



INDEPENDENT JEWISH VOICES
CANADA
VOIX JUIVES INDÉPENDANTES

2011 PROGRAM

VENDREDI/FRIDAY
17 JUIN/JUNE 2011

17H00 REGISTRATION

VENUE: C.E.D.A.

2515, RUE DELISLE, MONTRÉAL, H3J 1K3

MÉTRO LIONEL-GROULX:

ACCESSIBLE BY BOTH GREEN AND ORANGE LINES

METRO STOP FOR 747 AIRPORT BUS

DETAILED MAP PROVIDED AU VERSO

FOR MORE INFORMATION E-MAIL: AGM@IJVCANADA.ORG

19H30 OPENING CONFERENCE

ISRAEL HAS A PROBLEM WITH PEACE AND
PALESTINIANS - WHAT'S NEXT IN THE
'NEGOTIATIONS' GAME?

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

ZALMAN AMIT AND DAPHNA LEVIT

MODERATORS: LARRY & JUDY HAIVEN

AMIT AND LEVIT ARE THE AUTHORS OF THE RECENTLY
RELEASED "ISRAELI REJECTIONISM - A HIDDEN AGENDA IN
THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS".

AMIT, BORN IN PALESTINE, GREW UP IN A NEWLY CREATED
ISRAEL. HE IS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR EMERITUS AT
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY. LEVIT TAUGHT FINANCE AND ECO-
NOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF TEL AVIV AND BEN
GURION. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF COALITION OF WOMEN
FOR PEACE.

10\$ ENTRANCE FEE TO NON-REGISTRANTS

SAMEDI/SATURDAY

8H00 REGISTRATION

CAFÉ AND LIGHT BREAKFAST (PROVIDED)

8H30 VOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE SHABBAT

SPACE PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE

9H00 WELCOME: OVERVIEW OF THE GOALS OF
THIS AGM AND THE WEEKEND'S ACTIVITIES

9H15 PRESENTATION OF IJV ACCOMPLISHMENTS
AND CHALLENGES SINCE 2009 AGM

IJV'S MAJOR CAMPAIGNS AND STRATEGIC
FOCUS, INCLUDING ANTI-JNF, FREESPEECH,
OUTREACH TO JEWS AND BDS.

TAWKING IT OUT AMONG OURSELVES!

DISCUSSIONS ON HOW YOU SEE IJV EVOLVING
IN THE LONG TERM: THREE 7MIN EXCHANGES
WITH THOSE SITTING NEXT TO YOU ON, BASED
ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

DISCUSSION POINTS

- 1.CHANGE CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY ON
ISRAEL?
2. A SPACE FOR JEWS TO SPEAK OUT ON
PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI HUMAN RIGHTS ?
3. AN ACTION GROUP FIGHTING FOR BOTH
PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI HUMAN RIGHTS ?

10H15 BREAK

10H30 BRIDGING REFLEXION AND ACTION :

SHARING PERSPECTIVES- AN OPPORTUNITY
TO EXCHANGE WITH MEMBERS FROM
ACROSS CANADA. A DISCUSSION WILL BE
LEAD ON IJV'S RECENT CAMPAIGN PRIORI-
TIES: JNF, OUTREACH TO JEWS,
FREESPEACH

11H30-13H30 LUNCH CATERED

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

13H30-15H00

**A. BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS OF ISRAELI
PRODUCTS OR COMPANIES - PRESENTED BY TADAMON!**

HOW CAN WE INFLUENCE CORPORATE POLICIES AFFECTING
PALESTINE, AND WEAKEN THE OCCUPATION? BOYCOTTS ARE
"NOT NICE" - THEY ARE PRESSURE TACTICS. EFFECTIVE VS.
INEFFECTIVE CAMPAIGNS.

