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ewish life and Zionism have changed in ways that, just a short time ago, we could never have imagined. We are only beginning to understand the far-reaching effects the war against Hamas will have in Israel and on Jewish life across the globe.

One thing though is crystal clear: the need for a credible source that provides nuanced honest information, context and explanations on Judaism, Jewish life and Zionism in compelling and easily-accessible ways, has never been greater.

This is, and always has been, our mission: to be the address for the most engaging, informative and inspiring Jewish and Israel-related educational media that strengthens the understanding and enduring personal connection of all young Jews and their peers to Judaism, Israel and the Jewish people.

In realizing this mission, we are part of shaping a new Jewish world. A world where anyone, anywhere, who seeks to understand Israel, can find answers they understand and that inspire them. Where

Letter from our CEO

everyJew-regardless of their background, social status, or address - can access a treasure trove of informative and uplifting videos, podcasts, and articles that help them make sense of their Jewish identity and celebrate their heritage. Where every school and educational institution across the globe has affordable access to world-class educational resources that cover every important perspective on Israeli history and culture, antisemitism, and Jewish tradition.

identity and spirituality. And perhaps most urgent, a world where the power of social media is harnessed for good. To fill our

children's feeds with a diverse range of powerful Jewish and Zionist voices that inspire pride, connection and understanding.

This is the world we have been building together from the day OpenDor Media was founded.

In the month immediately following the October 7 massacres, 3.2 million unique viewers from 186 different countries watched videos on the Unpacked YouTube channel. In these pages you will find more details of our work and its impact.

But we know that there is still so much more work to be done. For every person we reach we know that those spreading misinformation and false narratives reach many times more. And we realize that however good and honest our content is, or however much interest it attracts, we are competing with exponentially more content that promotes narrow, one-sided and often malicious agendas.

So while we are proud of what we accomplished in 2023, we realize just how much bigger and more ambitiously we need to think and act to meet the

challenges of 2024 and beyond. To reach and impact hearts and minds in a new and very different world.

Thank you for joining us on the journey and for your generous support and partnership.

PIRKEI AVOT, CHAPTERS OF OUR FATHERS 2:16

לא עליך המלאכה לגמור

ולא אתה בן חורין ליבטל ממנה

but neither are you at liberty to neglect it."

"It is not your duty to finish the work,

ANDREW SAVAGE CEO, OpenDor Media



Our educational approach

LETTER FROM NOAM WEISSMAN, EVP

We rebel against this zeitgeist

and teach about the importance of

nuance in Jewish education

ince October 7, nothing has changed, and everything has changed. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks of blessed memory was correct to say that "To defend a country you need an army. But, to defend a civilization, you need education." But, he said even more than that. Rabbi Sacks noted that, "There is only one way to change the world, and that is through education."

Our vision at OpenDor Media has always been the most ambitious of agendas: to change the world through education. Not indoctrination or inoculation, but education. This was true prior to October 7. And our educational approach has been one that both resonates with this generation of seekers, and challenges them. In a world burdened by polarization and partisanship, we rebel against this zeitgeist and teach about the importance of nuance in Jewish education. Educating with nuance demands from the learner to

see the complete picture, to see the granularities, the different viewpoints, the shades, and the textures. In this regard, nothing has changed since October 7.

And, yet, everything has changed. With more people interested in Israel, with more young people finding themselves

asking questions about their Jewish identity, and with more of the broader world searching

for answers about Judaism, Zionism, Israeli history, and antisemitism, it has become our duty to double down on our educational approach more than ever. Our educational content - from videos, films, educational resources, podcasts, web articles and social media posts - contains the unique approach of combining passion with compassion in an attempt to break through echo

chambers by exploring the wide contours of dispute that exist on any given issue, without sacrificing our commitment to the very ideals we are encouraging and exploring. We strive to produce content that is credible and transparent, to make sure this generation of young people never says,

"I was lied to," and to make sure that all sectors of the population - right, left or center, religious or not religious -

feel that they have a legitimate place to turn to for content and education, and yes, inspiration!

