

Comments by Jewish teens who attended the [Center for Israel Education's Four Hour Teen Israeli Leadership Institute](#), November 12, 2023, Atlanta, Georgia

**TOUGH CHOICES**

Current antisemitism on campuses has made high school students question their future college choices. Join us to discuss this and more

- Background to the Hamas-Israel War
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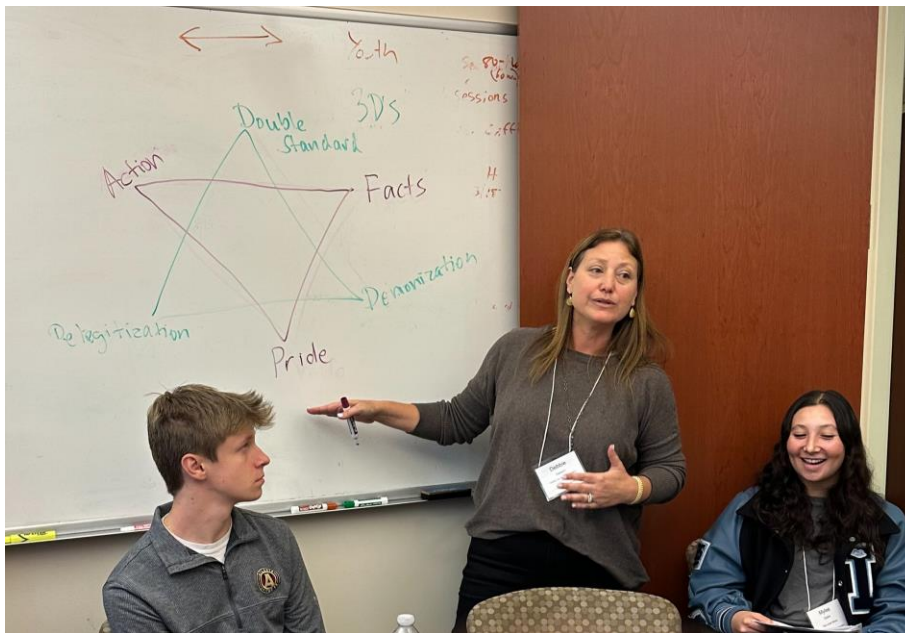
**Teen Israel Leadership Institute**

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023  
12:30-4:30pm  
Emory University

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Teen Israel Manager, Debbie Sasson on How and why Anti-Zionism is antisemitism. November 12, 2023

### On Jewish pride:

“This session made me proud to be Jewish.” – Avner B., Galloway School

“This experience helped me reflect on what’s happening in Israel and my role in it. One main takeaway for me is the idea that Judaism and your commitment to Israel looks different for each individual and no one way is correct.” – Anna K., Lakeside HS

“I learned a lot about the history of why Jews are hated. After this, I learned that I need to do more within my community to educate people. I also need to show pride in order to combat the antisemitism.” Aiden C., The Walker School

“I learned about how Jews have come together as a community for thousands of years.” – Nina L., Riverwood HS

### On learning and educating others:

“I learned the importance of civil discourse and how to engage people who are uneducated on the history of Israel. With this information, I am inspired to study Israeli history to strengthen my understanding of the conflict.” – Eli B., Weber

“I believe that this program was incredibly informational. I will use this knowledge to inform friends and family.” – Owen G., Paideia

“Today was a very beneficial experience. It gave me ideas on how to lead similar events for my BBYO community and what types of components should go into an event like this.” - Lindsay G., Riverwood HS

“I will spread this knowledge with my community to raise awareness about antisemitism and the conflict.” – Jaron A., Riverwood HS

“I realized how much I need to learn about Israel and its history to understand and have conversations about Israel with my peers.” – Sam S., Lakeside HS

“I also learned that we need to go further in educating our community than just social media.” – Noah L., Dunwoody HS

“I learned how to approach the difficult conversations with peers.” – Bailey Z., Riverwood HS

“I will use this knowledge to help educate my peers about this conflict.” – Eli L., Woodward Academy

### On interacting with Jewish peers:

“I really enjoyed being surrounded by so many Jewish teens who care the same as I do. “ – Emily S. – Decatur HS

“The best part was getting all these teens from all the different school together to share their experiences” – Adiel L., Atlanta Jewish Academy

“My experience today was excellent. I really enjoyed hearing from other Jewish students from different schools that I haven't interacted with before. Hearing from other Jewish students who I have not met before was fantastic. After being around the same people from my school and synagogue, it was great to learn from and hear from students with a different experience and perspective.” - Andrew F., Galloway School

On college:

“The variety of insight regarding college and the college experience, as a Jewish student, was extremely insightful.” -Maelyn A., Woodward Academy



“ Hamas-Israel war- Israel as strategic US asset, US-Israel shared values; how October 7, 2023, becomes a benchmark in Israeli/Jewish history; what lessons must be learned in Israel, in the Diaspora together, and about each other?”

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