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13H30-15H00

B. ACADEMIC BOYCOTT - PRESENTED BY MARY-JO NADEAU
FACILITATED BY HOWARD DAVIDSON

CARLETON UNIVERSITY PORTFOLIO DIVESTMENT
RESOLUTIONS, STUDENT-LED DIVESTMENT CAMPAIGN AT
YORK AND UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, AND CAMPAIGNS
CALLING TO SEVER LINKS WITH ISRAEL'S TECHNION
UNIVERSITY AND MORE. STUDENTS, FACULTY AND WORKERS
AT CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES ARE THICK IN THE STRUGGLE TO
DIVEST FROM ISRAEL AND BOYCOTT ISRAELI ACADEMIC
INSTITUTIONS.

C. OUTREACH TO JEWS - PRESENTED BY COREY BALSAM
FACILITATED BY JUDY HAIVEN

MANY JEWS TODAY ARE FINDING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO
RECONCILE THEIR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL WITH SUPPORT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS. MEANWHILE, THE MAINSTREAM JEWISH
ESTABLISHMENT IS MORE INVESTED THAN EVER IN ISRAEL
AND IN POLITICAL ZIONISM. HOW CAN WE GROW AN
ALTERNATIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY? THIS WORKSHOP WILL
EVALUATE WHAT WE ARE UP AGAINST AND HOW WE MIGHT
EXPAND OUR BASE.

15H00 BREAK

15H30-17H00

D. FREE SPEECH CAMPAIGN - PRESENTED BY MICHAEL KEEFER
FACILITATED BY SID SHNIAD

ISRAEL AND ITS DEFENDERS RESPOND TO INCREASED
INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM WITH TACTICS INCLUDING:
CENSORSHIP, GETTING PEOPLE FIRED FROM THEIR JOBS,
DEFUNDING ORGANIZATIONS. WITH THE ELECTION OF A
MAJORITY HARPER GOV'T COMES THE VERY REAL THREAT OF
BEING CHARGED WITH VIOLATING CANADA'S HATE CRIME
LAWS. THIS WORKSHOP WILL DESCRIBE THE MAGNITUDE OF
THE THREAT POSED BY THE ISRAELI STRATEGY AS WELL AS THE
RESPONSES MOUNTED AGAINST IT.

E. MEDIA STRATEGIES AND TACTICS - PRESENTED BY ULI DIEMER
FACILITATED BY FABIENNE PRÉSENTÉY

THE MEDIA HAS CHANGED. HAVE WE? FORMING A
COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY. DOING EFFECTIVE PUBLIC
RELATIONS AND NEWS RELEASES. DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS
WITH MEDIA PEOPLE. HOW DO WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES FOR
A MEDIA STRATEGY?

**F. CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND - PRESENTED
BY SUE GOLDSTEIN** FACILITATED BY JUDY DEUTSCH

OUR ISRAELI JEWISH ALLIES URGED US TO TAKE ON THE JNF.
OPPOSING THE JNF IS ONE OF IJV'S MAJOR CAMPAIGNS,
JOINING A GLOBAL MOVEMENT. THE JNF'S ROLE IN ERASING
PALESTINE AND ALLOCATING LAND FOR JEWS ONLY. HOW JNF
OPERATES IN CANADIAN CITIES AND WHAT OUR CAMPAIGN IS
UP TO. THE ISRAEL LOBBY ACCUSES US OF TRYING TO
DELEGITIMIZE ISRAEL. WE'RE GOING TO LET THE JNF DO THAT.

18H00 -21H00 EVENING EVENTS:

BUFFET, PERFORMANCE PIECE, CONFERENCE, FOLLOWED BY A RARE MOMENT OF "NO WALLS BARRED" STAND-UP COMEDY

THE EVENING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - SUGGESTED DONATION FOR NON AGM REGISTRANTS FOR THE ENTIRE EVENING INCLUDING SUPPER - 25\$ OR 10\$ EACH BUFFET, CONFERENCE, COMEDY PERFORMANCE

18H00 BUFFET

19H00 VIDEO AND PERFORMANCE

VIDEO PRESENTATION OF *7 JEWISH CHILDREN* (FRANCO THEATER PRODUCTION) FOLLOWED BY A DRAMATIC READING FROM THE SEQUEL BASED ON TESTIMONIES FROM SOLDIERS OF THE ISRAELI GROUP 'BREAKING THE SILENCE'. DIRECTED BY STÉPHANE JAQUES

19H45 CONFERENCE

IMPLICATIONS OF THE ARAB REVOLTS, COUNTER-REVOLTS ON THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **RACHAD ANTONIUS**

RACHAD ANTONIUS, AN EGYPTIAN-BORN SOCIOLOGIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEBEC AT MONTREAL-UQAM, IS A FREQUENTLY SOUGHT COMMENTATOR ON RADIO CANADA AND CBC. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY FOR MANY YEARS.

