



The week long Israel Engagement Week seminar is being brought to the community by JSU, sponsored by Bill Solomon and Barbara Bianco. Thank you to all the community organizations and synagogues for their collaboration in these presentations.



Israel Engagement Week Schedule

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Wednesday, April 26th

BDS: The Truth Behind the Smoke and Mirrors Christian Brothers College High School 1:05 -2:20

Thursday, April 27th

TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED 12:15-1:15 @ Mizzou Hillel.

This event co-sponsored by Mizzou Hillel, ZBT, AEPI, Chabad of Mizzou, JLE of Mizzou

SPINNING THROUGH ISRAEL 4:30-5:30 @ Wash U. New Athletic Center

A fun 45-minute session combining stationary bike cycling with Israel learning. Ride your bike while you watch inspiring videos and pictures of Israel, and of course get into the groove with fast-beat music from Israel and beyond. No indoor cycling experience needed. In Partnership with Wash U. Students for Israel RSVP to Paul Felder 813-220-0746 or paulfelder@wustl.edu (This event is for Wash U students only.)

STAND UP FOR ISRAEL with Sushi Dinner 6:00-8:30pm @ United Hebrew Congregation

A compilation of comical moments and insights I gathered over the last decade while teaching about Israel. Turns out that a mixture of Israeli history, current affairs and personal anecdotes, spiced up with Israeli humor and occasional bluntness, can actually make Israel advocacy fun and exciting. In partnership with CJL and YPC. Event co-sponsored by the CJL and St. Louis Youth Director Council: B'nai Amoona, Central Reform, JCC-SFC/Shaliach Tzofim, Kol Rina, Shaare Emeth, Temple Emanuel, United Hebrew, BBYO, JSU and NCSY. Please RSVP to your Youth Group Leader or Cyndee Levy @ 314-442-3754.

Friday, April 28th

UNDERSTANDING THE PALESTINIAN NARRATIVE: HISTORY, REALITY AND POSSIBILITY

10:15-11:30am @ Yeshivat Kadimah

The establishment of Israel in 1948 has shown us that when inspiration and commitment are present, anything – or almost anything – is possible for the Jewish People – that only "if you will it, it is no dream." The evolution of Israel over the last 70 years, from starting nation to startup nation, has only reinforced this understanding. Then how is it that when it comes to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, little to no progress has been made over the last century? Is it time to accept – perhaps even embrace – the current situation? Or can the Zionist enterprise, in the realm of endless possibility, overcome one of its most pressing challenges?

THE BDS MOVEMENT: WHAT'S WRONG IN THE BATTLE FOR RIGHTS? 12:00-1:00 @ JFed Building

The last two decades have seen an increase in anti-Israel activity on college campuses and beyond. Responses to this challenge have considerably altered over the years, so much so that supporters of Israel even debate the accurate terminology to articulate their approach (advocacy, education, literacy or engagement?). In this session, we will use the BDS campaign as an instructive case study for understanding the threats, and look at relevant responses for countering them.