

iEngage
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Engaging Israel: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

A Hartman Institute Lecture & Study Series
Presented by CBI Lifelong Learning Committee

Through video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion, we are pleased to bring the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute to Congregation B'nai Israel and the Greater MetroWest community.

iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict explores one of the most divisive issues affecting the Jewish people today: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, participants are invited to explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape their own political understandings. Though a shared political platform may not be attainable, this course strives to achieve a shared respect for our differences.

Together we will engage in a new values-based discourse about Israel, including topics such as: Living with Difference, the Israel We Imagine, Jewish Narratives of Peace, Attitudes Towards the Land, Justice, Self-Preservation, Compromise, and the Idea of Jewish Exceptionalism.

Each session includes text study and discussion led by Rabbi Steven Bayar and video lecture and interviews with leading Hartman scholars.

Dates: **Twelve Monday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**
November 14, 21 and 28 December 5, 12 and 19
February 6, 13 and 27 March 6, 13 and 20

Location: **Congregation B'nai Israel**
160 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, NJ 07041

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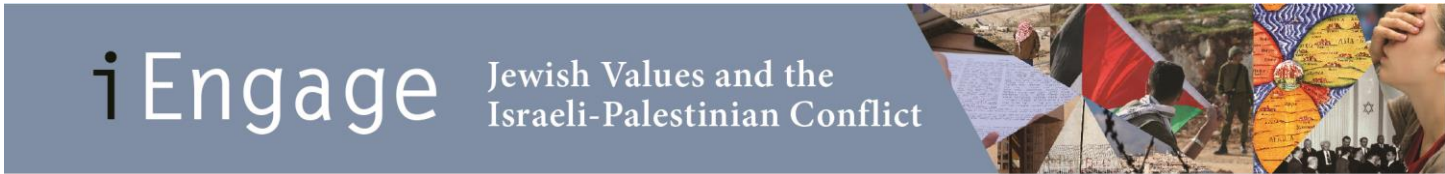
Central Themes of iEngage Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict



1. **Talking About Israel: Foundations for a Values Discourse** explores the range of attitudes toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict across the Jewish world, emphasizing the different values and moral claims that lie behind each core position along the spectrum. The unit seeks to frame and establish the basis for a values discourse about the conflict in which different positions are understood in values terms.
2. **The Current Discourse: Living with Difference** examines the sociological categories of pluralism, tolerance, and deviance and their reflection in Jewish sources to gain an understanding of the ways in which Jewish communities can accommodate difference and develop strategies of acceptance and belonging.
3. **The Israel We Imagine** addresses the most essential narratives and assumptions that the Jewish community holds about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. An understanding of differing positions, resulting from differing visions and aspirations, can foster a richer and more tolerant Jewish discourse about the conflict.
4. **Jewish Narratives of Peace** explores different models of peace within our sources and the way they affect our vision for a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As one of the principal aspirations of the Jewish people, featured in all of our prayers, what type of peace are we praying for?
5. **Attitudes Towards the Land – Perspectives from Within Israel** examines the historical and religious significance of the land in Jewish sources and the way this range of perspectives shapes the attitudes of many Jews, especially those in Israel, towards the Israel-Palestinian conflict.
6. **Attitudes Towards the Land – Perspectives from Outside the Land** explores Diasporic conceptions of the place of land in Judaism and how they shape the way one views the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
7. **Justice** explores the central meanings and implications of justice within our tradition and the impact that these understandings have on our moral responsibilities toward the conflict and its resolution.
8. **Justice: X Happened** looks at the claim that a wrong was perpetrated as part of Israel's establishment and the ways in which this kind of controversial claim can be addressed in a genuine and morally appropriate manner.
9. **Self-Preservation** explores the core moral commitment to self-preservation in Jewish tradition and its impact on the way we think about the conflict.
10. **Compromise** examines the ways in which our tradition views the idea of compromise, its relationship toward justice, the way it interacts with self-preservation, and how it shapes political and moral perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
11. **A Light Unto the Nations: The Idea of Exceptionalism** analyzes the core concept of Jewish exceptionalism from within the Jewish tradition and how this idea can impact positions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
12. **Concluding Conversations – Living with Competing Values** brings together iEngage faculty members to discuss how they synthesize the different values addressed in the series. The session models a conversation about the conflict in which values and ideas, rather than politics, take center stage.



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