

<https://bit.ly/ScheinbergIsraelNewsSources>

Dear friends,

Here are some suggested news sources and books for learning more about Israel -about the Hamas/Israel war, about the judicial overhaul controversy, and about Israel issues generally.

If you have suggestions for inclusion in this list, please send the links to me at rabbi@hobokensynagogue.org.

with prayers for safety, security, well-being, and peace,
Rabbi Rob Scheinberg

General news sources:

General news on Israel from a centrist perspective, including great podcasts/interviews:
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/>

Left-leaning news source RE Israel: <https://www.haaretz.com/>

Very left leaning news source RE Israel: <https://www.972mag.com/>

Right-leaning news source RE Israel: <https://www.jpost.com/>

Very right-leaning news source RE Israel: <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/>

Books about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict:

I am not listing books here that solely exemplify the Palestinian narrative, mostly because I don't feel qualified to suggest which are the best. The books below take a variety of perspectives on the history of Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

A book that, as far as I can tell, does a responsible job describing both the Israeli and Palestinian narratives is Dov Waxman, [The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: What Everyone Needs to Know](#)

Center-left Israeli perspectives:

[Can We Talk About Israel?: A Guide for the Curious, Confused, and Conflicted, by Daniel Sokatch](#)

[Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor, by Yossi Klein Halevi](#)

Center / center-right Israeli perspectives:

[Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn, by Daniel Gordis](#)

[Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth -by Noa Tishby](#)

Podcasts about Israel:

(All these podcasts have extensive episodes about the current conflict.)

[The Promised Podcast](#) - left-leaning podcast about Israeli politics and society

[For Heaven's Sake Podcast - Shalom Hartman Institute](#) podcast about Israeli politics and society, produced by the Shalom Hartman Institute

[The Daily Briefing | The Times of Israel](#) -- daily roundup of Israeli news

[Israel Story](#) -- Israeli story-telling podcast in English, modeled after *This American Life* . Lately, Israel Story has been doing interviews with various Israelis about the impact of the war

See more podcasts listed here: <https://makomisrael.org/essential-podcasts-about-israel/>

Video series:

<https://jewishunpacked.com/> produces numerous videos about Israel's history, society and politics, from (what I would define as) a center-right perspective.

Source sheets from “Israel and Zionism: Beyond the Talking Points”

Session 1 (Early Zionism to 1917) <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/1rlv6zl7dk53bb64ggili/Handouts-session-1-Israel-and-Zionism-beyond-the-talking-points.pdf?rlkey=r2x68hf26h1no7lrapnwo559e&dl=0>

Session 2 (1917 to 1948) <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/u3xyvl7kf4r4fgqyw9yki/Session-2-handouts-Israel-and-Zionism-beyond-the-talking-points.pdf?rlkey=8y4xayhh36t4ri72jtxn4skkp&dl=0>

Session 3 (1948 to 1990) <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/o5i7uvssk71hfp26sgb71/Session-3-Zionism-and-Israel-beyond-the-talking-points.pdf?rlkey=8mtvdf73be82dc0xw4ivq4nk&dl=0>

Session 4 (1990s to 2005) <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/l9n0v6wbcqztg26cmuzc2/Session-4-Zionism-and-Israel-beyond-the-talking-points-handouts.pdf?rlkey=oyb2rhnb00pp9ry5cq2ij0pki&dl=0>

Session 5 (Where do we go from here?)

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/mlpj82nfiz5margs6th25/israel-and-zionism-beyond-the-talking-points-session-5-readings.pdf?>