

1. מופע בסגנון של שני חייזרים שנוחתים בישראל ומנסים להבין מה זה המקום הזה ורצים בזמן בכל מיני תחנות שונות. בנוסף, הזכרת הרקדה כחלק מהפעילות, שילוב קבוצת ריקודי העם, נגיד שיש תחנה של הקיבוץ כחלק מהמופע. בסוף התכנון הוא לשיר הללויה כולם ביחד וכמובן את התקווה.
2. ניתן גם לעשות דמות יהודית/ ישראלית שבאה לבקר בישראל - אליעזר בן יהודה, הרצל או משהו בסגנון. כמו כן, לאחר ההצגה יהיו דוכנים של אוכל ישראלי כמו פלאפל, חומוס, במבה, בירה ישראלית ועוד לרווחת הציבור (מה שנקרא:)
3. אפשרות נוספת- ביום אחר סמוך ליום העצמאות, לארגן חידון ענק על ישראל שבו ישתתפו בין 4-5 משתתפים שנרשמו מראש לחידון ויקבלו חוברת על ישראל עם נושאים שונים (היסטוריה, מלחמות ישראל, תרבות, אוכל, ועוד) ויתחרו בניהם במהלך הערב על התואר "מלך ישראל". כל יתר האנשים בקהילה כמובן מוזמנים להשתתף בזה וללמוד מהידע הרב שנצבר.
4. חוץ מזה בבית הספר אנחנו עושים תחנות שונות על ישראל ובכל תחנה יש משימות שונות, תחנות יצירה, תחנות לימוד שבו הילדים לומדים על מקום מסוים בישראל.

באדיבות גילת מקמל

עיון לטקס ערב יום העצמאות:

מהלך הטקס:

פתיח- אנו מתכנסים כאן, ילדים, נוער ומשפחות לציין במעמד חגיגי את יום העצמאות...

- **טקס יום העצמאות ה- 65 למדינת ישראל יפתח בהדלקת לפיד הזיכרון לחללי מערכות ישראל.**
- **פרק תהילים**
- **להעלאת הדגל לראש התורן הקהל מתבקש לעמוד.**

מופע "תמונות מחיי המדינה" (או כל שם אחר....). כל תמונה מהן מהווה אבן דרך בנפתולי התקומה הציונית ובתולדות ההתיישבות היהודית בארץ ישראל.

המופע מלווה במצגת של תמונות, סרטונים, וכמובן כתוביות – לכל פתיחה של תמונה/ סצנה. כדאי להכין קטעי קישור, כגון סיפור מסגרת של הורה וילד או תיירים שמגיעים למוזיאון/ שני אנשים מבוגרים שמספרים זיכרונות... וכל "תמונה" היא המשך למה שהם מדברים עליו בקטע הקישור.

הסצנות עצמן משוחקות ע"י ילדים/ נוער / קבוצות בקהילה- כאשר כל קבוצה כזאת מציגה תמונה אחת מתוך ההצגה. דוג'- ילדים קטנים שמשחקים את תמונת ההעפלה... שמים ברקע שיר והילדים עולים על אונייה גדולה (אפשר להכין מקרטון חזית של סיפון אונייה), והם מחופשים למעפילים. התמונה עצמה מראה רק את השיר של המעפילים או קטע

משחק קטן שבו הילדים עולים בחשאי לאונייה, או רואים מרחוק את חופי הארץ ומתרגשים... או משהו יותר מורכב כמו בריטים שתופסים את האונייה, ומגלים התנגדות של המעפילים שמחכים להגיע לארץ!

סדר המסכת- אופציות שונות:

1. מדרש מהגמרא- " פעם אחת היו עולין לירושלים, רבן גמליאל, ר' אלעזר בן עזריה, ר' יהושע ור' עקיבא. כיון שהגיעו להר הצופים קרעו בגדיהם, כיון שהגיעו להר הבית ראו שועל שיצא מבית קדשי הקדשים, התחילו הם בוכין ור' עקיבא מצחק...
2. העליות הראשונות, המושבות/ קבוצות וקיבוצים/ חלוצים
3. אלכסנדר זייד- שמירה עברית
4. אליעזר בן יהודה- מחייה השפה העברית
5. מחתרת ניל"י- שרה גיבורת ניל"י
6. יישובי חומה ומגדל
7. מורדי הגטאות- מרדכי אנילביץ' וחבריו
8. שואה
9. הפלמ"ח
10. העפלה
11. מעברות
12. כ"ט בנובמבר/ הכרזת המדינה
13. כיבוש אילת, הנפת דגל הדיו
14. שחרור הכותל והר הבית

