served as the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs during the Clinton administration. Previously, she served as the National Legislative and Political Director of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). She has served on numerous boards, including the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, taught at universities, ran three social justice NGOs and is an attorney.

Yael Patir joined J Street in 2012 following six years at the Shimon Peres Center for Peace, where she served as Director of the Civil Leadership Department. In that capacity, she oversaw cross-border peace-building programs that engaged a wide range of civil society figures, including Palestinian and Israeli young political leaders. Patir helped establish the Palestinian-Israeli Peace NGO Forum, a network of some 100 Palestinian and Israeli peace and dialogue organizations, and has served as the Israeli Director since the Forum's inception in January 2006. Patir is a certified mediator and a group facilitator specializing in dialogue between groups in conflict. In the spring of 2011, Patir joined the International Center for the Study of Radicalization in King's College London as an Atkin Research Fellow.

RACHEL POWERS is a sophomore at Colorado College, majoring in Molecular Biology. Born and raised in the North Shore suburbs of Chicago, she grew up in a

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ARI ROTH is a playwright, educator and Founding Artistic Director of Mosaic Theater Company of DC. For 18 years before that, he served as Artistic Director of Theater J, where he launched the long-running Voices From a Changing Middle East Festival, which continues today, uncensored, at Mosaic. Now in its third season, Mosaic recently took its Voices Festival on a four-campus national tour and has been recognized with the 2017 Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Emerging Theatre Company. Roth was named recipient of the 2017 Mayor's Arts Award for Visionary Leadership and one of "15 People Changing the Nonprofit World" in the Chronicle of Philanthropy. His plays include *Born Guilty*, *Oh, The Innocents*, *Andy and The Shadows*, *Goodnight Irene* and *Life in Refusal*.

MEMBER OF KNESSET MICHAL ROZIN is a Member of Knesset for the Meretz party. MK Rozin serves on the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and The Implementation of Government Information Accessibility and Transparency Principles Committee. Rozin chairs the LGBT Lobby and led the LGBT Day in the Knesset.

She also chairs the Pluralism and Civil Equality Lobby and the Equality in Employment Lobby. Before her election in 2013, she served as a policy adviser and political consultant to several members of Knesset. In those roles, she fought for gender equality, religious pluralism, refugee and migrant rights and environmental justice – issues she continues to champion. In 2008, Rozin was appointed CEO of the Association of Crisis Centers for Victims of Sexual Assault in Israel, where she emerged as the leader of the public campaign of sexual violence.

YANIV SAGEE is the Executive Director of Givat Haviva. For nearly 30 years, Sagee has been a key figure in various organizations connected to education. Sagee's experiences have engendered his working cooperatively with ministers of education, Knesset members, mayors and regional council members and Arab municipal leaders. He began his career at a local high school, first as a teacher, then as a boarding school principal. He then headed the Hashomer Hatzair Youth Movement and, later, served as the Chair of the National Council for Youth Movements in Israel. Under his leadership as the Executive Director of Givat Haviva in 2012, the Givat Haviva campus has become a vibrant space for international learning experience. Sagee pioneered Givat Haviva's widely recognized Shared Society initiative between Jewish and Arab municipalities. He established the Givat Haviva International

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School Co.Lab GHIS, an international secondary school for young social entrepreneurship and leadership.

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NIVINE SANDOUKA is a social activist who believes in transformative leadership towards social justice and gender equity. She is an expert in the field of program development, management, peace building and gender mainstreaming. She is currently working as the Co-Director of the Israel Palestine Creative Regional Initiatives (IPCRI). She also runs a grassroots initiative, Judi-from me to you, which connects women and volunteers in civil society organizations. She was identified by the US State Department as a young leader and a participant in their prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program on the theme of conflict resolution. Throughout her career, she has developed projects

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EMILY SCHAEFFER OMER-MAN is a human rights attorney based in Tel Aviv. For the past 12 years, she has represented hundreds of Palestinian victims of crimes committed by Israeli security personnel on behalf of Yesh Din, litigated constitutional challenges to harmful Israeli policies in the Israeli Supreme Court and provided legal counsel to numerous human rights organizations, including Breaking the Silence, Peace Now and Human Rights Watch. Prior to founding and becoming the Executive Director of a new NGO that represents Palestinian victims of human rights violations in foreign courts and international tribunals, Schaeffer Omer-Man served as Senior Counsel and Acting Director of the Law Office of Michael Sfard.