Indeed, the task is epic, but education through media is not a luxury for this world, but a necessity, and it is our goal to continue to be the indispensable educational tool and approach this generation of students and educators alike turn to.

Mission

To strengthen the understanding and enduring personal connection of all young Jews and their peers to Judaism, Israel and the Jewish people, and to address the challenges young Jews face today.

Vision

To be the address for the most engaging, informative and inspiring Jewish and Israel-related educational media.

Meeting our audiences

Social media platforms are today's public square. They are where young people spend hours each day scrolling and streaming. The voices on these social media platforms are the most influential and powerful influence around. They inform cultural norms, beliefs and opinions.

Weharnessthepower of social media in the most positive way possible. Our Unpacked content meets our audiences where they are: on their phones. mobile Our the content speaks language they speak on YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, and the web, and on the most popular podcast channels.

Unpacked is the #1 Jewish edutainment brand, inspiring discovery, inquiry and connection, unpacking Jewish tradition, spirituality and Israel on all the platforms today's generation use.

We are there with messages and content that are proudly and transparently positive about Israel and Zionism, Jewish values and ideals; that celebrate the riches of Jewish and Israeli history and culture in a credible, authentic voice that inspires trust. Like young people today, we are not afraid to embrace complexity, and give voice to multiple perspectives on difficult issues. Because this is what builds their confidence and gives them the power to connect more closely with their own story: the Jewish story.

2023 snapshot

The power to impact a generation



42M

video views on YouTube, TikTok and Instagram



1.4M

hours of content consumed



#1

trending Jewish podcast on Apple Podcasts



2.9M

Unpacked website sessions



70%

English-speaking Jewish schools using UED



193

countries reached with Unpacked content

Driving community connection

1,830

schools and institutions using our content in 2023

562

educational events, sessions, screenings, curriculum development, professional development and partnerships





































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"I wanted to learn more about Israel, and I stumbled across Unpacked's YouTube channel. Now I have watched countless Unpacked videos and Today Unpacked.... This learning about Israel not only made me feel more connected to the land, but also I now feel much more connected to my Judaism."

9th Grade Student

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel School, NY

"I really enjoy your podcast and learning more about my people. I was raised Jewish but like many Reform Jews in America, I kinda stopped going to Temple after my Bar Mitzvah except for High Holy Days. Over the last few years I've really started to reconnect with my Jewish identity - Your podcast is a part of that reconnection so I thank you for what you do!"

Jason Gladstone



he ongoing conflict in Israel is not just a battle on the ground. It's not just about the scope of the Oct 7 massacre. It is also a battle for hearts and minds. And the battleground is online. This war is a clarifying moment in Jewish history that will indelibly shape the relationship young people have with Israel for years to come.

OpenDor Media is in the right place, at the right time, armed for battle with the right tools. With a portfolio of hundreds of videos and podcast episodes, a social media reach in the millions and a Jewish educator community reaching nearly **1,830** Jewish schools and organizations, we are making a significant impact in this battle.

With the outbreak of the war, the Unpacked publishing and social teams immediately went into high gear to create new content and repackage existing videos on the Unpacked YouTube channel. Media that answers questions like "Who is Hamas?", "Why Israel Must Destroy Hamas", and "Is Israel Committing War Crimes in Gaza?"

A "Hamas, Explained" podcast episode was downloaded over **53,000** times in the first month of the war. A short-form content campaign on "50 Most Pressing Questions Answered" was rolled out quickly, addressing key questions on the war. In the first two weeks, this campaign amassed nearly **300,000** views across all platforms. We also launched a campaign of a "Daily Dose Of Inspiration" to share uplifting stories highlighting heroism, unity and resilience in Israel and Jewish world.

"I'm a 27-year-old secular Jewish American who has thoroughly enjoyed your podcast and have felt deeply moved by it....It taught me so much about our Jewish past and helped me better understand the modern, complex and wonderful Israel we have today. Your podcast has made me feel like a bona-fide Zionist."