מרכיבים נוספים בטקסט:

1. מלחמות ישראל- סיפורי לוחמים, הדלקת נר זיכרון לנופלי מערכות ישראל, קריאת יזכור/ פרק תהלים

2. דגלנות
3. הרקדה של הקהל
4. נגינה של הרכבים או של תזמורת
5. ריקודים על הבמה- כחלק מהסצנות
6. שילוב סרטונים תיעודיים- מופע אור- קולי
7. מצגת תמונות
8. הקרנת סרטון מצולם של אישיות כלשהי שמברכת את המשתתפים- דוג': נתן שרנסקי או ראש ממשלת ישראל...
סיום הטקס- הקהל מתבקש לעמוד לשירת התקווה.

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2. רעיונות לערב יום העצמאות- חגיגה קהילתית:

הרקדה

מופע מוסיקלי

סרט

יריד ישראל = דוכנים

"שוק ישראלי"

תצוגת אופנה ישראלית או תצוגת דמויות מההיסטוריה ומההווה של מדינת ישראל

"מוזיאון חי"

"אוטובוס תגלית" מסייר במקומות בישראל

חידון ענק קהילתי – נושא פרסים שווים כמובן

כתב חידה על ישראל- עבור קבוצות

יצירה ישראלית

יריד אומנות ישראלי- "אוהלים" עם מגוון אומנויות- בדומה ל"חוצות היוצר".

Yom HaAtzmaut 2014
The Israeli Independence Day
Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley
יום העצמאות

1. Introductory Remarks
2. Opening
3. Prayer for Israel.....
4. Som Som Gali-Gali (Sing-A-Long).....
5. Let Us Have the Strength.....
6. How Can a Lone Star Dare?.....
7. HaTikvah.....
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8. Lighting the Torches

1. Opening

On Yom HaAtzmau't we celebrate the Israeli declaration of Independence. On May 14th 1948, Iyar 5th, in the city of Tel-Aviv, David Ben-Gurion declared Israel as the Jewish home for the Jewish people.

On this joyful day, followed by Israel's most painful day, we celebrate our *cherut*-freedom, we remember the effort we had to put in order to have a Jewish homeland and we understand that Israel is not guaranteed to us and that we have to maintain our hard work to keep it safe.

Happy Yom HaAtzmau't everybody- enjoy!

2. Prayer for Israel

Our Father in Heaven, Rock and Redeemer of the people Israel; Bless the State of Israel, with its promise of redemption. Shield it with your love; spread over it the shelter of your peace. Guide its leaders and advisors with your light and your truth. Help them with your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our Holy Land. Deliver them; crown their efforts with triumph. Bless the land with peace, and its inhabitants with lasting joy.

And let us say: Amen.

3. Zom-Zom Gali-Gali (Sing-a-Long)

(Led by Ilana and Ari Kirsch)

4. Let Us Have the Strength

Let us have the strength to once again solemnly carry that silver tray - the splendor of our youths.

Let us have that power – to be glad

And to weep without end.

Let us have the strength to contain within the one heart

The exstasy of great joy and the thousands of griefs.

Let us have the power to look into the eyes of the bereaved widows

And endure in silence their endless hurt.

Let us have the power to forget vengeance and blood.

Let us have the strength to turn away from the tanks into a new day of joy and celebration,

To sow tomorrow's wheat in yesterday's battlefield.

5. How Can a Lone Star Dare? / Natan Zach

How can a lone star dare to shine?
How dare he?
Just one lonely star,
I wouldn't have dared.
And actually, I'm not alone...