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office of Americans for Peace Now in Washington, DC, and served as its first Washington Representative. From 1996-2002, he lived in Jerusalem and coordinated Israeli-Palestinian and Israeli-Jordanian joint research projects at the Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University. Since 2010, he has been the Managing Editor of the *Israel Studies Review*, the academic journal of the Association for Israel Studies. He blogs regularly on issues related to Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at Partners for Progressive Israel blog.

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NISREEN SHEHADA is a leader in the Standing Together movement,

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NOAM SHUSTER-ELIASSI grew up in the only community in Israel where Palestinians and Jews live together in equality and by choice, Neve Shalom-Wahat Al Salam. She was educated in a bilingual and binational school, and speaks fluent Arabic, which strengthens her Middle Eastern identity. From a young age, Shouster-Eliassi has worked in peacebuilding programs with Israelis and Palestinians, including work with a special UN-based program engaging strategic populations in Israeli society who were previously excluded from the peace process. Throughout her studies, she worked with youth in Rwanda, developing peacebuilding programs for HIV+ children of perpetrators and survivors of the 1994 genocide in Kigali, for which she was awarded the Davis Peace Prize. These initiatives supported the creation of healing narratives for health education based on reconciliation and confronting

the past. Today, Shouster-Eliassi also includes humor, stand up and performance in her professional life, attempting to tackle issues of racism, political identities and conflict through creative means.

KENNETH STERN is an award-winning author and attorney, and was most recently Director of the Division on Antisemitism and Extremism at the American Jewish Committee, where he worked for 25 years. Stern’s op-eds and book reviews have appeared in *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *The Forward*, the *JTA* and elsewhere. He has argued before the United States Supreme Court, testified before Congress, presented at the White House Conference on Hate Crimes and served as a member of the US Delegation to the Stockholm Forum on Combating Intolerance. Stern was the lead drafter of the “working definition” of anti-Semitism, now adopted by the US Department of State. He was also an integral part of the defense team in the historic London Holocaust denial case of *David Irving vs. Deborah Lipstadt*. He has trained over 200 college and university presidents on how to respond to instances of bigotry on campus and helped to establish courses and programs on the study of hate at Gonzaga University and at Bard College.

DR. HOWARD SUMKA retired as a Minister Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). From 2006-2010, he was

based in Tel Aviv as Director of USAID’s Mission to the West Bank and Gaza. During that period, USAID programs for Palestinian economic development and state building in support of the Middle East peace process exceeded \$1.6 billion. He had previously been Director, successively, of the USAID Missions to Albania and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Sumka was the CEO of the OneVoice Movement in 2011-2012. He is on the board of the American Friends of the Parents Circle-Family Forum and the advisory board of Zimam, the Palestinian partner of OneVoice. He is a recipient of the President’s Distinguished Service Award and the USAID Administrator’s Distinguished Career Award.

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AMIR TIBON is an award-winning Israeli journalist who is currently the Washington correspondent for *Haaretz*. His writing on Israel and the region has appeared in leading US publications including *The Atlantic*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Politico Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *Tablet* and others. His first book, a biography of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, was published in July 2017. He has reported in the past from conflict zones in Syria, Ukraine and southeastern Turkey.

RABBI RACHEL TIMONER is the Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Elohim (CBE) in Brooklyn, where her passions are community building, social justice, spiritual life and lifelong learning. Timoner spearheaded a six-month study series in 2016 to look at the Jewish response to systemic racism in America. The team contributed to the success of New York’s “Raise the Age” campaign for criminal justice reform. In November 2016, Timoner, in cooperation with City Council member Brad Lander, opened CBE’s sanctuary to #GetOrganizedBK. She is currently working with eight member-facilitators on an Israel Dialogue and Study Series to grow

the congregation’s capacity to have uncomfortable conversations about Israel across diverse positions and beliefs, while learning with depth and nuance about the history of Israel and Palestine. She is the author of Breath of Life: God as Spirit in Judaism.

