

## **Israel Organization Literacy Program**

The topic of Israel can be daunting and many people feel like they don't have all the information to form their own opinions. This program will allow participants to learn about different organizations that have stances on Israel and gain a greater understanding of where their opinions lie. It also allows participants to see what opinions are out there and the intricacies of different views. Getting educated is the first step in becoming involved and it is important for people to know what organizations stand for before they support them. In addition, it will show participants that there is no one way to look at Israel and that everyone is entitled to their own opinion.

Participants will be split into small groups (ideal groups will have 7-10 participants). Each group will receive a stack of 5-7 mission statements of organizations with a range of views on Israel, for example, Jewish Voice for Peace and StandWithUs. Groups will also receive a separate stack with the names of the organizations. They will be tasked with matching the names of the organizations to the mission statements. Next, groups will take pictures of their matches. Then, group leaders will hand out markers, paper, glue, and scissors. Participants will be instructed to cut out statements from the mission statements that they agree with and paste them onto their papers. Extra copies of mission statements will be available if needed. At the end of the program, participants will share their original mission statements with their group and compare their matches to the answer key. Lastly, group leaders will then lead a discussion based on the activity.

\*\*\*Each program leader will have assigned research to do prior to the event. They will also attend prep calls, hosted by the RCVP, Israel Education chairs, and the Regional Rabbi, to gain a greater understanding of the topic and to learn how to lead a conversation about Israel.\*\*\*