6. HaTikvah

7. 5:15- Lighting of the Torches-

Yom Ha'atzmaut carnival (Shosi)

The purpose of our event is to educate Cornell University students about the small, yet thriving country and to unite the Jewish community in celebration of the State of Israel. Some of the attractions of the event included an Israeli shuk (marketplace), Israeli cuisine, Israeli musical groups, a Capella performance, a Bedouin Tent (huts that portray Israeli-Arabic culture), Israeli arts including henna tattoos, a fruit juice stand, a place to learn Hebrew, AEPi fraternity Pi in the face booth, camel rides, a raffle, dead sea booth, tie dye, a western wall replica in which people could place notes, save a child's heart booth (in which people wrote notes to sick children), booths run by various Israel groups on campus (CIPAC, MASA, etc.), a booth with information about birthright, and more. Some of our funding came from the David Project. Hundreds of students enjoyed this event – it was a huge success!

Yom Ha'atzmaut Tabling (Roiy)

האירוע התרחש במקום מרכזי בקמפוס, כאשר אני ועוד קבוצת סטודנטים מיקמנו מספר שולחנות עם קישוט ישראלי וביקשנו מכל סטודנט שעבר לרשום מילה אחת על ישראל ולקחת תמונה וממתק ישראלי. כך ששוב האוכל שימש כטריגר או כתנאי השתתפות (מסקנה, אוכל חינם תמיד, תמיד עובד!). לאחר מכן ערכנו את התמונות ויצרנו קליפ שאותו הפצנו דרך יו – טיוב ופייסבוק. ניתן לראות את הקליפ

פה: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_7ynHVSN0M&feature=youtu.be

Yom haatzmaut concerts (Amir)

During the past 2 years we hosted 2 high profile bands on campus that attracted more than 1000 students all together. 500 students attended the first year concert on campus and this year we had 650 students attending the concert. We have hosted "hadag nahash" and "infected mushroom".

This year's concert was cohosted by the DJ club on campus and attracted every diverse group of students, most of them were not Jewish.

The event was a very high profile event on campus. It included a VIP reception to our student leaders and student leaders from other organizations and also members of the UCSD DJ club. The students had a chance to meet with the bands both times, to ask questions, take photos, etc'.

I found that if we want to attract more students to attend in these kinds of events and to attract a more diverse crowd, we should consider having a yom hhatzmaut part that does not have necessarily a Hebrew speaking band or even an Israel one. The goal of this high profile event on campus is to associate the pro-israel group with big and fun events and not just BDS or politics.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Party (Einat)

כחלק מה BBQ השבועי שמתקיים בהילל הפכתי את האירוע ל"על האש" ישראלי אותנטי עם קבבים ושישליק, מוזיקה ישראלית, ריקודי עם, פינת יצירה של חמסות ומגני דוד וטריוויה לגבי ישראל. כל הסטודנטים הישראלים הגיעו לעזור (וגם לא ישראלים כמובן) והיה מאוד מוצלח. הזמנתי המון פטישי- אוויר/ רעשנים/ חומרי יצירה/ וכו' דרך האינטרנט, ביקשתי מקבוצת האקפלה ומקבוצת ריקודי העם שיגיעו ויזמנו והיה כיף!

This festival aims to appeal to Jewish and non Jewish students on campus and to show them the face of Israel that are not visible through television screens and newspaper pages.

The festival is planned and organized entirely by Jewish students that Israel has an important place in their identity.

The purpose of this festival is to educate students about the great diversity within Israel while celebrating its many cultures. For the past Seven years, Israel Fest has been sponsored by ASMSU (Associated Students of Michigan State University) Board, ASMSU Student Assembly and University Activities Board has also been co-sponsors.

This year the festival's theme was Love Is real, and consisted of 14 booths: Masa Israel, Technology-Innovations, Humanitarian Aid, Green Israel, Diversity, Taglit-Birthright, Knowledge, Real Partners Real Peace, NU Campaign, Henna Tattoo, Kotel, Camera, The Dead Sea, Sport. Each booth focused on different aspects of Israel and how it contributes to the betterment of the world.

During the event there were Israeli folk dancing lessons, Middle Eastern Food, Raffle prizes, Love Israel T-Shirts and every one that visited each of the tables got a USB Flash Drive from the technology table with a "Israeli Misconception on Campus" video uploaded on it.