Brett Fishman

Since October 7, 2023

7.5M people from **188** countries watched our YouTube videos. Nearly **40,000** subscribed to our Unpacked channel.

New videos such as "Who is Hamas?" and "Why Israel is committed to destroying Hamas" have been viewed more than **500,000** times.

Episodes of the "Unpacking Israeli History" podcast have been downloaded **410,000** times.

Our "Israel at War" homepage has become a go-to for people seeking context and understanding of the key issues.

The Unpacked for Educators platform was visited **120,000** times by those seeking educational resources.

Social media content on Instagram and TikTok has more than **3.1M** views and **244,000** engagements

BRINGING THE FIGHT TO CAMPUS

Our Bringing the Fight to Campus initiative was a direct response to the rise in campus antisemitism. We launched a billboard and digital ad campaign on trucks around campus which was both timely and strategic, and designed to enhance brand awareness and generate buzz with a meaningful presence.

We also expanded our presence with on-the-ground marketing initiatives to distribute and hang hundreds of Unpacked flyers and posters around campuses that are hotbeds of conflict such as NYU and Columbia University in New York.

In cooperation with the campus organizations, we led multiple sessions and events that featured OpenDor Media educators and used our content and educational framework to help students understand the complexities of the war and how to respond and react. The feedback we got from one student was a request for us to do this every night of the week!



IN THE CLASSROOM

Our educators worked around the clock from the very outbreak of the war. 120.000 Unpacked for Educators website visits, marking a **158%** increase from pre-war levels. 4.670 educators utilized our dedicated landing page featuring curated resources related to the war. **30+** teacher training presentations, student programs and educational webinars focused on the war and Israel. Some examples included:

GLOBAL UED WEBINARS:

"Unpacking the War With Your Students," which drew over **370** educators; a webinar with Yaakov Katz for day school educators on "The Israel-Hamas War: an Inside Look;" and for congregational school educators with Yossi Klein HaLevi on "Discussing the War With Your Students."

STUDENT AND TEACHER FULL-DAY PROGRAMMING:

Weber School in Atlanta and Columbus Torah Academy TEACHER TRAININGS: The NYC Museum School, Mount Scopus Memorial College, Holy Trinity Catholic High, Gross Schechter Day School, NewCAJE Miami, Ashbury College, Ottawa

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY

EVENTS: with Jewish Federation Broward County. Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School, Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, Grav Academy of Jewish Education High School, Fuchs Mizrachi School, Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls, Jewish Family & Children's Service of NJ, Gray Academy of Jewish Education Winnipeg, Brauser Maimonides Academy, Young Israel of Hollywood, King David High School South Africa, The Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, and others.

"This truck is going around Penn today, whoever is responsible for it is very clever and is doing a very good job at giving fact-based Israel-supporting information. If anyone knows the person in charge, please tell them a huge thanks!"

LEVERAGING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

We were also approached by OpenDor Media's extensive global network of partners to collaborate on content creation and distribution to reach audiences of all ages.

ONETABLE AND THE SINGER FOUNDATION

Israel resource packet for young adults

SPEAKING EVENTS

at Birthright Excel, BBYO, and Jewish Education Project

JEWISH FUNDERS NETWORK

Panelist on JFN webinar "Media, Messaging & Misinformation," alongside Jerusalem Press Club and Sixpoint

JFNA

Webinar to Cabinet members and alumni, National Women's Philanthropy, and Changemakers young adult fellowship

ROOTONE

A new course for RootOne participants about the war

WHISPERED IN GAZA

Incorporating clips from Whispered In Gaza in Unpacked YouTube & Instagram as a collaboration

















Unpacked "surround sound"

THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

media content

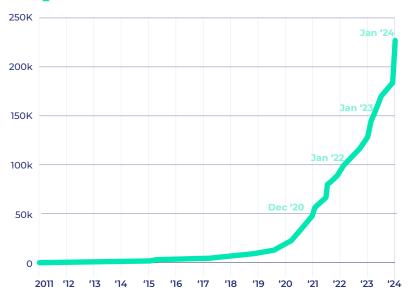
Media is the language of today's generation. The Unpacked "surround sound" approach to creating and distributing content on all social media platforms has proven to be the right solution to meet the call of the hour.