ERIK WARD is the Western States Center’s Executive Director. A national expert on the relationship between hate violence and preserving democratic institutions and inclusive societies, he brings nearly 30 years of expertise in community organizing, campaign development and philanthropy to his role. Ward began his civil rights work when the White Nationalist movement was engaged in violent paramilitary activity that sought to undermine democratic governance in the Pacific Northwest. Joining the Center for New Community as National Field Director (2003-2011), Ward assisted immigrant rights advocates in addressing the growing influence of xenophobia on public policy. As Program Executive for The Atlantic Philanthropies’ US Reconciliation and Human Rights Programme (2011-2014) and as a Ford Foundation Program Officer (2014-2017), Ward’s philanthropic work supported efforts to combat inequality. Ward has consulted extensively with philanthropic institutions across the country and he co-founded Funders For Justice, a project of the Neighborhood Funders Group. Ward serves on the boards of The Proteus Fund and Revolutions Per Minute (RPM).

DR. RABBI DEBORAH WAXMAN is President and the Aaron and Marjorie Ziegelman Presidential Professor of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC). She is believed to be the first woman rabbi to head a Jewish congregational union and lead a Jewish seminary. She believes that in the 21st century, as Jewish people choose from a vast array of spiritual, religious and cultural sources to construct their identities, Reconstructionist Judaism offers a distinctive way toward meaning and connection. She also is interested in fostering a more robust presence for all progressive religions in the public square.

