

FOI NEWSLETTER



Israel at the UN: A Nation that Dwells Alone?

Tufts Friends of Israel invited Mr. Hillel Neuer, Executive Director of UN Watch, to address the Tufts Community



On Thursday, September 15th, in preparation for the Palestinian Authority unilateral declaration of statehood at the United Nations, Tufts Friends of Israel invited Mr. Hillel Neuer to address the community on the topics of the U.N.'s differential treatment of Israel and whether the Palestinians would benefit from seeking recognition. The event was extremely successful with 80 people attending. See sites.tufts.edu/tfoi for more!

THE HEADLINES

Israeli Chemist wins Nobel Prize

Dr. Dan Shechtman, an Israeli chemist, won the Nobel Prize for discovering quasicrystals. While usually the prize is split, this year, all \$1.4 million went to the 70 year old Israeli. *(from NYTimes)*

Israeli Documentary wins Emmy

Israeli director Zippi Brand Frank's documentary, 'Google Baby,' about using modern technology to make the "perfect" baby, won an Emmy for News and Documentary *(from ynet news)*

Israel to build more housing in East Jerusalem

PM Netanyahu approved 1,100 new housing units to be built in East Jerusalem, ignoring America's advice to not increase building in the disputed territories. *(from boston.com)*

Saving Lives this summer

After taking an intensive 10 day course in Jerusalem I suddenly found myself certified as a first responder for Magen David Adom (Israel's Red Cross). I was stationed in Ramat Gan, and spent about 50 hours a week working. While most calls included transporting elderly citizens others were quite intense such as rescuing a construction worker who fell down two stories. The best part of this experience was finding myself completely integrated in Israeli society and as a member of my st



By Erica Feldman, Vice President of FOI

Upcoming Events

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Zionist of the Month

Theodor Herzl is the father of Political Zionism. A secular man who lived in Vienna, he became interested in a Jewish State after witnessing the Dreyfus Affair.

1st Arab Shoah Conference

Tufts junior, Ben Perlstein, attended a Holocaust conference in Morocco, the first ever in the Arab world. "This historic conference, held over the course of three days at Morocco's Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane and the Museum of Moroccan Judaism in Casablanca (co-Sponsored by the Kivunim gap year program), brought together an unprecedented international and interfaith assembly of students, scholars, government officials, and others. Together we explored some lesser-known stories of the Holocaust such as the decent actions of Morocco's war-time King Mohammad V, who protected his Jewish subjects from the racist laws, deportation and threat of probable annihilation posed by the Nazi puppet regime in Vichy, France."

By Ben Perlstein, Class of 2013

Israel: a thriving democracy in pursuit of peace.

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