

Mock Israeli Elections to Run at Hunter And Across North America

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From March 22 through 27, Israel Mock Elections Campaign will run at Hunter and on university campuses across North America to educate students about the governmental structure in Israel and the upcoming elections in an exciting, meaningful and interactive way. Students will participate in a mock election campaign conducted through on-campus displays, events and voting tables. Via the online portion of the campaign, students will be able to learn about the issues and candidates in the upcoming elections and vote. There is a dedicated voting page for Hunter. The campus results will be announced at the election night party on March 27 in Thomas Hunter 105.

This campaign is about Israel, but not about the legitimacy or illegitimacy of the state; it is about making people aware of the structure of the government and the elections in Israel to make us more informed world citizens. Negative campaigning is unacceptable. Clubs are welcome and encouraged to motivate students to vote for a specific party, but that may not be done at the expense of any other party, group of people, religious tradition or Israel itself. This is to learn about politics, not play politics.

Through the [campaign's website](#), students will learn and discuss the major issues facing Israeli voters. Here students will have access to detailed information on the 12 major parties running in the elections, including candidates, slogans and platforms. As the polls open in Israel on March 28, North American results will be tabulated campus-by-campus and nationwide, allowing for a comparison between the views on campuses and the decision of the Israeli electorate.

This is an opportunity for students to express their own personal views. The results to be announced on campus at the end of the voting period will not affect the outcome of the Israeli elections, but will reflect the opinions of the Hunter student body. Through the publicity generated by this campaign, North American students will not only become better informed, but also contribute their voices and perspectives to the sensitive issues to which we are normally only observers.

Most of all this campaign is about having fun, and clubs are encouraged to participate. If your club would like to support the election night party or other events, please e-mail us.

We hope you will join us.

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