

TEEN ISRAEL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



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of Modern Israel

Program Schedule

Friday December 6, 2019		
Time	Program	Location
3:00 PM	Opening Program and Icebreaker: What does Israel mean to me? What questions do I want answered?	The Luce Center
4:00 PM	Professor Ken Stein: Owning Israel's Story	The Luce Center
5:00PM	Check into Hotel and Prepare for Shabbat	Emory Conference Center
6:30 PM	Shabbat services and Dinner with Emory Hillel <i>There will be a choice of 2 services: Reform or Egalitarian Conservative</i> <i>During dinner participants will have an opportunity to sit with Emory students representing a wide variety of Israel related campus initiatives and programs</i>	Marcus Hillel Center
8:30 PM	Israel Cultural Panel <i>We will hear from a diverse group of young Israelis currently serving as Jewish Agency Israel fellows on North American college campuses. In their roles on campus, they share personal experiences of modern Israel through the lens of its socially-progressive values and its accomplishments in technology, life sciences, and the arts.</i>	Marcus Hillel Center
9:45 PM	Debrief of the day	Marcus Hillel Center
10:15 PM	Return to Hotel and Free time	Emory Conference Center
11:30 PM	<i>Layla Tov</i> - Good Night	Emory Conference Center
Saturday December 7, 2019		
Time	Program	Location
8:00 AM	<i>Boker Tov</i> - Good Morning	Emory Conference Center
9:00 AM	Breakfast	Luce Center
9:30 AM	Shabbat Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Israel in Prayer - Steve Kerbel Israel in Torah - Kelly Cohen 	Luce Center

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	Saturday December 7, 2019	
Time	Program	Location
10:30 AM	Effective Israel Programming I - Kelly Cohen	Luce Center
11:30AM	Foundations and Formations (Choose 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jewish Choices in 19th Century Europe - Rich Walter The Israel Timeline - Steve Kerbel 	Luce Center
12:30 PM	Lunch and Free Time	
3:00 PM	Birth and Growth (choose 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple Tales of 1948 - Rich Walter Israel's Declaration of Independence - Steve Kerbel Growing Pains: Immigration, Obstacles, & Innovation - Hope Chernak 	Luce Center
4:00 PM	Culture & Society (choose 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Israeli Poetry - Michal Ilai Al Hamapa - Hope Chernak Religion and Society - Rich Walter 	Luce Center
5:00 PM	Break	Luce Center
5:30 PM	Chopped: Hummus <i>A fun food competition while learning about why chickpeas are central to the food of Israel</i>	Luce Center
6:15 PM	<i>Havdallah</i> -Conclusion of Shabbat; reflection on the day and Dinner	Luce Center
7:00 PM	Conflicts (choose 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zionism and the Territories - Steve Kerbel Decisive Moment: Settlements 1967- Rich Walter Two State Solution over Time- Michele Freesman 	Luce Center
8:00 PM	Effective Israel Programming II Israeli Innovation and Design Challenge	Luce Center
9:30 PM	<i>Return to Hotel and Layla Tov (11:30)</i>	Emory Conference Center
	Sunday December 8, 2019	
Time	Program	Location
8:00 AM	<i>Boker Tov</i> - Good Morning	Emory Conference Center
9:00 AM	Breakfast	Luce Center
9:30 AM	Politics (choose 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Israel electoral System and Creating Policy - Rich Walter The US-Israel relationship - Michele Freesman The Intersection of Music and Culture - Eli Sperling 	Luce Center
10:30 AM	Break	Luce Center

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Sunday December 8, 2019		
Time	Program	Location
11:00 AM	Personal Connections (Choose 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peoplehood - Tina Keller • Organizations and Opportunities - Michele Freesman • Expressing Personal Relationships - Hope Chernak 	Luce Center
12:00 PM	Simulation Activity	Luce Center
1:00 PM	Lunch	Luce Center
2:00 PM	Depart for Airport	

Program Staff



Rich Walter, Vice President of Curriculum and Outreach, CIE; Associate Director of Israel Education, ISMI

Rich oversees the education and community-based work of CIE and ISMI, including developing curricula and lesson plans, and sharing strategies for teaching and implementation. Rich has decades of experience working with teens, serving as a director of Hebrew High Schools in New Haven, CT and Providence, RI. From 2002 – 2012, Rich was the New England Regional Director and lead educator for March of the Living.



