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Recent Events

Despite the COVID pandemic and recent violence within Israel and between Israelis and Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, there is hope. SIPP and our partners continue to move forward with grassroots projects that address real issues faced by Israelis and Palestinians.

Computers are being refurbished for use by children in the West Bank. Bedouin women are learning Hebrew. Israeli Jewish children are learning Arabic from Israeli Arab University students. Palestinian, Israeli, Jordanians, and Emirati participants met to discuss regional environmental issues. Bedouin youth are riding bicycles. Israeli and Palestinian communities are experimenting with the use of small biogas digesters to convert farm waste and compost to gas for cooking. Palestinian schools are catching and reusing rainwater. Our partners have been busy!

Why Give to SIPP Today?

While the Israeli-Palestinian conflict may seem intractable, SIPP works on small tractable pieces of the larger conflict by identifying problems, building relationships, and supporting organizations and solutions that make a difference in resolving those problems. Success on these small pieces helps

set the groundwork for addressing the larger issues. **You can hear more about why both SIPP's work and approach are so important on KUNC's recent [interview](#) with Board members Peter Ornstein and Bernard Amadei.**

As a small organization, we have been able to work with minimal overhead. However, without additional funds we are hampered by not being able to do more. We are asking for donations that will help us to expand our programs and retain the services of a development director. Help us reach the next level to be able to increase our impact.

Please [click here](#) to donate to SIPP. Please also consider making a recurring donation because giving monthly is an easy and rewarding way to support SIPP's important work.

SAVE THE DATE

SIPP Community Update Sunday, August 15, 2021, 11am MDT - By Zoom



The upcoming SIPP Community Update will feature many of our mini-grantees. They will talk about how they managed during this past year, what they accomplished, and how they were able to impact their communities. We will also describe our plans for the coming year and how we hope to continue to expand our partnerships.

ANNOUNCING 2021/2022 Mini-Grants



Given the success of our 2020/2021 Mini-Grant program, SIPP is excited to announce that we will be offering another round of mini-grants for projects emphasizing cross-cultural work that involves or impacts Israelis and Palestinians and aligns with SIPP's mission. We plan to issue a request for grant applications this month and anticipate announcing the awards in November. Awards will not exceed \$3000, and the work must be completed by June 30, 2022. Information will be posted on our website. For more information contact grants@SIPProjects.org.

Read about last year's awardees

here: <http://www.sipprojects.org/minigrants2020.php>

All Nations Cafe

Board member Bernard Amadei and SIPP Liaison Lisa Talesnick are relaunching the [All Nations Cafe](#) this summer. It will be a hub where people



from all religions, nationalities, and backgrounds can gather to meet and greet one another for respectful dialogue, meaningful interaction, creative collaboration, and partnership to further a common agenda of true and lasting peace in the Middle East and worldwide.

SIPP On The Radio



SIPP Board President Peter Ornstein and Board Member Bernard Amadei talk about SIPP in an interview aired on NPR affiliate KUNC on June 2, 2021. [Click here to listen.](#)

Meet Our Intern Stephanie Yokell

I am very excited to have the opportunity to be SIPP's intern this upcoming fall! I am a Boulder native born and raised who now attends the University of Colorado-Boulder. This fall semester will be my last, and I will be graduating in December with a Bachelors of Arts and Sciences in International Affairs with a Middle East and Africa concentration, as well as a Political Science minor. I am very interested in peace and conflict studies, American foreign policy, and specifically the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



When I visited Israel in 2017, I could not help notice that everything from soccer teams, to food, to the environment had been brought into the conflict. After witnessing a car accident between an Israeli and a Palestinian who were yelling at each other without the ability to use a common tongue, I was in disbelief at just how little either side had been willing to learn about the other—like to learn the other language that they hear and see in their daily lives.

Though peace would go beyond just language, areas of common ground - like the environment, and the basic human needs - are what will be most effective in bringing people together. While this conflict is multi-generational, I believe we can still make an impact for the bettering of Israeli and Palestinian lives today.

On a lighter note: I have a dog named Samson, I like to swim and hike, and I cannot wait to fully engage with SIPP in the fall.

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.**

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