

ISRAEL HERE & NOW

Join us for this year-long speaker's series engaging in conversation with some of the world's best scholars and leaders on Israel. We invite everyone to bring their own perspective, respect for all opinions and a desire to speak about Israel in a safe place.

Kol Shofar's Award Winning Bridges to Israel Program

THE FORGOTTEN REFUGEES

With Executive Producer, Avi Goldwasser & JIMENA President, Gina Waldman

Wed, Nov 9, 7 PM

The award winning documentary, "The Forgotten Refugees" explores the history, culture, and 20th century exodus of nearly one million Jews indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa. The film tells the story of how and why the Jewish population in the Middle East and North Africa declined to only a few thousand today.

Location: Beth Am (Social Hall)

FREE. Register: Hagar Ben-Eliezer, hben-eliezer@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 ext. 111

This event was made possible by our partnership with JIMENA and their invaluable contributions to the making of this film.

ENGAGING ISRAEL: FEATURING DONNIEL HARTMAN & RACHEL HAVRELOCK

Wed, Nov 16, 7 PM



Bridges to Israel is proud to present with
Koret Taube Center for Jewish Life at the Osher Marin JCC

Keynote speaker, Rabbi Donniel Hartman will present, "Israel: The Challenge of Power" Since its inception, Israel has been engaged in violent conflict with its neighbors, and has had to deal with the challenges of occupation. Hartman will explore how can Israel respond to these challenges and use its power in a way that is consistent with the highest standards of morality and Jewish values. Hartman is president of the Shalom Hartman Institute. Opening presentation by Rachel Havrelock, author of River Jordan: The Mythology of a Dividing Line will talk about The History of the Map of Israel,

Location: Osher Marin JCC, 200 N. San Pedro, San Rafael

Special Teen meet & greet with Rabbi Hartman 6:15–6:45pm. No charge to teens who stay for program.

\$18 members of OMJCC & co-sponsoring organizations / \$20 public. Register: call 415.444.8000

Co-sponsored by Congregation Kol Shofar and JCRC in association with Congregation Rodef Sholom.

BLUESTAR'S ANNUAL "FOR ISRAEL FILM FESTIVAL"

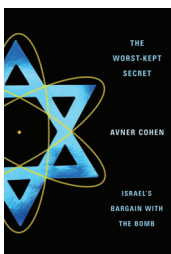
Wed, Nov 30, 7 PM

Watch short Israel-boosting documentary films and meet the local teenage filmmakers who produced them as part of the 2009–2011 Write On For Israel program. 80,000 Jewish American high school graduates enter college mostly unprepared to deal with the anti-Israel environment on many campuses. Write On for Israel's goal is to change that starting with teens in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Location: Beth Am (Social Hall)

FREE. To RSVP or for more questions contact Tracy Harding, trice@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 ext. 101.

Kol Shofar is proud to sponsor this program through a generous grant from USCJ's Ma'alot initiative.



THE WORST-KEPT SECRET: ISRAEL'S BARGAIN WITH THE BOMB WITH AUTHOR AVNER COHEN

SUN, DEC 4, 10–11:30 AM

Date: Sun, Dec 4, 10–11:30am

Israel has made a unique contribution to the nuclear age. It has created a "bargain" with the bomb. Avner Cohen offers a bold and original study of this politically explosive subject. An expert on non-proliferation issues, with special interest in the Middle East, Cohen gives us a fresh perspective on Iran, Israel and the effort toward global disarmament.

Location: Beit Am (Social Hall) FREE. Book sales and signing to follow.

Register: Hagar Ben-Eliezer, hben-eliezer@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 ext. 111

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"A NEW VOICE FOR ISRAEL"
Jeremy Ben-Ami, Founder and President, J Street

SUN, JAN 8, 10–11:30 AM

In A New Voice For Israel, Ben-Ami highlights the urgent need for a pro-Israel agenda that includes compromise and engagement with the opposition. Ben-Ami offers Americans a long-awaited common-sense discussion of a divisive issue, offering a new way for Americans to stand behind Israel without risking everything.

Location: Beit Knesset (Sanctuary). FREE. Book sales and signing follow program.
Register: Hagar Ben-Eliezer, hben-eliezer@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 ext. 111



WOMEN OF THE WALL
FEATURING ANAT HOFFMAN
Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center

SAT, FEB 11, 2012, 10:30AM & 1PM

The Israel Religious Action Center is the legal and advocacy arm of the Reform Movement in Israel. Hoffman is known around the world as the woman who was arrested at the Kotel (Western Wall) for carrying a Torah. Join us as she gives the drash and leads an after Kiddush discussion. We welcome everyone at Shabbat services.

Location: Beit Knesset (Sanctuary)



RABBI BRIAN LURIE

WED, FEB 15, 2012, 7:30PM

Rabbi Brian Lurie served for seventeen years as Executive Director of the Jewish Community Federation and for five years as President of the San Francisco Jewish Museum. He has worked in Israel and America to promote equality for Israeli Arabs and as Executive Vice President of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA), he was instrumental in launching the second phase of Operation Exodus and provided the vision and strategic direction under which UJA has begun to broaden its mandate.

Location: Beit Knesset (Sanctuary)
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 **AIPAC THE AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE**
Washington D.C.

MAR 4–6, 2012

We invite you to attend the AIPAC Policy conference with others from Kol Shofar. Participants will hear from heads of states and choose from dozens of workshops about the most pressing issues of the day.

For more information about Kol Shofar's delegation, contact Hagar Ben-Eliezer, hben-eliezer@kolshofar.org or 415.388.1818 ext. 111



**INFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION:
THE PR STRUGGLE FOR ISRAEL**
With Alan Elsner, Director of Communications, The Israel Project (TIP) &
Jay Amernick, West Coast Regional Manager, The Israel Project (TIP)

WED, MAR 21, 2012, 7PM

For decades, Palestinians and their allies have run a campaign of disinformation about Israel. At its very basic level, they even deny a Jewish connection to the land. It is suggested both that Palestinians were punished for the sins of the Nazis and that Israel itself has taken on the racist trappings of Nazism. In the face of this onslaught, the Israeli and Jewish response has often been half-hearted and lackluster. What can we be doing better? What should we be saying and how should we be saying it?

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