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Israel Advocacy

Anteaters for Israel (AFI) is the pro Israel student organization at UC Irvine. It is funded and staffed by OC Hillel.



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Tel Aviv Tech Tour

This event, featuring 8 Israeli and Palestinian startup companies was co sponsored by The School of Information and Computer Science, the Russian Club and the Armenian club.

A Message from our Executive Director

Of today's young Jewish adult population 85% percent attend college, and during this critical identity-building time Hillel serves as the hub for Jewish life on college campuses. Taking a big, open-tent approach to inclusion and Jewish education, Hillel serves the needs of a variety of interests and our programs range in size, scope and demographics. However they are all linked by a common thread: to foster a strong sense of Jewish identity while giving students the tools and resources that will empower them to make an enduring commitment to Jewish life.



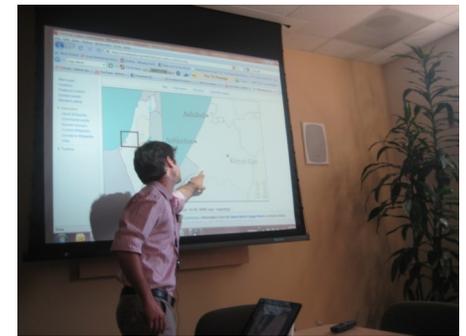
Making Judaism relevant and exciting to college students has its own set of challenges that present us with opportunities for innovation in outreach and programming. In addition to our own internal challenges, there are increasing external threats to our students, presented in the form of delegitimizing Israel. Our students join fraternities and sororities, they study and go to class, many of them have jobs and do volunteer work and, on top of these competing interests, we have asked them to defend Israel's right to exist.

I am proud to report that they have stepped up to the challenges of Israel advocacy.

Jordan Fruchtmann

Israel Meetings

AFI plans and implements weekly meetings to discuss advocacy, Israel education, and coalition building.



Educational lectures held on **Sderot and the conflict**



Soldiers Speak Out event
Sponsored by StandWithUS



Israel Education



Itzik Speaking in front of The Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian campus ministries on November 18 at the Presbyterian Church in Irvine

Read more-<http://ucitogether.org/>

"We were delighted to have him join us this month to explain a bit of the history of the conflict, to share his personal experiences, and to offer some insights into how young adults can work for peace wherever we live."

**Kirk Winslow
Youth Ministries
Irvine Presbyterian Church**

Through outreach campaigns like the Tel Aviv Tech Tour, advocacy trainings from internationally renowned speakers, and a new presence on the web, we have used our limited resources to engage hundreds of students and fight for Israel's right to exist. I am consistently inspired by our students. Their level of knowledge and activism is commendable.

"Itzik came and spoke to our Sorority about how Israel is a start up nation and how we can use the same tactics for publicity in the sorority. It was a great way to learn how to improve PR and organization within the sorority, while still learning about Israel."

-Courtney Kravitz
President of Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority at UCI



Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority

Workshop on contemporary Israeli life and the use of social media in Israel advocacy

Jewish Federation and Family Services invites Itzik to speak to Holocaust Survivors

Café Europa presents: Life and Politics in Israel Today with Itzik Yarkoni

Read more at:
<http://losangelesblueprint.com/events/eventdetail.aspx?id=51456>



Israel Fellow Program

Thanks to a gift from the Adam and Gila Milstein Family Foundation, and in partnership with the Rose Project of Jewish Federation and Family Services, We have a full time staff member, Itzik Yarkoni, from Israel who engages hundreds of students and community members each year in Israel education. The Israel Fellow program is the only partnership that places an Israeli staff person on a specific campus to deal with advocacy training, education and outreach, and ours is exceptional.



Advocacy Training

We have had a quiet semester, but Israel's detractors have been getting prepared to launch a Boycott Divestment and Sanctions Campaign (BDS). After last year's disruptions of the Michael Oren event by MSU leaders, their student organization was suspended for one quarter with a two year probation. This past quarter a chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) was formed. When asked at their first meeting about a joint peace initiative, their leader responded by saying, "We are not students for peace in Palestine". Our students are getting prepared as well.



Training students on "coalition building" with Alan Levine

Alan Levine, the West Coast Regional Campus Director for Hasbara Fellowships trained students on coalition building methods



Ryan Jenner
UC Irvine 2013
Political Science,
Minor in Conflict Analysis
and Resolution

I participate in Israel Advocacy at UC Irvine because I believe in the right of the state of Israel to exist as a homeland for the Jewish people. Particularly at UC Irvine, there is a disproportionate amount of anti-Israel activity on campus. The reaction of the pro-Israel groups on campus inspired me to do my own research and get involved in my own way. I went from knowing almost nothing about Israel during my first days of college life to becoming one of the most active pro-Israel advocates by my second year on campus due to the activity at UC Irvine."

Media advocacy training with Neil Lazarus:

Neil Lazarus gave a rich, relevant and entertaining training on addressing Israel's detractors head on.



We hope you enjoyed our first installment of our quarterly report. We would appreciate your feedback please email info@ochillel.org. If you are interested in donating to OC Hillel and our efforts in Israel Advocacy please click on the link below.

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