

# Caravan for Democracy

A project of JNF's Israel Advocacy and Education Department



**Caravan for Democracy (CFD)** was created in January 2002 to fill a major void on college campuses in facing the rise of anti-Israel acts and propaganda. The program has provided outstanding events on 75 campuses in cities across the United States, bringing more than 50 speakers and reaching over 68,000 students, faculty, and community members.

## Description of the Program:

**CFD** facilitates constructive dialogue on college campuses throughout the United States by bringing different speakers from Israel to discuss the challenges Israel faces as the only democracy in the Middle East. **CFD** provides access to resources and opinions in order to encourage critical thinking about the issues affecting Israel, how it is covered and its unique role in the region. **CFD** is sponsored by **Jewish National Fund** and **Media Watch International**.

**CFD's Lecture Series** features prominent Israeli figures that represent a spectrum of political and philosophical thought. Speakers address students, answer questions, and are available for briefings with faculty, student leaders, and campus media.

**CFD Speaker's Tour** features two to three prominent Israeli politicians, diplomats, and dignitaries who will travel for a two to three week speaking tour. Speakers will visit campuses across the United States, meet with students and faculty, lecture in classrooms and to the entire campus community. While in America, speakers will also present programs in synagogues, high schools, Hebrew schools, and community centers.

**CFD Small Programs Grants** will help students bring speakers, advocacy trainers, and educational programs to their schools by providing additional funding.

## Goals:

- To promote constructive and positive dialogue about Israel on college campuses throughout the United States.
- To encourage critical thinking about issues relating to

Israel, how it is covered in the media, and its unique role in the region.

- To empower Jewish students and Israel activists to initiate constructive pro-Israel programs and campaigns.
- To equip pro-Israel activists with tools to address anti-Israel and anti-semitic activities on campus.
- To provide students with a comfortable and supportive environment where they can learn and facilitate dialogue on the current situation in Israel.
- To present students and the campus community with a pro-Israel perspective.
- To enhance student leaders with advocacy skills and knowledge of Israel.
- To provide an ongoing investment in the campus by providing resources, information, and support for pro-Israel programming.

## Target Populations:

College students; faculty; campus communities across the United States.

## Why Fund Caravan for Democracy?

**CFD** engages, educates, and energizes students across the country, provides them with the tools to take action and support Israel. Our student leaders are the future leaders of the Jewish community, JNF, and Israel.

## Funding Opportunities:

- Sponsor all of the small programs grants reaching approximately twenty universities: \$10,000
- Sponsor one speaker's tour: \$25,000
- Sponsor one campus, bringing each speaker and small programs to the campus: \$25,000

An additional gift of \$5,000 will fund the creation of a faculty chapter of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME), energizing the faculty on campus

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