

Israel: Staying Informed, Staying Connected

“My heart is in the east, but I am in the west.”

(Judah Halevi)

Read the News On-Line:

Arutz Sheva (Israel – religious)
Haaretz (Israel – secular)
Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Israel 21c (high-tech, medicine, etc.)
Jerusalem Post (Israel – general, international)
The Times of Israel
YNet News (Tel Aviv based)

www.israelnationalnews.com
www.haaretz.com
www.mfa.gov.il/MFA
www.israel21c.org
www.jpost.com
www.timesofisrael.com
www.ynetnews.com

Access the News Through Social Media:

- Facebook pages (just a small sample – there are many!)
 - Ha'aretz
 - Israel National News (Arutz Sheva)
 - The Jerusalem Post
 - YNet
- Apps
 - Israel News – Jerusalem Online
 - The Jerusalem Post
 - Israel MFA
 - Ha'aretz
 - YNet News
 - Neil Lazarus

Celebrate Israeli Culture:

- Rochester Jewish Book Festival
- Rochester Jewish Film Festival
- “Random” film screenings
- Rochester Israeli Folk Dance
 - weekly sessions
 - annual “Rikud Rochester” weekend
- Annual Yom Ha'atzmaut community celebrations

Take a Class; Attend a Lecture:

- “Israel: The Series,” an annual lecture series run through the Jewish Federation
- Kollel, an adult education program run through Temple B'rith Kodesh
- Limmud, an adult education program run through Temple Beth El
- Guest lectures and classes offered at many area synagogues, colleges, libraries, the JCC, and more

Plan Your Trip!:

- Community trips (local and national)
 - Federation-based trips
 - organization-based trips (ie: Hadassah)
 - synagogues-based trips
- Family trips
 - pre-set tour
 - hire a personal guide
- “March of the Living” trips (begin in Eastern Europe, end in Israel)
- Teen trips
 - youth group trips through synagogue movements (such as NFTY and USY)
 - national teen trips (such as through BBYO and Young Judea)
 - Federation trips
 - Camp Seneca Lake in Israel trip
- College trips
 - gap year programs (such as Nativ or Year Course)
 - Birthright
 - Israel-based organizations
 - study abroad
 - volunteer
- Ramim program through Federation
- Individual Experiences:
 - live on a kibbutz
 - study abroad
 - volunteer

Get Involved in Israel-Oriented Politics:

- Roc4Israel:
 - A Rochester-specific independent, multi-religious group of individuals who support the State of Israel in its quest for peace and security as the homeland of the Jewish people
 - www.roc4israel.org
- AIPAC: The American Israel Public Affairs Committee
 - “America’s Pro-Israel Lobby”
 - www.aipac.org
- J-Street
 - “The Political Home for Pro-Israel, Pro-Peace Americans”
 - www.jstreet.org

Explore How Israel is Presented by Its Neighbors:

Al Jazeera (Qatar)

Al-Monitor

Daily Star (Lebanon)

Egypt Daily News (Egypt)

Jordan Times (Jordan)

The Middle East Media Research Institute (translations)

Palestine News Network (West Bank, Gaza)

SANA - Syrian Arab News Agency (Syria)

Wafa - Palestine News Agency (Gaza)

www.english.aljazeera.net

www.al-monitor.com

www.dailystar.com

www.egyptdailynews.com

www.jordantimes.com

www.memri.org

www.english.pnn.ps

www.sana.sy/index_eng

www.wafa.ps/english/