

Israel360

Diverse Perspectives on Israel
Explored in an Atmosphere of Respect



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Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 30, 7:00pm

The Role of Ethics
in the Israeli Defense Forces

Thursday, April 27, 7:00pm

Understanding Israeli Borders from
Antiquity to Modernity

Thursday, May 25, 7:00pm

Topic TBA

All events are FREE admission. RSVP requested:
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*Sponsorship is sought for future programing.
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***The Kindness Commons™** is an initiative and gift of Rabbi David Kosak. Like all commons, it provides free access to necessary societal goods. In this case, those goods are the Jewish tradition's deep wisdom on how to build functional, caring and durable communities. Core components and teachings of The Kindness Commons™ center on:

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Israel360 is a series of regularly occurring programs that will consider many aspects of Israel--modern and ancient--from diverse viewpoints and approaches. Some sessions will have a cultural, political or military focus, while other events will examine Israeli history, sociology or the peace process.

In today's world, any mention of Israel can be contentious, because people arrive at events with pre-formed opinions. To help us grow past this, and to model the Jewish values of *shmirat halashon* (thoughtful speech), *derekh erez* (civility) and *makhloket l'shem shamayim* (directed dialogue), all programs will be facilitated.



At each event, attendees will be reminded of a set of guidelines for participation. The goal is to ensure that dialogue and discussion are respectful and that questions and comments spring from a sense of curiosity rather than a desire to prove a position or score a rhetorical point.

- **Kindness** (*chesed*)
- **Civility and caring behavior** (*shmirat halashon and derekh erez*)
- **Rich and respectful conversation and dialogue** (*makhloket l'shem shamayim*),
- **Mutual responsibility** (*kol yisrael ma'arivin zeh b'zeh and tikkun olam*)



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