

Title: *J Street, American Jews, and The Israel Lobby*

Date: August 26, 12 pm EST

Speaker: Dov Waxman

Suggested Readings

Articles and Primers

1. [Why are The US and Israel so Friendly?](#)
2. Robert Lieberman, "The 'Israel Lobby' and American Politics," *Perspectives on Politics* (2009): pp. 235-257.
3. Jonathan Rynhold, "Is the Pro-Israel Lobby a Block on Reaching a Comprehensive Peace Settlement in the Middle East?" *Israel Studies Forum*, vol. 25 (2010): pp. 29-49.

Books

1. Dan Fleshler, *Transforming America's Israel Lobby: The Limits of Its Power and the Potential for Change* (2011)
2. John J. Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt, *The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy* (2007).
3. Waxman, D. (2019). *The Israeli-Palestinian conflict: What everyone needs to know*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
4. Waxman, D. (2018). *Trouble in the tribe: The American Jewish conflict over Israel*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Suggested readings by the lecturer

1. Dov Waxman, "American Jews and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution?" *Political Science Quarterly* 132, 2 (2017): 313-340.
2. Dov Waxman, "The Pro-Israel Lobby in the United States: Past, Present, and Future," in *Israel and the United States: Six Decades of US-Israeli Relations*, ed. Robert O. Freedman, Boulder, CO: Westview, 2012, pp. 79-99.

Discussion questions

- How did the conversation change once J Street entered into lobbying?
- What stood out to you about the relationship of the American Jewish community to Israel?
- What challenges do you face when attempting to explain the ecosystem of Israel lobby groups?