

Jewish Enrichment Specialist Team

ISRAEL PROGRAM RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Looking to enhance your next Speak UP for Israel program? Visit the AZABBG website [here](#) and learn about BBYO's commitment to Israel. For more about meaningful Speak UP programming please speak to your local shlichim, Joey Eisman (JEisman@BBYO.org) or Ira Dounn (IDounn@BBYO.org)

MUSIC

Music in Israel is a mixture of many traditions and cultures taking shape in a unique blend of languages and genres. Traditional Folk, Rock and Pop music can be found in Israel but most associated with Israel is the styling of *Mizrahit*, which combines elements from Europe, North Africa and parts of the Arab World. Here are some of our favorite examples: [Eyal Golan](#), [Kobi Peretz](#) and [Dudu Aharon](#). Learn the words to your favorite Israeli and Hebrew songs at hebrewsongs.com.

TELEVISION

Modern TV Shows in Israel are similar to those in the US. [Chef Games](#) is just like *Iron Chef* where 2 teams of chef's compete against each other and have their tasty creations judged by a panel. Israel isn't the only country to enjoy reality shows, [Mama League](#) showcases the lives of 6 women involved in the Israeli Soccer world and their partners. Looking for more shows? Click [here](#) to check out great shows at tin.tv.

FOOD

Israel has some of the best food in the world! With food being such a huge part of most cultures here are two fantastic sites full of great recipes: [Israel Food Guide](#) & [Israeli Recipes](#) at allrecipes.com

ISRAELI DANCE

Remember all those hours you spent at camp or BBYO Summer Programs Israeli Dancing? Here are some great sites that will teach you [how](#) to dance at israeldance.com.

INNOVATION

Israel is a world leader in technological innovation and scientific advancement. Check out some of Israel's greatest innovations in the world by visiting [Israel21c](#) and learn how your life is impacted every day by Israeli inventions. Also, check out the rest of the website, there are some great resources for creating meaningful Israel programming.

ISRAELI POLITICAL PARTIES

The recent reopening of the peace process between Israelis and Palestinians has elevated the Israeli government and various political leaders. The Israel government is organized as a parliamentary democracy, directly connecting the branches of the government and creating accountability to one another. The many political parties work together to create coalition groups that become majority and minority seat holders in the *Knesset*, the legislative body. Israel is unique in that it does not have a formal written constitution but instead is guiding on [Basic Laws](#). Click [here](#) learn more about the political parties in Israel. Also, check out the rest of the Jewishvirtuallibrary.org website, there are some great resources for creating meaningful Jewish programming.



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SPORTS

Is your AZAA/BBGG lacking in creativity? Check out this handball tutorial [here](#) at wikihow to add an Israeli twist to your next program! Click [here](#) to learn more about sports in Israel at the Jewishvirtuallibrary.org.

ISRAEL'S CHANGING BORDERS

The original borders of Israel from 1947 were part of the UN resolution 181, which gave the Jewish people land. However, 70% was the Negev, which is still considered a harsh environment to live. During the war of Independence, Israel recaptured 60% of the land allocated to Arabs, which included West Jerusalem. Since then Israel has claimed and returned a lot of land, including the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip. Visit the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs [here](#) to learn the history of Israel through its changing maps.

ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCE

Looking for new ways to enhance you Israeli Defense Force programming add some [flair](#) or visit the [IDF Blog](#) to add some of the IDF values into your next program. Also, check out the rest of the website, there are some great resources for creating meaningful Israel programming.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The iCenter envisions generations of young North American Jews for whom contemporary Israel is an integral and vibrant part of their personal and collective Jewish identity. This vision includes a Jewish educational system that fully incorporates Israel – people, land, history, language and culture – into the very fiber of its overall mission. The iCenter has some incredible resources to enhance your own Speak UP For Israel programming. Please visit The Goodman Camping Initiative [here](#) to access their wide array of Israel programs and learn more about their [Aleph Bet of Israel Education](#).

Primarily working with teens on Israel foundation education and debunking myths, **StandWithUS** can provide you with resources and programs on Israel history, advocacy tactics and much more; click [here](#) to materials you can use for your next program. They also have engaging educators on staff that could be great for a regional, council or even a chapter event. Please email Miri Kornfeld (mirik@standwithus.com) if you are interested in bringing an educator to your next program! For more information please visit www.standwithus.com/highschool

AIPAC is a 100,000-member grassroots movement of activists committed to ensuring Israel's security and protecting American interests in the Middle East and around the world. AIPAC's priority is ensuring a strong relationship between the U.S. and Israel. AIPAC advocates for U.S. cooperation with Israel on a wide range of issues. BBYO has a unique partnership with AIPAC and sends large delegations to many of the AIPAC events like Policy Conference, Saban Leadership Seminar and the Schusterman Advocacy Institute High School Summit. Interested in being part of the American-Israel political process, check out AIPAC's new online networking tool, [AIPAC NGauge](#), which facilitates pro-Israel activism and collaboration.