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21H00 STAND-UP COMEDY

"NO WALLS BARRED" JEWISH-PALESTINIAN STAND-UP COMEDY FEATURING: **JEFF SCHOUELLA AND EMAN EL-HUSSEINI**

JEFF SCHOUELLA BEGAN HIS COMEDY JOURNEY IN TORONTO IN 2004, SINCE THEN AMASSING OVER 600 SHOWS. IN 2009, HE WAS SELECTED TO BE FEATURED IN THE RECORDING OF THE BEST OF MONTREAL COMEDY ALBUM, AVAILABLE ON ITUNES.

EMAN EL-HUSSEINI A REGULAR AT COMEDY CLUBS IN MONTREAL, OTTAWA AND TORONTO, HAS APPEARED IN THE NY ARAB-AMERICAN COMEDY FESTIVAL (2008-2010), AMMAN COMEDY FESTIVAL (2009) AND THE JUST FOR LAUGHS FESTIVAL (2010). IN 2011, EMAN TOURED THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES DOING SHOWS IN JERUSALEM, RAMALLAH AND NAZARETH.

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DIMANCHE/SUNDAY 19 JUNE/JUIN

8H30 REGISTRATION, COFFEE AND LIGHT BREAKFAST (PROVIDED)

WELCOME: OVERVIEW OF SUNDAY'S PROGRAM

9H00

PRESENTATION OF "VOICES IN THE DARK" A VIDEO PRODUCTION BY MARY-ELLEN DAVIS AND MARTIN DUCKWORTH

9H30

PANEL OF MONTREAL ALLIES DISCUSS: "WORKING WITH IJV: IMPROVING OUR ALLIANCES"

WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF **LORRAINE GUAY (CJPP), NINA AMROV (TADAMON), FAYE WAKELING & PIERRE GOLDBERGER (UCC)**. ALL FOUR ARE KEY ORGANIZERS IN MONTREAL'S PALESTINE SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT, AND LONG STANDING HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS.

10H30 BREAK

11H00

ACTION PLANNING SESSIONS: PLANNING IJV'S NEXT STEPS, DEEPENING SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN DIRECTIONS AND TACTICS.

1. ACADEMIC BOYCOTT CAMPAIGNS: FACILITATED BY HOWARD DAVIDSON. HOWARD IS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA AND CO-COORDINATOR OF IJV-WINNIPEG

2. CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND FACILITATED BY COREY BALSAM. COREY HAS BEEN PART OF IJV'S PRELIMINARY EFFORTS TO CHALLENGE THE JNF IN CANADA. HE IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF IJV-CANADA AND A CO-COORDINATOR OF IJV-TORONTO.

3. OUTREACH TO OTHER JEWS - FACILITATED BY DIANA RALPH. DIANA IS A CO-FOUNDER OF IJV AND WAS ITS COORDINATOR.

12H30 - 13H30 LUNCH BREAK (CATERED)

13H30

A POLITICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE ON BRINGING THE ISRAEL-PALESTINE QUESTION INTO THE QUÉBEC-CANADA POLITICAL SCENE

FEATURING: **AMIR KHADIR, QUÉBEC SOLIDAIRE MNA**

KHADIR HAS BEEN A MAINSTAY IN THE PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT HERE FOR YEARS. AN ALLY AND A VERY INFORMED POLITICIAN/ACTIVIST.

14H30 BREAK

14H45 ANTI-JNF CAMPAIGN VIDEO

15H00

PLENARY AND IJV CHAPTER RESOLUTIONS

16H00

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