

## Israel Discourse Advisory Committee

### Report to Board of Trustees

April 17, 2018

The Israel Discourse Advisory Committee (IDAC) has not met since the Board of Trustees' meeting of March 20 or since submitting our report in advance of that meeting. However, IDAC did use email communication to consider a time-sensitive request from the Adult Education Committee, asking our approval for them to pursue co-sponsorship of events with other Jewish entities in the wider community as a way to achieve greater overall balance in JRC's programming related to Israel. Specifically, the Adult Education Committee sought IDAC's support to explore co-sponsorship with the Federation of certain of the events within the Federation's upcoming series celebrating Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and to promote these events to JRC's membership accordingly.

In response, IDAC conveyed its approval for the Adult Education Committee to explore co-sponsorship in general, and co-sponsorship with the Federation of one of upcoming events in particular, as one way to broaden Israel-related programming. With regard to a second event, IDAC indicated that it would need more information about how the event in question might relate to Israel before it could make a judgment regarding co-sponsorship. At the same time, IDAC expressed its view that co-sponsorship should not be pursued as a substitute for Israel-related programming that the Adult Education Committee itself would initiate and develop. IDAC reiterated its encouragement to the Adult Education Committee to continue its efforts toward bringing about greater breadth by originating its own, diverse Israel-related programming.

The Israel Discourse Advisory Committee will next meet on April 24.

Submitted by Norm Loewenthal, Committee Chair