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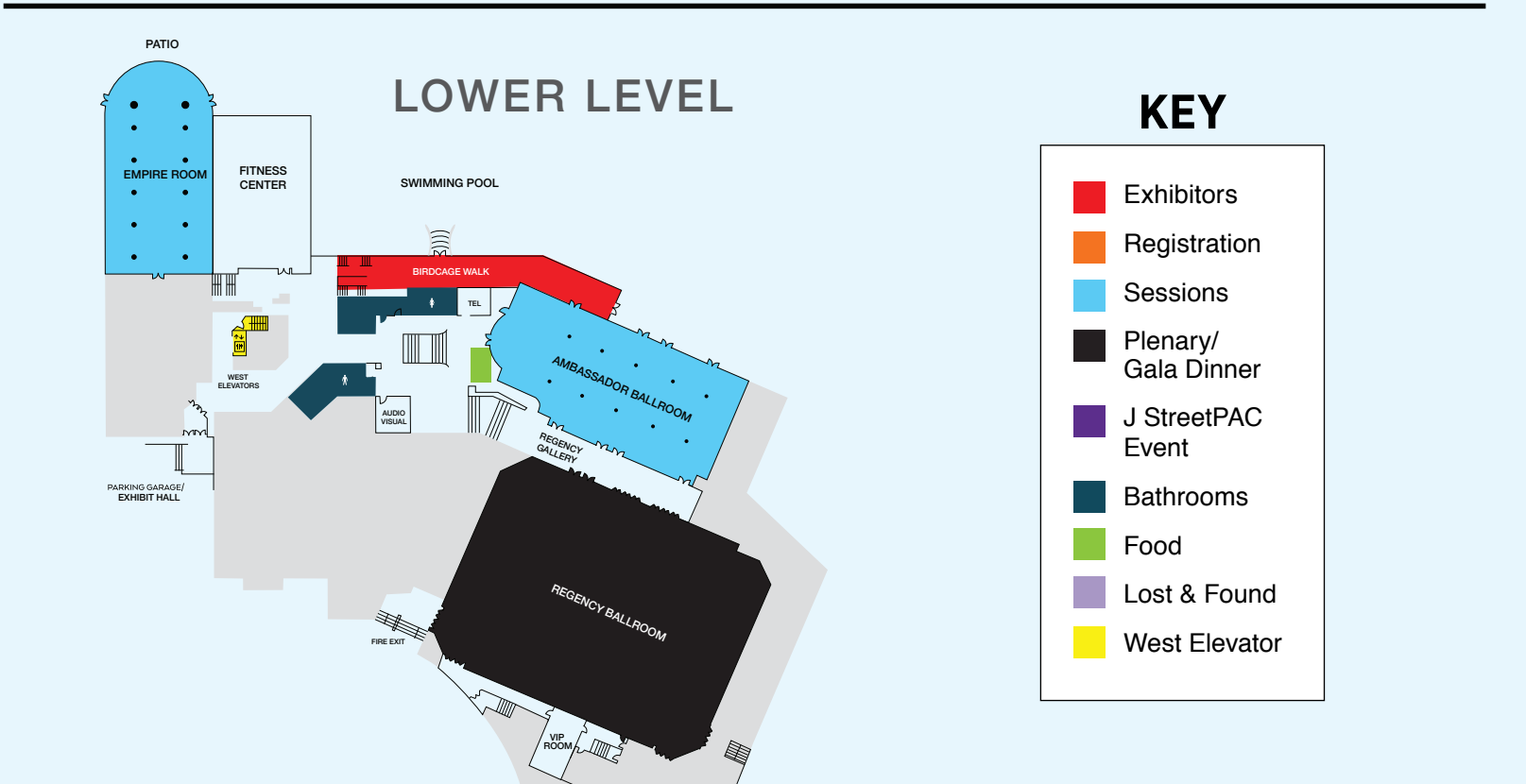
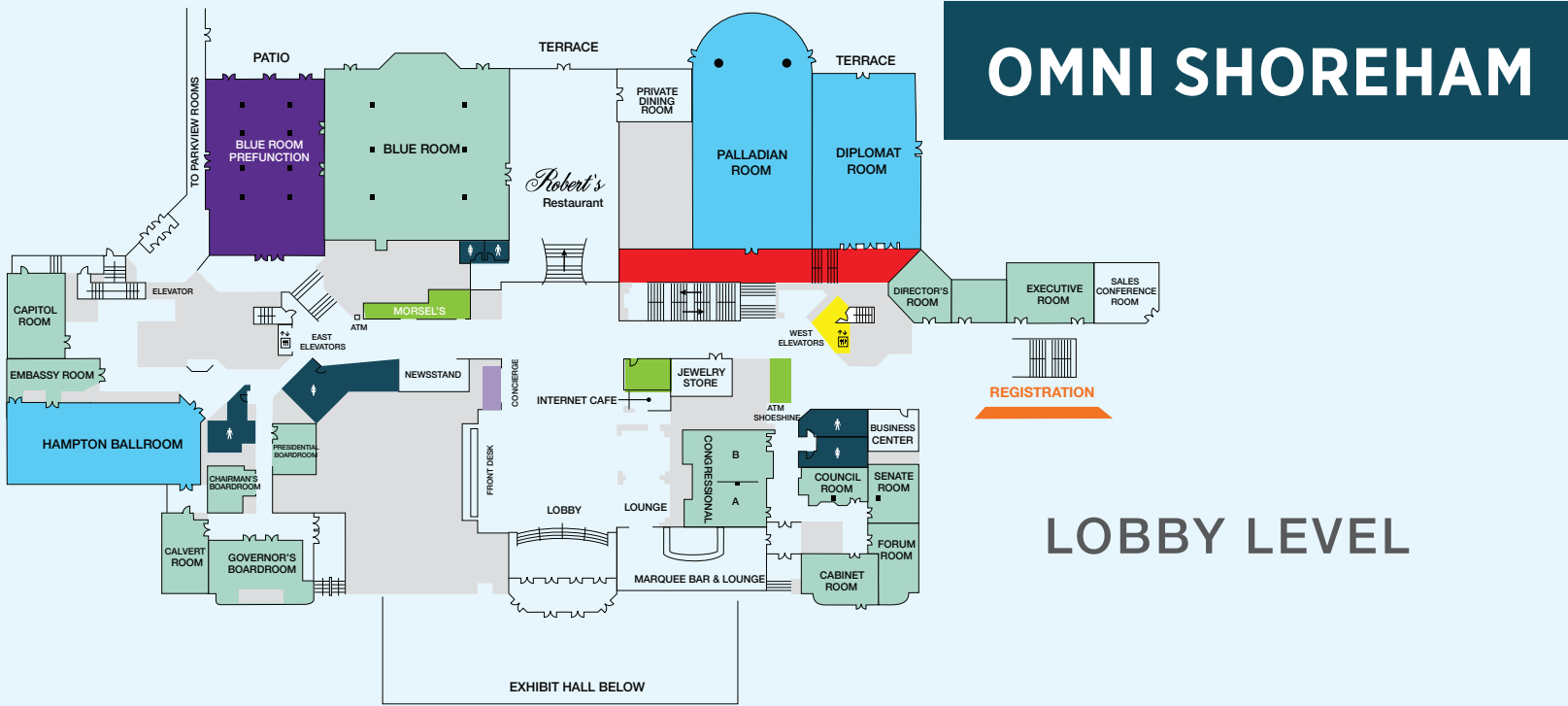
SALLY ZAGHMOUT is the CEO of YallaTalk, an Our Generation Speaks (OGS) Venture founded in 2017, which breaks down barriers to cultural understanding through language learning and practice with native speakers. As a resident of Beit Jala, she became interested in working with NGOs and various programs in Bethlehem that work with Palestinians and Israelis. After graduation, Zaghmout worked in Abu Dhabi for three years.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 14		
8:00PM	Doors Open	Regency Ballroom
8:30–10:30PM	Plenary Session: A Voice for Today, A Vision for Tomorrow	Regency Ballroom
SUNDAY, APRIL 15		
8:00–9:00AM	Breakfast	West Conference Foyer
8:00-9:30	Reconstuctionist Movement Breakfast	Executive Room
8:30–9:45AM	To What Effect? Countering BDS on Campus and in Communities	Ambassador Ballroom
Concurrent Sessions	Training: Bringing Resistance Techniques to J Street’s Work	Capitol Room
	Activists Under Siege: The Challenges Facing Israeli Human Rights Leaders	Hampton Ballroom
	Americans for Peace Now Presents: Setting Settlements in Stone: Formalizing Annexation	Palladian Ballroom
	Advocacy Day Training — State Captains & Team Leaders	Diplomat Ballroom
	Palestinian Citizens of Israel: A Key Piece of the Puzzle (Solutions @ 70)	Empire Ballroom
10:00–10:30AM	Plenary Session: J Street Honors Congresswoman Barbara Lee	Regency Ballroom
10:30–11:30AM	Polarized or Galvanized? Progressives in Israel and America Tackle the Rise of Illiberal Democracy	Regency Ballroom
11:45–1:00PM Supplementary Sessions	Laying the Foundations: The Impact of Grassroots People-to-People Projects	Ambassador Ballroom
	Advocacy Day Training — State Captains & Team Leaders	Capitol Room
	Contested Past, Uncertain Future: A Conversation with Author Ian Black	Palladian Ballroom