In the background, a DJ was playing authentic Israeli music made by Israeli performers of many different subcultures and pictures of past Birthright trips were projected on the wall

For the first time of UMASS Amherst history, Student Alliance for Israel decided to do an Israel Peace Week. This event was sponsored and made possible with the help of: Hillel, CJP, WZO, Stand with Us, Hasbara, David Project and many others.

The events were as followed:

if **iConnect** – an activity fair that included all the different aspects of Judaism and Israel that this campus had to offer. Among the many organizations that came out here you could find booths for Hillel, Birthright, SAFI, WZO, Tel Aviv University, Bah'i club, Belly dancing club, JSU, Christians in Israel, Smith alliance for Israel and JDC. In the background Israeli music was playing and about 30-40 people came.

if **!Israel Remembrance day for fallen soldiers and victims of terror** – this event was the most touching and meaningful event of the week. It was formed and designed like a beit café, yet it had the respectful note for this day. We closed the lights and it was performed to candle lights and Yirtzait candle lights. SAFI board members and I chose stories we wanted to talk about and everybody spoke about a different story – Lior Vishinsky z"l, Michael Levin z"l, Roi Klein z"l, Eldad Regev z"l and Ehud Goldwasser z"l. in addition people came up and spoke about how they feel about this day, shared songs and poems and in the end, wrote letters to the IDF soldiers that are still fighting to protect the state of Israel. The Hillel was packed on that day and there were about 50 people in this event.

Talk about Israel and the Middle East with speaker Asaf Romirowsky – Asaf Romirowsky from Scholars for Peace in the Middle East came and talked about Israel, the Arab spring, Nuclear Iran and the consequences on the US. This event was sponsored by Democratic club, Republican club and International Relations club.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut BBQ – the annual Independence day party, with Hookahs, BBQ, Israeli music, Shesh Besh, henna painting, button making, Israeli music, a photo booth for people to dress up like Israeli icons and many more

For Yom Ha'atzmaut we did **Israel week!** It's a great opportunity to bring Israel on campus, work with different departments and clubs and highlight for Pro Israel group and individuals. In the entire events community was involved and invited.

Yom Hazikaron - Make community and students take part in the same ceremony, to bring the way we commemorate in Israel here. Before ceremony began we screened the Movie "A HERO IN HEAVEN" about Michael Levin – Documentary about young Jewish American who made Aliya and join IDF combat unit, and got killed in the Second Lebanon war in 2006. The ceremony was 40 minute ceremony for the soldiers of the Israeli Defense Forces and the victims of terror – Israeli ceremony style.

Talk Israel Tent –educational materials, speakers and panels about Israel and Middle-East.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Party! Blue & White Israeli dance party with Israeli music!

Israeli Shabat – Israeli food cooked by former IDF soldier and current student in VT culinary school. We also had blue & white decoration, and spoke about how we celebrate Independence Day in Israel.

Thursday April 19th : Speaker Gil Hoffman

Gil Hoffman is the chief political correspondent and analyst for The Jerusalem Post. Well-connected to Israeli and Palestinian leaders, Hoffman has interviewed every major figure across the Israeli political spectrum, has been interviewed by top media on six continents and is a regular analyst on CNN, Al-Jazeera and other news outlets.

Monday April 23rd:

From 10am- 4pm – Talk Israel Tent:

Talk Israel promotes civil discourse on Israel and the challenges posed by a changing Middle East. On 10 campuses across the United States in April and May, a wide open tent becomes a welcoming venue for students to engage in discussion and dialogue about Israel in an atmosphere governed by civility and respect. The Spring 2012 campuses join the 22 universities across North America that launched Talk Israel in September 2011 – and the 4,000 students who joined that conversation.

Talk Israel tent will take place on the LBC quad from 10 AM- 4 PM, where students will come to speak about Israel and watch a photo exhibition. In collaboration of different groups and departments on campus. Snowballs, Israeli baklava and other yummy snacks will be provided..

7pm : Col. Bentzi Gruber "Ethics in the Field: An Inside Look at the Israeli Defense Forces.