The Unpacked business-to-consumer model engages directly with our primary 18-34-year-old audience. Unpacked is the #1 Jewish edutainment brand, inspiring discovery, inquiry and connection, unpacking Jewish tradition, spirituality and Israel on all the platforms today's generation use. This includes TikTok, YouTube, social media networks and podcasts alongside relevant long-

form articles and thought leadership pieces. It's the timeless story of Jewish heritage and the miracle of modern Israel, packaged in an inviting way that quenches their thirst for honest knowledge and leaves them wanting more.

In 2023, we launched two new channels, "Today Unpacked" and "Big Jewish Ideas." In addition, our flagship Unpacked YouTube channel had over **16.2 million** lifetime views and surpassed **228k** subscribers. The channel is growing at an unprecedented rate. It took more than a decade to reach 100k subscribers and in just two years, another 100k subscribers signed on.

Unpacked YouTube subscribers



Lifetime stats

41.2M Unpacked YouTube views

228K YouTube subscribers

33.6M video views on social channels

4M social media engagements

5.8M website sessions

9,669 weekly newsletter subscribers

Top 10 consistent ranking in Google for High Holiday searches

"I gotta hand it to this production team and everyone involved, you're doing some really great work."

@alimerhi5531, YouTube

"Oh man, half way listening to you narrating this story my eyes welled up. This increases my appreciation for the people of Israel."

@subramaniamarumugam2433, YouTube

"This is the most concise and unbiased version of current issues that I've seen yet."

Babyruth, Instagram

"I've been Jewish for a long time. I have to say, watching your videos teaches me customs and ideas that I was not aware of. Sincere thanks...Wow, I never knew this. You are important in the info you put out. I must say you are the best channel I came upon."

Glorya Kiepper

"Have been looking for something like Today
Unpacked for a while now. Something to help me
understand what's happening while exploring all sides
of the issues. Excited to have this resource. Liked and
subscribed!"

Keith Harari













Chartable

Our flagship podcast
"Unpacking Israeli
History" has trended
as the #1 downloaded
Jewish-interest
podcast on Apple
and on Chartable,
the industry's
measurement agency.

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4 Kosher Money

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Jewish History
Unpacked

6 Israel Story
Israel Story

SouiShop Good Egith Effort "My name is Zach, and I am a 15-year-old from Toronto...Your podcast has helped me strengthen my Jewish identity by learning the rich history of my people, and I have also learned the invaluable lesson of understanding both sides and seeking a nuanced understanding. As a fellow Religious Zionist, you have become a true role model for me as I seek to carve out my place in the world."

Zach

"After Saturday's atrocities,
I realized I needed a deeper
understanding of the history at
play. Within 48 hours I've finished
the first 2 seasons! As a doubtfilled but yearning Christian, I'm
left concluding, whatever my
own beliefs about God, that God's
covenant with Israel is still in force.
And that all the world is better
for Israel's existence. I am very
grateful for this podcast."

Nathan

"I've been listening to your podcast for the last four months, and as soon as the war broke out in Israel, the only voice I truly wanted to hear from was yours...It is a deep comfort to me to know what I've learned about Israel's history in the context of the war today. That, while so much feels unknown and unprecedented, our people have persevered. Thank you so much for creating this podcast and for the invaluable impact you are having on your listeners who come away with 5 fast facts on all things Israeli history."

Miriam Friedman

"Unpacking Israeli History has been a really great gift to build a better foundation to my Jewish identity. I believe the more I'm aware of the real stories about the formation, the challenges, the victories. the more I can serve as a better advocate for the future of the Jewish state."