	Breaking the Taboo: Talking about the Occupation in High School	Diplomat Ballroom
	Israel’s Regional Cooperation: New Opportunities, Old Obstacles (Presented by Mitvim)	Empire Ballroom
	Zionism in Tension with Other Values: The Challenges of Coalition Building (For Clergy Only)	Executive Room
1:15–2:30PM Concurrent Sessions	Standing Together: The Power of Progressive Partnerships	Ambassador Ballroom
	Who Will Speak Up? Understanding Anti-Semitism in Today’s America	Hampton Ballroom
	The Path to Power: Strategies for Political Change in Israel (Co-Sponsored by Partners for Progressive Israel)	Palladian Ballroom
	Minding the Gap: The Broken Relationship Between Israel and the Diaspora (A Text Study with the Shalom Hartman Institute)	Diplomat Ballroom
	“America First” or “America Alone”? The Erosion of Diplomacy Under the Trump Administration	Empire Ballroom
2:45–3:00PM	Keynote Address: Member of Knesset Tzipi Livni	Regency Ballroom
3:00–4:30PM	Plenary Session: The American Jewish Relationship with Israel: Crisis Point or Opportunity?	Regency Ballroom
4:30–5:45PM	Iran and the Nuclear Agreement: Can Diplomacy Still Prevail?	Ambassador Ballroom
Concurrent Sessions	Solutions @ 70: Co Dependence to Cooperation: The Challenges and Opportunities of Israeli Palestinian Partnerships	Hampton Ballroom
	American Jews in Progressive Coalitions: Finding Common Ground	Palladian Ballroom
	NIF Presents: The New Grassroots: How New Organizations, Movements and Initiatives are Bringing Power to the Israeli People	Diplomat Ballroom
	Shaping the Palestinian Future: Voices of the Next Generation	Empire Ballroom
	Who Are We: J Street U (For Students Only)	Congressional AB
5:50–6:00PM	Egalitarian Mincha	Committee Room
5:50–7:00PM	Happy Hour with T’ruah and the J Street Rabbinic and Cantorial Cabinet	Executive Room
6:00–7:30PM	Partners for Progressive Israel Meet-Up	Palladian Ballroom
6:00–7:30PM	J StreetPAC National Event	Blue Room Prefunction

