



American Communities Mark Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day April 17, 2018

WHAT:

The **Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony**, which has been held following Israeli Memorial Day for the last thirteen consecutive years, comes to remind us that war is not an act of fate but one of human choice. On this particularly difficult day, Israelis and Palestinians acknowledge the pain and the aspirations of those living on the “other side” and strive to prevent the next wave of violence. Israeli and Palestinian bereaved families speak about their personal pain along with musical and artistic performances.

WHO:

Thousands of Israelis and Palestinians participate every year in this special event led and produced by **Combatants for Peace** with the collaboration of the **Parents Circle**. We invite Americans to mark this important day with us in their communities, by acknowledging the loss of life on both sides and to say that memorializing is not enough -- we must act to end the circle of violence.

WHEN and WHERE:

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 in your community: *your synagogue, campus, living room, school or NGO meeting room.*

HOW:

Invite your community and constituents to a selected venue on **Tuesday, April 17** to:

- Watch the livestreaming of the Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony with English subtitles
- Join us in **NYC and Washington D.C.**, along with the NIF, friends of the Parents Circle and Combatants for Peace at our Memorial Day Ceremony
- Invite local speakers from your community to lead a discussion on memorializing, reconciliation or other related topics followed by a discussion.

WHY:

- There is a real, human cost of the conflict which often goes overlooked. This is an opportunity to bring attention back to the human side of the conflict.
- Shared memorializing is a concrete way to reconcile and help bridge societies.
- Show solidarity with Israelis and Palestinians who have chosen another way to end the conflict.
- This Ceremony takes place following the traditional, national memorial ceremony. People are welcome to join both.

***For more information and to receive the Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony Community Toolkit:
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