Aaron Feldman



Unpacked for Educators (UED) directly addresses the need for a welldefined approach to Israel education. UED offers Israel and Jewish content and curriculum to help educators successfully educate about Israel in such a challenging climate. Launched in 2017, it was the first-of-its-kind digital resource. UED's primary target population is Israel educators. Jewish day and Hebrew school teachers, campus professionals, camp educators, synagogue professionals, vouth movement leaders, and anvone interested in increased knowledge about, and connection with, Israel.

UED has grown exponentially since 2017. This impressive growth is testament to the significant footprint and impact UED has on the Jewish educational landscape.

The number of educational resources has surged from 1,000 to **25,000**.

The utilization of our materials has expanded from 200 schools to **1,830**.

Weekly newsletter subscribers have increased from 1,300 to over **6,760**.

In just five years since launching UED accounts, we have reached over **8,760** account holders.

LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER ON A GLOBAL SCALE

UED's global reach has extended as well, to 150 countries and expanding partnerships in Australia, Canada and South Africa. UED also sends educators to work closely with schools and organizations all over the world.

The UED website hosts traffic of over **100K** visits a year. We currently have **8,760** educators affiliated with more than **1,830** schools and institutions who maintain a UED website account. Advanced back-end systems accurately track and monitor engagement, yet the actual number of institutions benefiting from UED is undoubtedly even higher through sharing, and teacher-to-teacher collaboration.

"I want to say a huge thank you to Unpacked for Educators for empowering us as Israel educators. The Unpacked for Educators curriculum has helped me tailor all my lessons and engage with my students in a dynamic way. It has transformed my whole experience as a Jewish history teacher."

Keren Munnell

King David High School, Johannesburg, South Africa

"I was pushed into action this year to have to teach a Grade 9 Jewish history class, and the only thing I use in the class is unpacked. That's all I use. From beginning to end."

Yamin Benarroch

Principal of Judaic Studies, Ecole Maimonide, Montreal "Unpacked gave our Congregational School cohort access both to the best minds in Israel education and to a peer group of educational leaders who are all grappling with this unique challenge."

Rabbi Adam Schaffer

Director, Hamakom Jewish Learning Cooperative, Los Angeles

"Being part of the
Unpacked Collaborative
has been an invaluable
resource for me. It has
provided quality resources
for my teachers and
students and encourages
students to deepen their
love and commitment to
the State of Israel and the
Jewish people in ways
that respect and honor
differences."

Esther Tokayer

Associate Principal, Barkai Yeshivah High School, Brooklyn NY "Thank you for your wonderful presentation to our staff on Israel, its political system and current challenges last week... We appreciate the partnership with OpenDor / UED, and look forward to continuing this relationship, which has provided tremendous service to our community."

Rabbi Arnold D. Samlan

Chief Jewish Education Officer, Jewish Federation of Broward County

"I love Unpacked for Educators! It is a resource that allows me to share important information about Israel and Judaism with my students while engaging them in critical thinking and letting them build their own points of view."

Meirav Kravetz

Miami Hebrew Academy

OUTREACH AND EDUCATOR COLLABORATION

A key project of UED is the Collaborative School Program run in partnership with Prizmah-The Center for Jewish Day Schools. The Collaborative was launched in 2019 as an exclusive professional learning community for educators offering an array of shared learning webinars and professional development opportunities.

The goal: to improve teaching Jewish and Israel teaching practices and to create a shared language on how to teach about Israel with a nuanced and thoughtful approach using UED educational resources and curricula.

Understanding that there are thousands of students who do not have the luxury of attending Jewish day schools, we expanded the reach of the Collaborative to include a cohort of supplementary school educators. And in 2023 a new pilot cohort with non-Jewish schools was launched with schools in Canada, Chicago, New York and Los Angeles.