"Ethics in the Field" is Col. Bentzi Gruber's personal initiative to dispel the fiction and present the facts that are missing in today's Middle East dialogue, an eye-opening presentation that shows what goes on behind the scenes in the Israeli military's battle to ensure the country's security and prevent and eventually uproot Palestinian terrorism. Combining classified IDF footage and well-organized statistics with riveting, sometimes humorous, but always enlightening personal narration, "Ethics in the Field" covers the dilemmas constantly facing IDF commanders in locating terrorists within a civilian population, the IDF's unique ethical code, and the effectiveness of the IDF's preventative efforts against terrorist attacks. The presentation ends with a few words about the motivation of these soldiers, both in regular and reserve forces, risking their lives to protect Israel. Presentations now include exclusive footage from Operation Cast Lead, as well as personal accounts from the battlefield and insight into the painstaking decision-making process behind Israel's military policy. Col. Gruber is currently Vice-Commander of an armored division, a position that followed other significant posts of command in the course of more than 20 years serving in the reserves; and this position within the army has given him access to and permission to present materials and information that is usually only seen by military or government officials, things the average Israeli, American, or even international journalist only hear about. A true Zionist ambassador and hasbara Superman, Col. Gruber has addressed such prestigious audiences as the Conference of Presidents and spoken at major community events, college campuses, synagogues and high schools around the world. Col. Gruber's presentations convey the on-the-ground reality faced daily in Israel, and the knowledge and ethos he imparts inspire Jews and non-Jews alike to take pride in the people and army of Israel and the values that make them great.

Tuesday April 24th-

Yom Hazikron for the IDF soldiers - Rosh Ha'ayin band (New Orleans' sister city in Israel) quiet performance+ Panel "in the shadow of war and terror" discussion- Israelis sharing and talking about their personal experiences and commemorating the ones they loved and lost.

Avi Kagan, the director of the P2G between New Orleans and Rosh 'Ayin, will share his personal story. Avi served in the second Lebanon war (summer 2006) and had to deal with hard war dilemmas and situations under live fire, including evacuation and carrying a dead IDF soldier body from the field back to Israel.

Wednesday April 25-

5pm- Melissa Harris-Perry, a political science professor and has her own show on msnbc (called the Melissa Harris Perry show), will talk about Israel in American politics.

7pm- Israel inside movie screening

New critically-acclaimed documentary *Israel Inside: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference*.

Israel Inside examines the core character strengths that have enabled Israelis to overcome challenges and turn a barren desert into a flourishing, productive, and caring society. The film originally debuted on PBS in South Florida.

As part of a campaign to celebrate Israel's 64th birthday, 64 leading communities worldwide will screen *Israel Inside* on Independence Day.

Thursday April 26th—

7pm- Krav Mquad- Israeli sport and self defense- Krav Maga on the Newcomb quad

9pm- Israel independence party: Blue & White PARTY @ the Boot bar! With many surprises...

Students who will attend one of I-FEST 7pm events on Thursday (April 19th), Monday (April 23rd), Tuesday (April 24th) and Wednesday (April 25th) will receive a FREE admission to the Party with specials!

Friday, April 27th-Israel Shabbat at Hillel- Avi Schafer Shabbat.

Sunday, April 29- Save a Child's Heart Basketball Tournament at the Reily Center:

3x3 Play Your Heart Out Charity Basketball Tournament

1st Place Wins Saints Tickets; 2nd Place Wins Hornets Tickets

Celebrating Israel's Birthday at a club has been a wonderful event that was completely students led; they set a venue in which the event took place at, they ordered the buses and they invited all of their friend, so eventually we had 150 students who are Jews and non-Jews dancing and having fun for Israel's Independence Day. The event itself takes organizing in advance to make sure that you can book a good bar and to make each student in charge of different aspect of the event, with a focus on large scale advertising and inviting everyone campus wide. In the entrance the students are being charged based on the cost of the event and divided to ages; we have charged 21+ twenty dollars for an open bar and 18-21 ten dollars, and they were not allowed to drink. The fee charged in the entrance covered the charge for the venue and the buses were paid for by pro-Israeli groups we collaborated with. The bar was decorated with Israeli flags and Israeli candy (chocolate and bazooka gum) and pictures of Israel and a photographer was hired to document the event, so that pictures would be used for advertising the event next year

