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*The official newsletter of the Junges Forum Israel*



## Dear friends and followers of the Junges Forum Israel

Almost a year has passed since the opening of the Junges Forum of the Israeli-German Association (IDG - Israelisch-Deutsche Gesellschaft) and we are happy to give you new insights of our growing community in this newsletter.

### INITIATIVES IN TIMES OF CORONA

Junges Forum Israel continues to thrive through its initiatives in the field of Israeli-German relations. Despite the ongoing pandemic situation and its challenges, we were happy to organize several social events and professional activities for our community in the past few months.

In September we were honoured to invite journalist Prof. Gisela Dachs from the Hebrew University to discuss the end of a German era: 16 years of former chancellor Angela Merkel in office.

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In her lecture she gave us relevant insights about the main topics that determined the elections of the next chancellor of Germany and we discussed possible implications on Germany's foreign policy in the Middle East. All in all it was a successful webinar and we are grateful for her contribution to our community.

## JUFO IDG MEETS JUFO DIG

Through the past semester term we extended and deepened our cooperation with Junges Forum DIG, our sister organization in Germany. Together, we arranged three live broadcasted Instagram IGTV events. In the first we shared our thoughts on the future of the relations between Israel and Germany. In the second we discussed Lebanon's political struggles with Hezbollah and its context to the border with Israel. Lastly, we recapped highlights of the year 2021 in terms of Israel-Germany relations and were delighted to host German Bundeswehr officer Matthias Boehnke, who shared with us his experience from the air forces cooperation drill 'Blue Flag' in the Negev in October 2021. All IGTVs are recorded and can be accessed through our Instagram website.

## UNIQUE RELATIONS

Regulations of the pandemic forced us to move our social gatherings to a hybrid format, except for a thrilling in person Hanukkah celebration in December. Together we held an online seminar about the beginning of German-Israeli diplomatic relations, discussed its importance and challenges of the past as well as looking to the future of these certainly unique relations.

In December we were happy to be invited for a dinner arranged by the voluntary organization Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedenszeichen (ASF) together with their young German volunteers in Jerusalem and we hope for fruitful cooperations to evolve. The language exchange Stammtisch event of German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the activities in the German week in Tel Aviv University were further great opportunities for us to get to know new people who found interest in our community.

## PUBLICATIONS AND MORE

JuFo Israel members have contributed to insightful publications both in our platforms and in the quarterly magazine of our sister organization DIG,



**JuFo IDG!** 

## GET TOGETHER

25.10.2021, 8PM (Berlin time)  
ZOOM!



We invite you to get to know our community!  
Zoom link in bio



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## 5 HIGHLIGHTS OF GERMAN-ISRAELI FRIENDSHIP IN 2021



INSTAGRAM LIVE #3  
DECEMBER 30, 2021 –  
20:00 CET

SPEAKERS: YARON &  
ANTONIA

which holds thousands of subscribers. Shortly before the German elections we reviewed the positions of German parties on the relations with Israel. A recent opinion paper of us examining the latest Amnesty International report will be published in the next DIG magazine and can be accessed via our website.

As the JuFo network and activities continue to thrive, we are enthusiastic for the upcoming initiatives this year and invite you to take part in our community. You can learn about our activities on our platforms or subscribe to our newsletter via our website or by sending us an email to [idg.jufo@gmail.com](mailto:idg.jufo@gmail.com).

As times are rough in Israel, Europe and the world, we wish you all a peaceful and quiet Passover 2022. Chag Pessach Sameah!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Stammtisch Deutsch-Hebräisch of the JuFo Israel**

26.04.2022, 19:00, Beer Garden Sarona, Tel Aviv

#### **Israelpedia Seminar Berlin**

20.05.-22.05.2022, Berlin Wannsee

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\*\*accommodation and food provided