

*Here's what teachers and students are saying:*

"I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically encourage any school to hear the presentation of the JCRC. It is factual and extremely effective. The speaker simply presents the information, and the students are left to analyze and debate. It is the perfect conclusion to our unit, and one that leaves an indelible impression upon the students."

Bart Becker, Maple Grove High School

"Captivating; draws you into the issue...evidence presented in a non-threatening, easy-going manner"

"Never passed judgments; simply explained her point of view backed up by examples"

"Very interesting...couldn't stop listening...heartfelt"

Students at Maple Grove High School

"The speaker was open to tailoring the talk to the guidelines of our curriculum. She was open to answering any question that the students had about any issue facing the country of Israel, and gave sincere and frank answers. I would highly recommend a representative of the JCRC to make a guest speaking appearance in any classroom.

Bill Honek, Salk Middle School, Elk River

"I liked the presentation because it helped me better understand facts that were somewhat familiar to me. The speaker was funny and interesting. I recommend this presentation to High Schools who want to hear an informative and compassionate perspective on the Middle East."

11th grader at Henry Sibley High School

"...She was really trying to get us to understand what was going on from the Israeli perspective and she wasn't doing it in a way where blame would be on Palestine only...now I am more open minded and not defensive on the subject."

High School Student, Twin Cities

"The insight gained from JCRC speakers has added qualitative depth and perspective to my teaching and by extension to my students. I find the academic integrity of JCRC presentations to be most refreshing"

Tom Klein, Hopkins High School

“I loved your presentation; especially how clear you made it that peace could still be found. You kept me thoroughly drawn to your attention until the very end.”

Student, Mayer Lutheran High School

“I learned a tremendous amount of information that I never knew about the conflict.”

“I liked how you showed the effects on both sides, and it will help me remember that the conflict is two sided.”

“I will remember a lot of what you shared because you were so clear and informative. It was a great way to begin the unit!”

Students at Champlin High School

I am very pleased to welcome the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) presenters into my classroom. My students thoroughly enjoy the professional, engaging presentations and love being able to look at the various books and items the speaker brings. The speaker is always willing to answer questions and is never offended by the students' curiosity. The only problem we ever have is running out of time! I highly recommend using JCRC speakers in the classroom.

Brigitta Bergquist

Buffalo High School