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## Quick SIPP Update May 2018

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**Community Update.** At our successful Community Update Event at the Boulder JCC on April 10, 2018, we discussed numerous projects and connections made during our recent trip to region. To get a visual flavor or our trip, see the <u>3-minute video capturing</u> <u>the highlights of our trip</u>.



The trip focused on water contamination at the Mar Saba Monastery, electronic waste management near Hebron, and educational programs in Israel and the West Bank. For a full description of our trip, see our January 2018 trip report.

**In the News.** In case you don't see the local press, SIPP in has been in the news recently:

- May 10, 2018 <u>Sustainability Without Borders (featured</u> article in the Boulder Weekly)
- April 6, 2018 Working for sustainability in the Middle East (letter to the editor – Boulder Daily Camera)
- April 5, 2018 <u>Creating A Sustainable Environment for</u> <u>Israelis and Palestinians (Notice of Community Update:</u> <u>Boulder Jewish News)</u>

**Grant Applications.** The SIPP Board has been very busy on the grant application front. We applied for a grant from the US Embassy in Tel Aviv to fund a week-long trip to Boulder for a Palestinian engineer and an Israeli educator to learn about US waste management, environmental education, and environmental community outreach practices. We also applied for a grant with the US Institute for Peace

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to work on environmental projects in Jerusalem.

Regardless of whether these grants are awarded, the process has whetted our appetite to develop more grant proposals in the future. We will update you on these and other developments in our Fall 2018 newsletter.



Approximately 50 people attended SIPP's Community Update at the Boulder JCC on April 10, 2018, to learn about SIPP's experiences and accomplishments during our January 2018 trip to Israel and the West Bank.



Several attendees learned about our April 10 update as a concurrent event of Boulder's Conference on World Affairs.

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