

combat bias and misinformation. He will address the growing debate on the scope and impact of the BDS Campaign (Boycott, Delegitimization, and Sanctions) against Israel, which has intensified discussions about the dilemmas Israel confronts in reconciling its democracy and the Jewish character of the state.

Monday, March 31, 1:30 pm

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“Muddle” East: Insider’s Updates

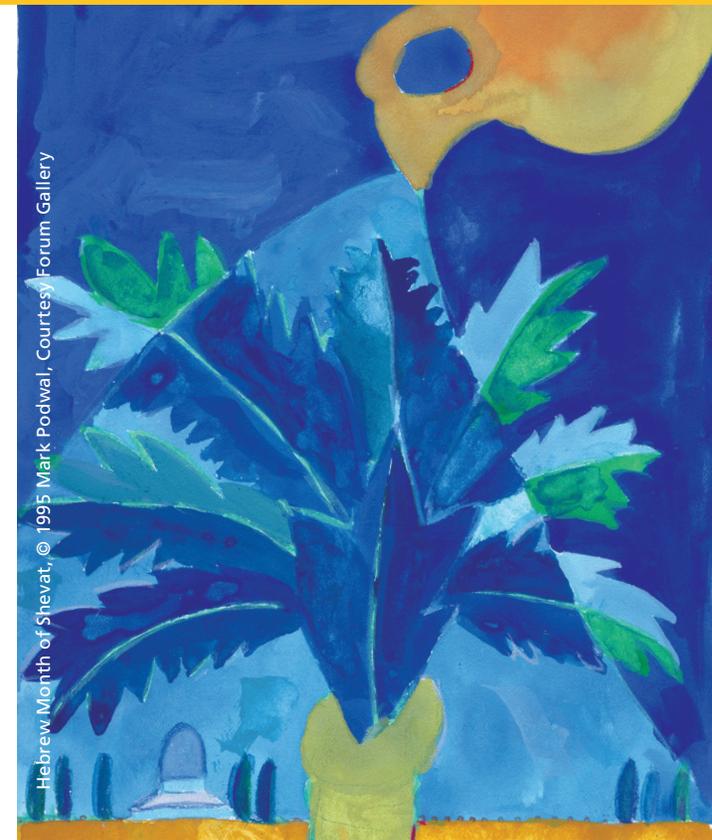
Professor Mark Rosenblum reports on recent developments in the Middle East



Professor Mark Rosenblum, award-winning Middle East historian, who has just recently returned from his latest fact-finding trip to the Middle East, including visits to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Israel will report on

recent developments in the area and their impact on Israel. Over the years he has met with the major decision-makers and influential parties in the Middle East and significant political and civic leaders in the United States, as well as the past six presidents of the U.S. and President Obama. One of the major goals of his ongoing initiative is to help Islamic and Jewish youth—here and in the Middle East—to understand each other’s backgrounds and lives in order to foster friendship and understanding that could lead to greater chances for peaceful coexistence and harmony in the future.

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Religious Understanding

Middle East Forum: Discussion Series

Tuesday, March 4, 7:15 pm

Rosenthal Library 230

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Guide to the Iconic Israel



A riveting evening with Israeli
Scholar and Guide Avi Ben-Hur

Avi Ben-Hur is the Director
of Education and Scholar in
Residence of “Classrooms Without

Borders,” an organization “connecting teachers
and learners through experiential education and
international travel.” He also is a faculty member
of the University of Haifa’s Tourism School, and
an examiner for the Israeli Ministry of Tourism.
He trains tour guides, including Palestinians
from East Jerusalem, and helped rewrite the
curriculum of the Ministry’s National Guiding
courses.

Cinema on Sundays: Film/Dialogue Series

Sunday, March 9, 2 pm

Rosenthal Library 230

Free and open to the public

Time of Favor



Hebrew with English subtitles
Directed by Joseph Cedar

Directed by orthodox
Jewish Israeli writer Joseph
Cedar, *Time of Favor* tells
the story of Menachem,
a deeply religious young
man who creates his own

elite Orthodox military unit with the help of his
charismatic rabbi, and is caught in a love triangle
with the rabbi’s daughter Michal and his own
friend Pini. Set in the rolling hills of the West
Bank, the romantic drama emphasizes the virtues
of devout faith while also revealing the dangers of
religious and political fanaticism.



Discussant: Queens College
Professor **Mark Rosenblum**,
award-winning Middle East
historian, is Director of the Center
for Jewish Studies, the Center
for Ethnic, Racial & Religious

Understanding, and the Michael Harrington
Center for Democratic Values & Social Change. He
has met with all major players in the Middle East,
including the past six presidents of the U.S. and
President Obama. He also serves as director of the
Ibrahim Queens College Student Scholar Middle
East Leadership and Dialogue Program, which
includes Saudi Arabia and Israel as bookends to
an immersion in Middle East culture and society.
His most recent academic article is “The Quest
for Impact: Lessons Learned from the American
Jewish Peace Camp,” in *Israel and the United States:
Six Decades of US-Israeli Relations*, ed. Robert O.
Friedman, Westview Press, 2012.

Middle East Forum: Discussion Series

Tuesday, March 11, 7:15 pm

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Kerry-ed Away in the “Muddle” East?



Ghaith al-Omari in Conversation
with Mark Rosenblum

Is the surge of US diplomacy on
the Israeli–Palestinian negotiations,
the Syrian crisis, and the Iranian

front poised to make a difference or a diversion for
failures in the Middle East? **Ghaith al-Omari** is
Executive Director of the American Task Force on
Palestine (ATFP). He has participated in various
negotiating rounds most notably the Camp David
Summit and the Taba talks, and was the lead Pales-
tinian drafter of the Geneva Initiative, an unofficial
model peace agreement negotiated between leading
Palestinian and Israeli public figures. Mr. al-Omari
is a lawyer by training and a graduate of George-
town and Oxford universities. Prior to his involve-
ment in the Middle East peace process, he taught
international law in Jordan and was active in human
rights advocacy.

Discussant: Professor Mark Rosenblum

Thursday, March 27, 8 pm

Rosenthal Library 230

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Psychology, Culture, and Politics: The Ingredients of Israeli “Democracy”, Middle-East Style



Irwin Mansdorf

Dr. Irwin Mansdorf is affiliated
with the Jerusalem Center for
Public Affairs. As a member of
the Medical and Public Health

Issues Task Force for Scholars for Peace in the
Middle East, Dr. Mansdorf is involved in efforts to