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6:30–7:30PM	J Street U Student Organizing Session	Regency Ballroom
8:00–9:30PM	J Street Regional Meet-Ups	See program
8:00–10:00PM	<i>Wrestling Jerusalem</i> : Film Screening and Talkback	Ambassador Ballroom
	<i>Heather Booth</i> : Changing the World: Film Screening and Talkback	Congressional Room
MONDAY, APRIL 16		
8:00–9:00AM	Breakfast	West Conference Foyer
7:15–8:30AM	Breakfast for Members of J Street Rabbinic and Cantorial Cabinet	Executive Room
8:30–9:45AM	Northwest and Southwest Regions	Palladian Ballroom
Advocacy Day	Tri-State Pennsylvania and New England Regions	Hampton Ballroom
Planning Briefing	Mountain West, Midwest, South and Capital Region	Diplomat Ballroom
10:00–11:15AM	The Politics of Demolitions and Creeping Annexation: How Can We Push Back?	Ambassador Ballroom
	Tough Neighborhood: Israel’s Security Challenges in a Tumultuous Middle East (Presented by Commanders for Israel’s Security)	Hampton Ballroom
	Behind the Trump Agenda: What are the Forces Shaping Trump’s Middle East Policies	Palladian Ballroom
	Letters to my Palestinian Neighbor: Meditations on Zionism and Reconciliation with Yossi Klein Halevi	Diplomat Ballroom
	US Foreign Policy and the 2018 Election	Empire Ballroom
11:30AM–12:45PM	The Power of Reconciliation: The Geneva Initiatives Reconciliation Project	Ambassador Ballroom
	“Stop Demolitions, Build Peace” On Campus	Hampton Ballroom
	Habonim Dror Meet-Up	Palladian Ballroom
	Canada Meet-Up	Palladian Ballroom
	The Role of Israeli Americans in Jewish Progressive Politics	Diplomat Ballroom
	J Street @ 10: How J Street Has Helped Transform the Israel Conversation on Capitol Hill	Empire Ballroom
	Capital Region Meet-Up	Capitol Room
	Fight Like a Mensch: Engaging in Constructive Dialogue in Your Community	Executive Room
1:00–3:15PM	Plenary Session: The Policymakers: Middle East Policy in the Era of Trump	Regency Ballroom
3:30–4:45PM	Palestinian Path to Peace? The Future of Palestinian Leadership	Ambassador Ballroom
	Training: Opening Up the Israel Conversation in Your Synagogue	Capitol Room
	The Debate Over Free Speech, Hate Speech and “No Platforming” on College Campuses	Palladian Ballroom
	Jerusalem: Present Home and Future Capital of Two Peoples	Diplomat Ballroom
	The Choices Ahead: A Look at the Issues that Dominate the Israeli Public Debate	Empire Ballroom
	Hospitality or Hostility? How Israel Approaches African Asylum Seekers	Hampton Ballroom
5:00–5:15PM	Egalitarian Mincha Service	Executive Room
5:00–6:30PM	J StreetLEAD Meet-Up	Tryst
5:15–6:30PM	Reform Movement Meet-Up	Religious Action Center
6:30–7:30PM	Gala Dinner Reception	Ambassador Ballroom
7:30–10:00PM	Gala Dinner	Regency Ballroom
TUESDAY, APRIL 17		
9:00AM	Advocacy Day Kick-Off	SR-301
9:00AM–4:00PM	Appointments with Member Offices	Capitol Hill
1:00–2:00PM	Hill Briefing Presented by J Street U: West Bank Demolitions and Their Impact on the Two-State Solution	SR-301



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- Exhibitors
 - Registration
 - Sessions
 - Plenary/ Gala Dinner
 - J StreetPAC Event
 - Bathrooms
 - Food
 - Lost & Found
 - West Elevator



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