



**Teen Israel Leadership Institute, Raleigh  
February 2, 2025**

12:30-12:50	Arrival, lunch and welcome/introductions, ice breaker (Rhonda Povlot)
12:50-1:30	<b>Peoplehood and Zionism</b> (Ken Stein) – Jewish identity and the drivers to Israel's establishment
1:30-2:10	<b>The Ongoing War and Cease-fire</b> (Ken Stein/Scott Abramson) – Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran. Context and content-implications for Israel's tomorrow
2:10-2:20	<b>Break</b> – refreshments and group photo
2:20-3:05	<b>A Post Oct. 7th Glossary</b> (Scott Abramson) - Responding to offensive anti-Jewish vocabulary and phrases – (Apartheid, Colonial-settler, 'Jews are a fake people")
3:05-3:45	<b>Break out session</b> – students can choose one: <b>Israel and the Media</b> (Michael Jacobs) OR <b>Anti-Zionism is Antisemitism</b> (Rhonda Povlot)
	3:45-4:30 – Talking College—(led by Ken Stein with local college students) how to choose a college, how to choose courses, and staying Jewish while there.
4:30-5:00	<b>Conclusions</b> – feedback, complete survey, taking what you learn to your communities.

**Dr. Scott Abramson**, Senior Research Officer, Center for Israel Education - Scott is a historian of the Middle East. He creates digital and curricular content for students of all ages and understandings, teaches in CIE programs, and contributes to the content on the CIE website. Scott earned his Phd in modern Middle Eastern history and Israel Studies at UCLA. He is particularly knowledgeable about minorities in Israel, the modern Arab world, the broader Middle East, and historiography of Israel.

**Michael Jacobs**, Communications Consultant, Center for Israel Education - 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, where he was its editor. He works on media relations and content creation for CIE. He is the editor of CIE's weekly publication, The Chalk.

**Rhonda Povlot**, Senior Israel Curriculum Writer and Teen Program Manager - Rhonda has decades of teaching Jewish and Israel Studies in middle school, high school and adult education settings. For more than 20 years, she worked at Temple Beth Tikvah in Roswell, GA and earned awards for public service and teaching.

**Dr. Kenneth Stein** is CIE's founding President. At Emory University, from 1977 to 2022, Ken taught contemporary Middle Eastern History, Political Science, and Israel Studies. He earned honors for teaching excellence and mentoring of students. His scholarly work focuses on the origins of Israel, the conflict, and the modern Arab world. He worked at the Carter Center from 1982-2006. In 1998, he founded the Institute for the Study of Modern Israel, the first permanent Center in the US for the study of modern Israel. At CIE he is the chief content writer for its website, [israeled.org](https://israeled.org), which currently engages more than 70,000 users a week; he has taught more than 4,200 Jewish teachers, clergy and educators about modern Israeli history, society, and politics.