

Political Advocacy Study Session Two

Role Playing

Objective:

The USYers are interested in showing their peers ways in which they can do something for the State of Israel without actually going there.

See additional handout that will be enclosed with things to do to support the state of Israel.

GOALS: as stated by the USYers:

- to make the study session interesting
- to motivate USYers to be active and take action after this program
- to focus on the social action aspect of assisting Israel
- to do lots of interaction with a bit of text

STRUCTURE:

- Introduction (10 minutes)
- Split into groups (5 minutes)
- Encounter with 3 different characters and questions (25 minutes)
- Wrap-up all together (10 minutes)

The following people are leaders:

Bernie, Dan Silverman, Liat, Corey, Elise L., Tania, Shira Z., Ferman, Eva, David Goldberg

The following people are "actors"

Carnit, Cliel, Tal BZ, J Mo, Valerie, Rachel Levy, Rachel Hindel, Ben Caplan

Here are the roles on which we decided:

1. A USYer deciding whether or not to go on pilgrimage this summer
2. A father deciding whether or not to go with his family to Israel for his son's bar mitzvah
3. A victim of a suicide bomb/a witness of a suicide bomb,
4. An average Jewish, Israeli citizen
5. A USYer who is watching CNN news and comes across a factually incorrect statement

It will be your job as the actors and leaders to discuss several issues regarding these scenarios. The questions that you should address include, but are not limited to the following:

1. How does their situation make you feel?
2. What do you think that we can do to help?
3. What happens if nothing is done?
4. If you were in their shoes, what would you want from USY in terms of help?
5. How would you feel if we weren't allowed to voice our opinions?

I think that you should use the source sheet which Elise Loterman provided for the USY listserv to discuss ways in which the rest of the group can respond to the scenarios in a democratic way. So, use the source sheet as a way to explore how these scenarios can be dealt with.

This should take about 20 minutes or so.

If there is time left over, discuss the importance of the fact that USY is one of the only remaining organizations that will be sending a delegation to Israel this summer. If there are any potential Pilgrims in the group that will be going, point them out, and discuss with them what it means to be going to Israel this summer and how they can do something for the State of Israel both by being there, and upon returning from there.