

The Margo and Yoram Cohen Family

# TALK ISRAEL

## ONE DAY CONFERENCE

ISRAEL ON CAMPUS & BEYOND  
TEEN CONFERENCE • SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3



**10:00-10:30 Registration**

**10:30-11:15 Opening Plenary** (Conference Rooms A & B)

Keynote Speaker: [Sara Weissman](#), Editor-in-Chief, [New Voices Magazine](#)

**11:30- 12:15 Workshop #1: Israel & Me**

1. Answering the Big Questions (Conference Room A-B)

**Tzachi Levy**, *The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington*

**Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath**, *The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington*

*This session takes on the big questions about Israel. It's your chance to ask them, so you'll be able to answer them in the future. Want to know how to respond to questions about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, accusations of racism, and what it means to be a Zionist? Come learn that (and more) as you unpack the big questions, and their answers.*

2. Am I a Zionist? (Library)

**Anton Marks**, *Habonim Dror/Camp Moshava*

*Zionism. What does it actually mean? Are you a Zionist? Why is it such a jarring term? Why has it been equated to racism and colonialism? Why are some people so proud to say that they're Zionists? Come join us in figuring it out!*

3. **Advanced Track: My Israel Story** (Conference Room C)

**Jennifer Raskas**, *JCRC Greater Washington*

*What experiences have you and your family had with Israel? What story do these experiences tell? Come learn how to articulate and bring your Israel story to life and learn about the power of stories to change and influence hearts and minds.*

**12:15-1:00 Lunch** (Atrium)

**1:00 -1:45 Workshop #2: Beneath the Surface: Digging into the Issues**

1. BDS: Myths & Facts (Conference Rooms A & B)

**Alexis Schwartz**, *JCRC Greater Washington*

**Tzachi Levy**, *The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington*

*The BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) Movement is a hot-button issue in the Jewish world today. But what is it really? What does BDS mean, why are people so afraid of it, and what does it have to do with you? Come learn the realities of BDS on campus.*

2. Out of Context (Library)

**Jennifer Raskas**, *Jewish Community Relations Council*

*This workshop will take a look at some of the complex security measures taken in Israel and compare it to the ways these measures are portrayed on campus. Participants will role play different scenarios they may come across on campus including mock Israeli checkpoints, biased professors, and confronting dorm-mates handing out BDS literature.*

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3. **Advanced Track: New Domestic Realities – Anti-Semitism on the Left and Right** (Conference Room C)

**Samantha Vinokor, The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington**

*In many ways, anti-Zionism and the defamation of Israel have become the modern version of Anti-Semitism. According to the Anti-Defamation League, in 2016, people have read anti-Semitic tweets a staggering 10 billion times with 10 journalists, all Jewish, receiving the brunt of the online attacks, among more than 800 journalists who have been targeted. Come learn about the realities of anti-Semitism on the left and the right and ways to respond.*

### 2:00-2:45 **Workshop #3: From Theory to Practice**

1. **#Israel: Activism Online** (Conference Rooms A & B)

**Sara Weissman, Editor-in-Chief, New Voices Magazine**

*This session will teach you the ins and outs of how to use your computer to stand up for Israel. Take the time that you spend on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and other sites, and make it meaningful. You'll come out of this session with the skills to advocate and have meaningful conversations about Israel online.*

2. **Intersectionality, Black Lives Matter (BLM), Feminism and Coalition Building** (Library)

**Speaker TBD**

*This session takes a look at the phenomenon known as intersectionality, a concept often used in critical theories to describe the ways in which oppressive institutions (racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, xenophobia, classism, etc.) are interconnected and cannot be examined separately from one another. Participants will examine how the BLM movement and even Feminist movements fit into this concept and will be given real world tools for how to build connections with other groups to fight anti-Israel sentiment.*

3. **Advanced Track: Israel Activism Mapping** (Conf. Room C)

**Jennifer Raskas, Jewish Community Relations Council**

*Want to plan a semester of Israel activism on campus but don't know how to start? Learn how to plan a campaign of activism and programming to accomplish your specific goals. Participants will learn a technique of campaign mapping that they can apply in campus and beyond.*

3:00–3:25 **Wrap up Sessions** (Locations TBD)

3:25-4:00 **Closing Party** (Atrium)