**Visiting Israel Fellows guest lecture in Michigan**

Jewish Agency for Israel Fellows Lipaz Ela and Rebecca Avera lectured at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) and Central Michigan University (CMU) last week as part of Hinenu’s new Shlichenu initiative, featuring Israel Fellows traveling to campuses throughout the country to share their expertise. Ela spoke about Arab Jewish culture and her experience being an Israel Defense Forces (IDF) officer for seven years. Avera spoke about Ethiopian culture and the struggles and triumphs within Israel’s Ethiopian community.

“Lipaz and Rebecca inspired the student participants at Eastern Michigan University to stand up and educate their peers on diversity of both race and religion,” said Claudia Halpern, Hillel president at EMU and David Project intern. “It is up to us as individuals to be the voice of our people.”

Both events drew diverse audiences including faculty members and community members. Many students stayed after the event to talk with Ela and Avera, including the Palestinian student president of the CMU Muslim Students Association.

**Broward and Palm Beach builds coalitions through leadership dinner**

Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach (HBPB) held an Israeli leadership dinner November 1, co-organized by Owls for Israel (OFI) and the David Project. Jewish Agency for Israel Fellow Or Greenwald worked with students to coordinate the event. Upon student leaders’ invitation, Congressman Ted Deutsch attended and spoke about the importance of coalition building and a strong US-Israel relationship.
Attendees learned about the myriad of ways Israel has assisted other countries through humanitarian aid. “My entire family lives in Haiti, I was raised in Haiti, and I never knew these things that Israel has done to help my country after the earthquake,” said student David Durosier, president of Konbit Kreyol. “How do we share these things with more people? All we know is the negative news we hear about Israel.”

More than 120 students attended the dinner, representing 40 campus organizations, including Student Government, Inter-Fraternity Council, Phi Alpha Honor Society, Latin American Student Association and the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs. Thanks to the success of this dinner, many student organizations reached out to Owls for Israel to collaborate on future events, including an interfaith progressive dinner and a flash mob for peace.

**Women of the Wall leader keynotes for Hillel at Virginia Tech**

Executive Director of Women of the Wall Leslie Sacks was the capstone speaker for Hillel at Virginia Tech’s November 2 Rosh Chodesh Emerging Jewish Female Leadership Fellowship program. Sachs gave an overview of Women of the Wall’s legal struggles and answered student questions. She also joined student leaders for dinner before the lecture.

“Sachs is empowering women, one Torah scroll at a time,” said Rachel Berman, senior at Virginia Tech. “She reminded me that women’s experiences are global, not local. It was an honor to learn from her strategies for advocacy and a pleasure to meet her in-person.”

This event was funded by a Minienu grant and co-sponsored by several university partners including Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series Fund, Department of Religion and Culture, Women’s Gender Studies Program and the Women’s Center.

**Israeli political expert Neil Lazarus speaks at Hillels in North Carolina, Arizona**

The Hinenu Speakers Tour continues this month, as North Carolina Hillel brought Israeli political expert Neil Lazarus to North Carolina State University (NCSU) on November 1. The Israel 101 event, coordinated by Jewish Agency for Israel Fellow Ran Laviv, drew more than 50 attendees, including many that were new to Hillel. Lazarus specializes in Middle East politics, public diplomacy and effective communication training.

NCSU student Lydia Safir expressed that Lazarus “was very informative while also humorous.” The Hillel board engagement chair further noted that Lazarus’ lecture provided “good information to know before I go to Israel.”

NC Hillel’s event was co-sponsored by StandWithUs, Zionist Organization of America and the Israel on Campus Coalition. Lazarus also spoke on November 9 at Arizona State University Hillel, at an event co-sponsored by StandWithUs, AEPi and Jewish Arizonans on Campus. Jewish Agency for Israel Fellows
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