Hope Chernak, RJE

Hope Chernak, is a Jewish Educator living in Atlanta. Most recently Hope Chernak was part of the Marcus Jewish Community Center professional team, first serving as the founding Executive Director of JUMPSARK: the Atlanta Jewish Teen Initiative (AJTI) and as the Chief Programming Officer. Prior to moving to Atlanta, Hope spent 15 years in New York City, serving as the Managing Director of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) and as the Director of Youth and Informal Education & Israel Programs at Temple Shaaray Tefila.



Michele Freesman, Academic Research Coordinator, ISMI

Michele graduated with honors from Muhlenberg College with a BA in Economics and International Studies with concentrations in the Middle East and Conflict and Peace Studies. While at Muhlenberg, Michele worked to advocate for Israel on campus and engage her peers and local politicians. She started her career at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in December of 2014 in the middle of her fourth year of college. Prior to starting at ISMI she served as AIPAC's Senior National Engagement Field Organizer engaging, educating, and mobilizing hundreds of college students each year.



Tina Keller, Associate Director, @akiva

Tina works with Cleveland's Jewish high school students on a range of engagement opportunities focused on building a strong teen community, connections to Israel, and the next generation of Jewish leaders. She leads programs that prepare students for the challenges on their future college campus, to teach Hebrew, how to advocate for Israel, and brings Holocaust survivors and teens together for dramatic encounters. She holds a M.Ed. from Boston University, and an M.J.S from Siegal College, Cleveland, OH.



Steve Kerbel, Educational Specialist, CIE; Principal, Steven Kerbel Educational Consulting

Steve Kerbel began consulting with CIE in 2015 and is directing the CIE summer camp Israel enrichment program. He spent fourteen years as a synagogue education director before starting his own educational consulting business. Steve has worked as an educator for United Synagogue Youth and guided teen trips in Boston and Washington for a wide variety of organizations.

Additional Program Presenters



Kelly Cohen, Director, Jumpspark Atlanta

Kelly Cohen is the Director for JumpSpark, the Atlanta Jewish Teen Initiative. Kelly has spent her career building meaningful, dynamic Jewish experiences for children, teens and adults. Previous to her work for JumpSpark, Kelly was the Lower School Judaic Studies Coordinator at The Alfred and Adele Davis Academy in Atlanta. She was recently accepted to be a member of the M² Senior Educators Cohort through the The Institute for Experiential Jewish Education. Kelly is a mikvah guide and on the board of MACoM (Metro Atlanta Community Mikvah) and is a certified teacher of Yoga & Jewish Spirituality.



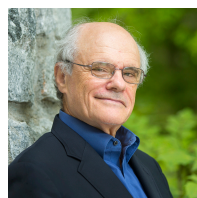
Michal Ilai, Hebrew Teacher and Israel Programs Coordinator, The Weber School

A native Israeli, Michal Ilai, has been teaching Hebrew in various settings throughout her entire adult life. She began teaching in the IDF while working with illiterate soldiers, and later taught at a military prison. Ilai believes that teaching Hebrew in the diaspora in an authentic, meaningful way can only occur when we utilize a wholistic, communal approach.



Eli Sperling, Israel Specialist, CIE; Assistant Program Coordinator, ISMI

Eli manages ISMI and CIE's internship programs; writes, researches and edits materials released by the Center; gives presentations at ISMI/CIE workshops and conferences; and contributes to the day-to-day operations of the Center. Currently, Eli is working on his Ph.D. At Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism under Prof. Arie Saposnik. He is expecting to graduate in 2019.



Dr. Kenneth W. Stein, Founder and President of CIE; Director, ISMI

Ken has taught modern Middle Eastern History, Political Science, and Israel Studies at Emory University since 1977. He is the author of four books, numerous papers and scholarly articles, whose expertise focuses on the origins of modern Israel, the conflict, Palestinian history, and U.S.-Israeli relations. He is the recipient of awards at Emory for teaching excellence, life-long mentoring of students and for internationalizing the curriculum.

Suggested Packing List

Attire for most of the weekend will be casual; jeans are perfectly acceptable. The weather in Atlanta during December can range from the teens to the 60s, so be sure to check the forecast in the days leading up to the program. We will be walking between buildings, so comfortable shoes and appropriate outerwear are a must.

Friday night dinner and services at Hillel are also casual - but we ask that you refrain from wearing jeans for this part of the program. Emory students typically dress a "level up" from their regular day to day attire.

In addition, you may want to pack the following:

- An umbrella or rain gear. We will be walking between the hotel and meeting spaces, so check to see if there is rain in the forecast
- Kippah/yarmulke
- Bathing Suit. There is a pool at the Emory Conference Center which will be available for you to use during the free time and in the evenings.

We will provide everyone with a notebook, folder and pens, but feel free to bring your own as well.