

CONCISE INFORMATIVE PROGRAMS

Let us find some answers together

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas has created community education programs appropriate for schools, church groups, Jewish organizations and civic groups. Bring our trained volunteers to your location to educate and build bridges of shared knowledge.

Our areas of specialization:

- Judaism on One Foot: Introduction to Jewish Belief and Practice
- Israel and the Middle East: The Challenge of Peace
- Holocaust Family Stories
- Nostra Aetate: The Inspirational Story of Catholic-Jewish Reconciliation

We can also speak on anti-Semitism, interfaith relations, or other topic of your choice. Our presentations are free of charge and designed to encourage questions and explore complex topics.

Contact us today to talk about your learning goals — we'll work with you to develop a program that's right for your needs. Call us at 612-338-7816, ext 296.

When we appreciate one another for both our similarities and our differences, we are creating community at its best.



INTERESTED?

For more information or to schedule a presentation for your organization or group:

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Learn about Judaism, Israel and the Holocaust

Multimedia presentations by community volunteers at a location of your choice



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JUDAISM ON ONE FOOT

Introduction to Jewish Belief and Practice

Have you ever wondered...?

What are the beliefs, values, and religious traditions upon which the Jewish faith is based? How do Jews express that faith in their daily lives?

This program includes:

- Keeping kosher, Torah, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, holidays and Sabbath observance
- Rituals related to birth, adulthood, marriage and death
- The connection of the people of Israel to the land of Israel

Together, we will:

- Foster understanding and religious tolerance
- Answer YOUR questions about Judaism.

“Your speaker ... did a fantastic job explaining the major elements of Judaism and dispelling misinformation and commonly held stereotypes. What your speakers are doing is extremely important to help our students build cultural awareness and an appreciation for diversity.”

—Brigitta Bergquist, Buffalo High School

ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

The Challenge of Peace

Would you like to understand the Arab-Israeli conflict but don't know where to begin?

Let's grapple with this complex topic together. To fully understand the Arab-Israeli conflict, we look at the region's history, ancient and modern. We then consider current events that shape today's reality.

This program includes:

- The geography and historical timeline of the region
- The composition and culture of the multi-ethnic, diverse, democratic state of Israel

Together, we will:

- Share insights into why peace has been so hard to achieve
- Deepen our understanding of the impact and context of current events
- Explore a story that matters to all who long for peace.

“While the love of American Jews for the state of Israel is evident in these presentations, it is accompanied by a genuine sense of compassion for the Palestinian people and the urgent desire for a just resolution. ... Informative and helpful for Christians who also want and pray for peace in the Middle East.”

—Dr. Wayne C. Stumme, retired Lutheran pastor and seminary professor

HOLOCAUST FAMILY STORIES

A personal story is a valuable entry-point to the tragedy of the Holocaust

Holocaust survivors and their descendants are available to speak with your group. These local family stories provide a direct touchpoint to the larger historical context.

This program includes:

- Testimony from a Holocaust survivor's family
- A unique extension and deepening of your Holocaust education experience

Together, we will:

- Give history a face and individual perspective
- Integrate a human story into your understanding of the Holocaust.

“... It really helped when you put into perspective how many people 6 million really is and the 1.5 million children. It made me feel like these stories actually belonged to people and how the events that happened affected people that are just like most other people.”

—9th grade student, Windom Middle School