The Collaborative has achieved remarkable success, evolving from a 2020 pilot program that included 14 schools to now encompassing **115** participating schools, offering specialized tracks for day schools, congregational schools, and non-Jewish private schools.

in partnership with PRIZMAH
Center for Jewish Day Schools



DAY SCHOOLS

United States

Nishmat Adin - Shalhevet, AZ Tarbut V'Torah Community Day School, CA Pressman Academy of Temple Beth Am, CA Shalhevet High School, CA Brandeis School, CA de Toledo High School, CA Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy, CT Katz Yeshiva High School of South Florida, FL David Posnack Jewish Day School Davie, FL Brauser Maimonides Academy. FL

The Weber School, GA Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, IL Solomon Schechter Day School of Metropolitan Chicago, IL

Ohr Chadash Academy, MD

Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School, MO

Hillel Yeshiva School, NJ

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls, NJ

Barkai Yeshivah, NY

Hannah Senesh Community Day School, NY

Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan, NY

Australia

Canada

Bnei Akiva Schools. Toronto Leo Baeck Day School, Toronto

Hong Kong

Mexico

Singapore

South Africa

United Kingdom

NON-JEWISH SCHOOLS

Congregation Ner Tamid, NJ

United Synagogue of Hoboken/Kaplan Learning Center, NJ













Key findings from our 2022 UED Account Holders Endof-Year Survey, conducted outside of our Collaborative program, to gain a picture of our audience across the wider UED community (86 respondees):

86% found UED resources to be credible, responsible and nuanced

82.6% found UED resources helpful overall

80% said UED resources increased their confidence in their ability to teach about Israel and the Jewish story

64% use UED resources a few times a month up to as often as multiple times a week; **36%** use UED resources a few times a year up to as often as monthly

80% reported increased students knowledge about Israel's history culture, society, demography and/or politics as a result of using our resources in the classroom

79% reported increased students confidence to discuss Israel with others

72% reported increas in students' sense of Jewish identity and pride in being Jewish as a result of using our resources in the classroom



ONE VOICE IS POWERFUL, BUT A COMMUNITY OF VOICES IS UNSTOPPABLE.

That's the rationale behind the launch of Amplified, a community of missionaligned content creators and influencers.

Applying our proven datadriven approach and extensive experience, we help creators grow their channels – to increase engagement and make their voices heard. Our team of producers, writers, editors, designers, animators, data scientists and social media strategists join forces with this community of creators to perfect their art so that they can maximize their potential reach.

Led by Lauren Forman, a former talent management and casting executive at MTV/Paramount, Amplified's goal is to ensure that the voices of an entire community of Jewish and Zionist voices can be heard across media platforms.

The first cohort includes a diverse group of powerful voices sharing educational and entertaining content about Israel and Zionism, Jewish culture and history, Judaism and spirituality.

MEET OUR CREATORS



Opposite, from top to left: Netta Asner (@nettaasner), Noah Shufutinsky (@westsidegravy), Akiva & Chava Hart (@houseoflev), Yirmiyahu Danzig (@that_semite), Ariel Tidhar (@arieltidhar), Micah Siva (@noshwithmicah), Sara Loffman (@challahbackgirls_), Rabbi Josh Franklin (@rabbijoshfranklin), Rawan Osman

"Having the support, expertise, and camaraderie in the Amplified program has been so valuable in my work as a Jewish creator. Not only do I feel more comfortable navigating social media, but I feel a greater sense of purpose to spread Jewish joy through my platform."

Micah Siva @noshwithmicah

"When we first heard about the Amplified program, we were blown away that there was an organization that was truly interested in helping creators "amplify" their voices. They have gone above and beyond to help us take our vision to the next level. This fusion is what creates a beautiful masterpiece. Amplified is truly a blessing to us."

Akiva & Chava Hart @houseoflev

"Having a social media platform and a small business from it can be lonely, and taking those steps to expand is scary, but having a supportive and encouraging team is truly amplifying me and my platform."

Netta Asner @nettaasner



EXTENDING GLOBAL REACH

Only 1 in 20 people in the world speak English as their first language. Even within the global Jewish community, for more than 60% English is not their mother tongue.

Until now, significant numbers of people have engaged with our content as best they can in English or through the use of subtitles.

