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SIPP Collaborates with the University of Maryland

Environmental Cooperation and the Israel-Hamas War

Virtual Program - April 25, 2025 at 1pm EDT/11am MDT



SIPP has been working with the University of Maryland's Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies to offer a program on environmental peace-building in Israel and Palestine. This virtual program will address the environmental dimension(s) of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the context of the ongoing Israel Hamas war.

This program will feature:

- Dr. Adina Friedman, University of Maryland;
- Dr. Yael Teff-Seker, University of California, Davis;
- Dr. Peter Howard, Regional Affairs Strategic Analyst, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State; and
- SIPP partners Liel Maghen and Jawdat Kassab, Elham - The Day After.

This is SIPP's first collaboration with the University of Maryland (UMD), and we hope it will lead to additional opportunities to collaborate with UMD as well as

other institutions in the Washington DC area.

[Register for this event](#)

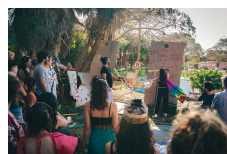
SIPP Mini-Grants

2024 Mini-Grants



Despite the challenges presented by the current outbreak of violence since October 7, 2023, and **with your support**, SIPP recently awarded mini-grants totaling \$17,500 for seven very worthy projects. Due to the current situation, most applications were from Israeli-based organizations. Three of the new mini-grants address relationships between Israeli Bedouin and Jewish communities. Participants in the programs include children, high school students, young adults, and women. These are the 2024 mini-grant recipients:

- **10th Grade YOUNITED Programme**, Givat Haviva International School (GHIS)
- **Sport in the Service of Peace**, Peres Center for Peace and Innovation
- **Connecting through Roots Challenge. An organization for conflict transformation**
- **“Turning Point” – Exploring identities and getting to know the ‘other’ – Palestinian Bedouins of the Negev and their Jewish Neighbors**, Desert Stars
- **Non-formal Hebrew education through play & sports for young children in home courtyards of unrecognized Bedouin villages**, Riffman Institute
- **Desert Eyes**, Ramat HaNegev Regional Council
- **Fallahi - Multicultural event production- Elham - The Day After**, Elham-The Day After



[Click Here](#) to learn more about these projects on SIPP's website.

2 023 Relief Grants

Shortly after October 7, 2023, SIPP invited organizations to submit informal applications for Relief grants of up to \$2000 for small projects involving multicultural work. SIPP awarded three grants to two organizations:

- The **Ein Bustan** Waldorf preschool/kindergarten in Israel's southern Gallilee region used funds to build a **safe room** to protect Jewish and Arab students and staff from rocket fire from Syria and Lebanon.
- **Keshet**, an organization located in Mitzpe Ramon (Negev Desert) which provides services to Jewish and Bedouin communities in the region, used funds to purchase **340 of the first aid kits** which it delivered to **420 Bedouin participants in 12 first aid courses**. It also provided **artistic cultural activities for Israeli evacuees** in conjunction with the local Jewish and Bedouin residents.

2024 Mini-Grants - Second Round

We are in the process of having a second round of 2024 mini-grants and will be opening up our application period in the next few weeks! Given our current resources, we anticipate funding fewer projects at a slightly lower level than in previous rounds of mini-grants. With your help, we can offer more assistance.

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2023 Jim Swaeby Peace Award



In September, barely a week before the Hamas attack in October, SIPP President Peter Ornstein and SIPP Secretary Beth Ornstein were named the 2023 recipients of the Boulder Rotary's Jim Swaeby Peace Award for their work with Sustainable Israeli-Palestinian Projects.

The award recognizes outstanding achievement for "the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service." It is awarded annually to a person or persons living or working in Boulder County or to an organization based in Boulder who exemplify the ideals of Rotary. Learn more about this award [here](#).

2023 Trip to Region

SIPP President Peter Ornstein and SIPP Secretary Beth Ornstein traveled to the region in April 2023. In addition to meeting with many of our current and past grantees and other partners, they also met with a number of individuals and organizations to explore possibilities for creating a low-tech water solutions project that would involve Israeli Bedouins and potentially create connections with the Navajo Nation. You can view the trip report at <https://www.sipprojects.org/newsletters.php>.

SIPP at the Boulder Jewish Festival



SIPP will participate again this year at the Boulder Jewish Festival - arts, music and community event on Boulder's Pearl Street Mall on June 12th. You can find us in the Sustainability Tent area. This is a great opportunity to introduce SIPP to folks from all over Colorado and beyond.

Donations

Peace is a verb. Peace requires all of us to act. SIPP accomplishes our work through the volunteer efforts of our board members and others, and by raising funds to support important projects. We work hard to minimize our expenses and ensure accountability of grantees and donees.

But we need more funds to be more effective. **Act through us by making a donation today.**

If giving money is not your thing, we invite you to explore other ways to partner with us. Contact us at info@sipprojects.org.

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