

Teen Israel Leadership Institute Sunday, Nov. 10th 2024

12:30-12:50	Arrival, lunch and welcome/introductions, ice breaker
12:50-1:25	Peoplehood and Zionism (Ken Stein) – Jewish identity and the drivers to Israel's establishment and preservation.
1:25-2:10	The Ongoing War (Ken Stein/Scott Abramson) – Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran. Understanding the background, motivations and current events.
2:10-2:25	Break – refreshments and group photo
2:25-3:05	A Post Oct. 7th Glossary (Scott Abramson) - Responding to offensive anti-Jewish vocabulary and phrases
3:05-3:35	Break out session—students can choose one: Israel and the Media OR Anti-Zionism is Antisemitism
3:40-4:15	College panel (facilitated by Debbie Sasson) – Being Jewish on campus, choosing a college, and choosing courses Representatives from Emory, UGA and Tulane (Evie Kirschner, Rami Fabian, Pnina Sasson, Matan Gal, Isadora Wachter)
4:15-4:30	Conclusions – feedback, complete survey, taking what you learn to your communities.

Dr. Scott Abramson, Senior Research Officer, Center for Israel Education

Scott Abramson is a historian of the modern Middle East and the senior research officer at CIE. He creates digital and curricular content for students of all ages and understandings. Scott is an integral teaching participant in CIE's teen, young adult, and adult education programs.

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Michael is a veteran print and online journalist whose career has included USA Today, The Washington Times, Patch.com, daily newspapers in New Jersey and North Carolina, and the Atlanta Jewish Times. A freelance writer and editor in the Atlanta area, he works on media relations and content creation for CIE

Debbie Sasson, Project Management and Innovation, Center for Israel Education

After graduating with a BA in International Studies and Middle Eastern Studies from Emory University, Debbie pursued a MA in Teaching, Secondary Social Studies. At CIE, Debbie is focused on creating engaging Israel learning opportunities for teens, building innovative Israel educational materials, fostering relationships with like-minded organizations, and managing community-wide events.

Dr. Kenneth Stein, Emeritus Emory University Professor of Middle Eastern History, Political Science and Israel Studies, and President of the Center for Israel Education

From 1977 to 2022, Ken taught modern Middle Eastern History, Political Science, and Israel Studies. He established the Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel in 1998, the first permanent Institute or Center created in the U.S. for the study of modern Israel. In 2008, he established the Center for Israel Education (CIE) to teach Israel beyond the college environment. Ken is the prime content writer for the CIE website, http://www.israeled.org with more than 40,000 users per week.