The October
7 massacre
added a level of
urgency for us
to make good on
our commitment
"to meet people
where they are
at" by creating and
distributing content

in other languages.

Leveraging the use of the best Al-tools, we have partnered with an Israeli tech company to translate and dub some of our most relevant content in a range of languages. An initial pilot has seen videos released in German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic and French on YouTube and Facebook. In the first 3 weeks we've had more than **26,000** video views of that content.

We are also partnering with native speakers (see profiles opposite) to launch two new projects in French and Arabic that have the potential to grow into a much larger and more impactful community reaching tens of millions of people.

MEET OUR PARTNERS



Rawan Osman

Rawan Osman is a Syrian-Lebanese peace activist, currently writing a book about her perception of the Jewish people and Israel before and after leaving the Middle East. Formerly with the PeaceComms Institute, Osman studies Jewish and Islamic Studies at Heidelberg University, Germany. She is fluent in Arabic, French, English and German.



Daniel Shadmy

Daniel Shadmy has assumed key roles within the Israeli embassies in Washington, DC, and London, along with the Israeli Mission to the United Nations in New York City. He earned a double major B.A. in International Relations and Chinese Studies from INALCO in Paris and went on to pursue an M.A. in Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution at Reichman University. His aspiration is to heighten awareness among French youth regarding the challenges related to Judaism and Israel.

"Very well balanced approach to this week's news in the Jewish world and Israel specifically."

Danajeff2020, Today Unpacked, YouTube

"This is an amazing and important video! It is hard to find a good, balanced explanation of the situation."

Elad Lerner, YouTube

"I just wanted to let you know I really enjoy your content. It challenges me and I learn things. I appreciate how balanced and representative of all sides you try to be, while still showing so much pride in your own heritage. I am Arab-American and was raised in a Muslim home, so you can imagine the messages I grew up hearing."

Instagram Viewer

"Honesty and conciseness, that's amazing. Speaking about your problem alongside speaking the truth about Palestinians...I am Syrian, and sadly we experience nearly the same thing in Damascus, Lattakia. For me, I need truth, not propaganda that promotes victimhood of any side. Hoping for real peace between the two sides."

Ghinasy3809, YouTube



"I've been part of the UED Collaborative for the past two years and am consistently impressed by the breadth of perspectives and resources, and even more so, by the high-level discussion questions and activity suggestions."

Rebecca Berger, Director of Education, IKAR, Los Angeles

"YOUR session was, by far, the best one. You addressed and provided understanding regarding some of the key areas wherein staff would like to improve their knowledge base. You helped to instill a greater sense of confidence and purpose within participants."

Educator at the Sir Robert Borden School, Ottawa

"After Hamas attacked Israel last month I was in a state of shock. grief, and guilt. I grew up as a Conservative Jew, went to Hebrew School three times a week, and had my Bar Mitzvah. But in all of that time I never learned about the why's of it all. It was not until October 7th that I felt the need to learn more... During my search for knowledge I came across Unpacking Israeli History last month and I have become HOOKED. Let me tell you, this podcast has truly changed who I am and how proud I feel to be Jewish. I feel like I have been asleep for the past 35 years of my life and have finally woken up."

Eli Perl



NEW TEAM MEMBERS IN 2023

Yoni Buckman
Education Associate

Alma Cohen Head of Social Media

Hona Dodge
Education Associate

Sharona Eshet Cohen YouTube Optimization Specialist

Lauren Forman
VP of Talent Partnerships
& Influencer Strategy

Abby Pinchot *Project Manager*

LE Staiman
Lead YouTube Producer

Budget

Unpacked (Production)				
Video	\$1,582,083			
Podcast	\$185,651			
Publishing	\$223,159			
Social Media	\$236,004			
Unpacked for Educators	\$915,293			
Amplified	\$156,069			
Marketing + Product				
Marketing	\$1,670,598			
Product	\$443,494			
Development	\$767,572			
Operations + HR + Benefits	\$1,073,757			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,253,681			

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