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The official newsletter of the Junges Forum Israel



Dear friends and followers of the Junges Forum Israel

Three months have passed since the opening of the Junges Forum of the Israeli-German Association (IDG – Israelisch-Deutsche Gesellschaft) and we are happy to share with you the first achievements of our growing community in this newsletter.

UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The opening event of the Junges Forum Israel was scheduled for May 11th 2021 in the Israeli-German Chamber of Commerce in Tel Aviv (AHK). A day that started like any other day left me full of doubts when it ended. Was it really the right time to open the Junges Forum?

In the AHK, we met the presidium of IDG and discussed our mutual goals. Later on we joined a language exchange event (Stammtisch) organized by the DAAD (German academic exchange service) in a café nearby. There was an optimistic atmosphere surrounding our new initiative till the sound of sirens burst –

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Hamas launched missiles to Tel Aviv and everybody ran seeking for shelter.

We returned home safe but confused as we had to put our plans on hold. However, it took less than a day when international media channels seemed to reach new levels of one sided views about the operation without relating to the Israeli position. It became clear that the forum should immediately start operating.

OUR VISION

The forum's vision is to strengthen the relations between young adults in Israel and Germany and it aims to contribute in its activities to maintain strong ties between the two societies. Our activities are divided into two main pillars: The first one is initiating events and projects that feature social, cultural and historical themes of both societies and working closely with our well-established partners in Germany: The German-Israeli Association (DIG) and its **Junges Forum**. The second pillar is to organize various social gatherings for our members and supporters. By these activities, we strive to develop a new community and platform in Israel for young Israelis and Germans who share interest in both countries and would like to promote their relations.

However, one cannot overlook Israel and Germany's shared history, which includes humanity's darkest chapters ever. The holocaust has a fundamental influence over the relations between the two states, and yet it seems astonishing how over the years Israel and Germany turned to be such strong allies. Commemorating the events of the holocaust and struggling against hostile acts against Jews is an integral part of the forum's values.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Our dedicated members have already contributed great efforts to this self-sufficient initiative. The forum is solely based on voluntary participation and yet the achievements that were reached till now indicate the commitment of the forum's members. In these three months we successfully hosted two meetings, the re-opening event on May 11th and a picnic meet-up on July 29th in Park HaYarkon. Moreover, we developed the platform by launching a new **website** including a blog, **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages, by designing flyers and our new official logo and we are pleased to learn every day that more and more people are interested in following our channels.



UPCOMING EVENTS

For the upcoming autumn season and the opening of the new academical year, our members have suggested promising ideas for webinars and online-discussions and the forum is working on putting them into practice. We will do our best to make outdoor events happening but due to restrictions of the Covid pandemic there will be compromises and some events will be held online. You can learn about our activities on our platforms or sign up for receiving an invitation via email [here](#).

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

We invite all young Israelis and Germans living in Israel to **join us**. Check out our platforms, fill out our membership form or subscribe to our newsletter. Furthermore, we are looking forward to expanding the members' network of our community. We would be happy to establish long-term partnerships and ties with new organizations who like to initiate projects together or support our work.

We hope that the forum and its activities will bring a meaningful contribution to the relations between Israel and Germany and create a striving community to its members.

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