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**Let's Talk About Palestine and Israel: A Community Conversation**

**September 18-20 5:30 pm, Dinner Provided**

**Sponsors: College of the Redwoods, Cal Poly Humboldt, City of Eureka,  
City of Arcata, Humboldt Interfaith Fellowship, Equity Arcata**

The Community Conversation will bring together Cal Poly Humboldt and College of the Redwoods teachers and students, local faith leaders, and Humboldt County community members to discuss the Palestinian-Israeli conflict as viewed through multiple lenses. The Community Conversation will encourage intergenerational dialogue and foster compassionate discourse to increase understanding of international events and local impacts. Each evening, speakers will provide short commentary and participants will discuss issues in small groups. All are welcome. A free community dinner will be served on all three nights.

Rabbi Naomi Steinberg (Cal Poly Lecturer Emerita) comments, "We're all shocked by the terrible loss of life in Gaza and Israel. Our goal is to provide opportunities for students, faculty and members of the public to learn about and discuss difficult issues in a supportive community setting."

The Community Conversation will be guided by wisdom of Sheikh Khalil al-Baz, Tel Sheva Mosque in Israel's Negev Desert who wrote, "As the conflict in the Middle East reverberates around the world, many in the West have fallen into the emotional traps of anger, fear and righteousness toward the perceived other side. Exporting the conflict will not bring peace any more than it will bring victory, and the only way to reduce the flames is to learn to coexist."

**Wednesday September 18** - Arcata Community Center. 321 MLK Drive. Doors open, with free dinner, at 5:30.

- Topics: History & Context, Who controls the Middle East? Who pays the bills? Whose Holy Land? What would peace look like?
- Speakers: CR President Keith Flamer, Rabbi Naomi Steinberg, Prof. Kathy Lee, Fr. Daniel London, Imam Abubakr.

**Thursday September 19** - Wharfinger building. 1 Marina Way, Eureka. Doors open, with free dinner, at 5:30.

- Topics: Trauma & Care, What are the Nakba and Holocaust? How do you navigate traumatic news and sustain compassion and concern?
- Speakers: Provost Jenn Capps, Rev. Molly Cade, Prof. Kathy Lee, Dan Shahin, Rabbi Bob Rottenberg.

**Friday September 20** Eureka Temple of LDS. 2806 Dolbeer street, Eureka.

**Doors open at 5:30 culminating in Shabbat ritual / dinner at 6:55.**

- Topics: Civic Engagement: What is the impact of campus activism? Ivory Tower or engaged partners? How do we change national and global narratives?
- Speakers: Dean Peter Blakemore, Prof. Stuart Altschuler

Please register for the event at: <https://forms.office.com/r/YNzgv78pTG>

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