

**Shalom Home: Israel House**

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## Overview

In the Shalom Home: Israel House program, we will, not only learn and teach about Israel, but we will improve our skills of communication on the subject. We will learn polite and effective ways of sharing our views with one another. We will be able to examine Israel from many different dimensions, by bringing together diverse opinions and experiences of our members. We will have weekly meetings, in which one member will volunteer to put together a short five to ten minute presentation on any aspect of Israel. Each member will choose a month at the beginning of the year, in which they will have to opportunity to plan, advertise, and execute an event of their own, related to Israel. These events will be open to any who wish to join. We hope to meet new people with a passion for Israel who will participate in discussion. We will also have fun group activities, such as Israel related film screenings in English and in Hebrew, as well as dinners in which we will cook and enjoy various Mediterranean cuisines. We will encourage conversation in Hebrew, the language of Israel. No prior knowledge is required, only an interest.

### Learning Objective 1

Each member will be able to identify the founders of Israel, key figures from its history, as well as basic history of the country.

#### Action Steps -

- A) Members will read material from the Bailey/Howe Library.
- B) Members will learn through personal interaction with guest speakers.

### Learning Objective 2

Basic Hebrew conversation

#### Action Steps -

I think that the Hebrew language is an important part in both learning about Israel, and in being part of the Global Village.

- A) More advanced participants in our program will be encouraged to help out with the University tutoring program and at Hebrew schools affiliated with the local synagogues.
- B) We will watch Hebrew films to facilitate the learning of the language and make it fun.
- C) We will also encourage community members to speak Hebrew to whatever extent they can within the Shalom Home.
- D) We will also incorporate some Hebrew music into our weekly meetings

### Learning Objective 3

Better Understanding of Israel in the Context of the Present World

#### Action Steps -

- A) I want to focus on understanding the State of Israel as a spiritual home for the Jews, the ways in which the founding of Israel has determined the character (politically, socially, and religiously) of the present day state, present day politics, such as the Palestinian /Israeli conflict and its history and various points of view, and the Israeli opinion on different politicians and parties, and their views surrounding many of Israel's wars.
- B) Panel discussion with the Middle Eastern Studies Department on a prevalent issue. Joint programs within the Global Village such as discussing the causation and effects of immigrations from Russia to Israel with the Russia House.
- D) Learning from a David Project Educator.

#### Community Service:

The Shalom Home plans on incorporate one community service project into its schedule a semester. Some potential project focuses include Magen David Adom (The Israeli Red Cross), the Jewish National Fund, or the Save a Child's Heart Foundation.

#### Advisor:

Professor Richard Sugarman  
Still need to confirm

#### Plans for interactions with other L/L programs:

Bedoin Night with Tea suite  
-was very successful this year and last.  
Israeli Art presentation with Arts Initiative.  
Discussions with Russian House.  
Dinner with Exploring Ethical Cuisines.

#### Ways for Shalom Home to become more visible in L/L:

There are several ways that Shalom home could become more visible in L/L.  
collaborate more with other L/L programs.  
make sure that there is at least one event a month, run by a program member, that will be open to the entire L/L community, or to the whole campus.  
Co-sponsoring events run by other, related programs and organizations.