

CLUB Z CURRICULUM

Peoplehood, Zionism, Advocacy

Club Z Institute introduces students to foundational topics germane to understanding Jewish history, peoplehood, and Zionism in order to address the Arab-Israeli conflict. Our curriculum rests on three pillars: Peoplehood, Zionism, and Advocacy. From these three posts, students are taught to not only see themselves as playing a major part in Jewish history, but also as advocates for the Jewish people.

Each lesson is carefully designed to reflect one or more of our core values and/or topics. By exposing students to the complexities, tensions, and various narratives that surround the Jewish State, our hope is to inspire students to be able to articulate an unapologetic position and ultimately, to own the skill to have a mature and in-depth conversation on Israel, the Arab Israeli conflict, and antisemitism. Our long-term goal is for students to be able to advocate and act as ambassadors for themselves as Jews and the State of Israel.



PEOPLEHOOD

Central to any conversation on antisemitism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and Jewish history is to understand what it means to be part of the Jewish people. At Club Z, our philosophy is to teach students that Jews are from Judea and that Jews are an ethno-religious people.

ZIONISM

Although we recognize that Zionism is a 19th century political movement, Club Z treats Zionism as integral to Jewish identity. Our program teaches students that the idea of "tsion," the Hebrew word for Zion, is ancient and as such, Zionism is the Jewish people's heartbeat.

ADVOCACY

Today's sharp rise in antisemitism and attack on Zionism reveal that Jews cannot afford to only educate. Club Z strongly believes that education and advocacy must be taught together in order to effect change. We do this by telling our teens that advocating for Israel and/or Zionism is no more and no less than advocating for yourself as a Jew.



PEOPLEHOOD

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a. The Origins of Palestine

- i. Roman Occupation of Judea
- ii. Judea Capta Coin
- iii. Philistines and Judeans

b. Zionist Visions: From Proto-Zionism to Political Zionism

- i. Abraham and Moses: the Zionist Idea
- ii. Herzl and the Jewish State
- iii. Revisionist Zionism: Ze'ev Jabotinsky
- iv. Religious Zionism: Rav Abraham Isaac Kook

c. Peoplehood: The What, When, Where and Why of the Jewish People

- i. Jews as an ethno-religious group
- ii. Jews in American context: Pittsburg Platform
- iii. Understanding Title VI: Religious and Ethnic Minority Rights

d. Jewish Values: 6 Jewish Values that Impacted the World

- i. Understanding Jewish values
- ii. Pre-Judaism: What Jews gifted to the world

e. Indigeneity: Jewish Peoplehood

- i. 5-finger theory of indigeneity
- ii. Jews are from Judea
- iii. Jewish timeline and maps

f. Jews and Power: Post-Holocaust Diaspora Jews

- i. Menachem Begin and “Never Again”
- ii. Zionism and Diaspora Judaism
- iii. Jews and Power

g. Soviet Jewry Struggle

- i. Soviet Jewish ethnic identity
- ii. Anti-Zionist campaign
- iii. American Jews and Soviet Jews

h. The Forgotten Refugees

- i. Jews from Arab/Muslim lands
- ii. Jewish migration and absorption in Israel
- iii. The Farhud

i. Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism

- i. History of antisemitism
- ii. Anti-Zionism— When did it begin?
- iii. Durban Conference
- iv. Jewish anti-Zionists today

j. Jerusalem: Eternal Capital of the Jewish People

- i. Jerusalem in Judaism, Christianity, Islam
- ii. East and West Jerusalem: What does this mean?



ZIONISM

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a. First Zionist Congress of 1897

- i. Reenactment (simulating the First Zionist Congress)
- ii. Political Zionism

b. Israel's Declaration of Independence: The Story and the Document

- i. David Ben Gurion and his opponents
- ii. God and the Declaration of Independence
- iii. Why Israel? How Jewish leadership chose the name of the modern Jewish state

c. Assimilation, Emigration, Zionism, and Bolshevism: Jewish Responses to Destruction and Violence

- i. History of Jews in Diaspora
- ii. Pogroms and Chaim Bialik's "In the City of Slaughter"
- iii. Aliyot
- iv. Assimilation

d. The Yishuv: Hebron, Demographics, Arab and Jewish Leadership

- i. Jewish migration to Palestine
- ii. Jewish settlement of the land
- iii. Arab migration to Palestine
- iv. Hebron and Grand Mufti of Jerusalem

e. Jewish Underground During Mandate Period

- i. Irgun: Menachem Begin and British Mandate
- ii. David Ben Gurion and Haganah

f. Altalena Affair: The story of Jewish disunity

- i. David Ben Gurion and Menachem Begin
- ii. Is Jewish unity possible?
- iii. Forming of Jewish/Israeli military



ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

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a. British Mandate (1920-1948)

- i. British Mandate for Palestine
- ii. White Papers
- iii. Hebron
- iv. Peel Commission Report

b. San Remo: Legal Foundations of the Modern State of Israel

- i. Fall of Ottoman Empire
- ii. Mandate System
- iii. International Bodies of Law: League of Nations and United Nations

c. 1948 War of Independence

- i. Arab Liberation Army
- ii. Understanding the Armistice Line
- iii. Framing the Conflict: Land, Religion, Ideology
- iv. Deir Yassin

d. Gaza: Case Study of "Land for Peace"

- i. Crisis in Gaza: Hamas and Palestinian Authority
- ii. Land for Peace: A Case Study
- iii. Rockets, Iron Dome, and the question of "proportional" response

e. The Six Day War

- i. Egypt: Shutting down Suez Canal (belli caucus)
- ii. Fedayeen
- iii. U.N. and Sinai
- iv. Israel strikes first
- v. Israel past the Green Line: Land grab or national security?

f. Palestinian National Identity

- i. PLO and Yassar Arafat
- ii. P.A.
- iii. Iran, Jihad and "Palestine"

g. Judea-Samaria/West Bank: Areas A, B, C

- i. Oslo Accords
- ii. Military Occupation vs. Annexation
- iii. Settlements: Jewish and Arab in Judea-Samaria

h. Palestinian Refugees: UNWRA

- i. 1948 war and 700,000 refugees
- ii. Who is considered a Palestinian Arab refugee today: UNWRA?
- iii. Palestinian Arab Refugees in the Middle East

i. Terrorism Against Israel

- i. Intifadas
- ii. National security: Checkpoints and wall
- iii. Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad

j. Major Wars Against Israel

- i. 1948
- ii. 1956
- iii. 1967
- iv. 1973
- v. Lebanon War

k. Understanding Islam in the Middle East

- i. Indigeneity and Tribalism in Arab World
- ii. Pan-Arab Nationalism
- iii. Islamism: Iran and the Islamic Revolution

l. Peace Plans: Resilience and Rejectionism

- i. Peel Commission: Two-State Solution
- ii. 2008 and PLO
- iii. Khartoum Conference: 3 No's
- iv. Rejectionism
- v. Abraham Accords



ADVOCACY

The Zionist Toolkit

Antisemitism Today: Case Studies

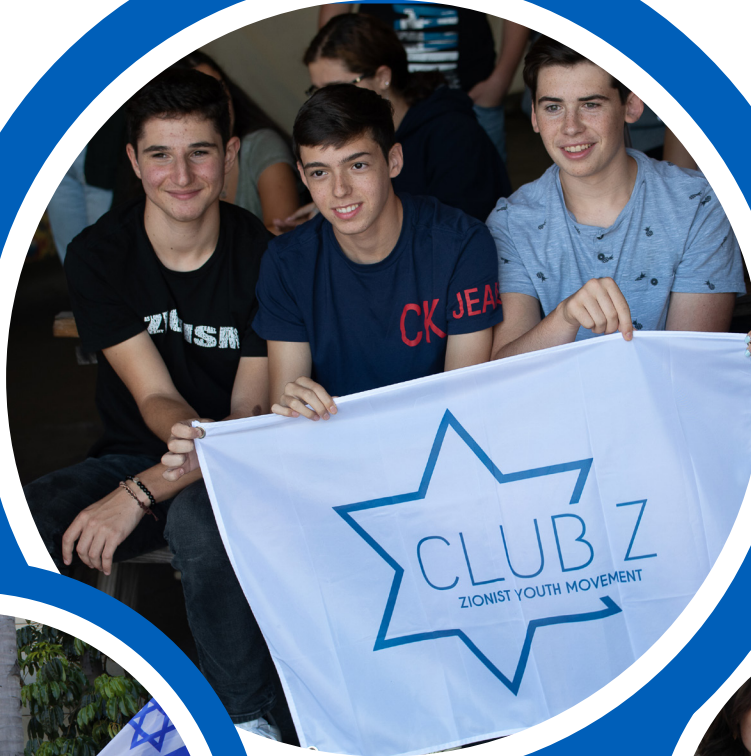
Understanding BDS: Effective anti-BDS advocacy

The Great Apartheid Lie

Zooming In/Zooming Out: Countering media bias

Understanding Propaganda: Political Cartoons

Effective Advocacy: Case Studies



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