

Speaker	Would you be willing to put the work in to bring them?	Rationale	Viability (ie would they be affordable? would they come? Would there be potential institutional collaborators?)	Who would they attract beyond INNW (e.g. mainstream Emanuel congregants, Palestinian/Jewish audience, IJV, broader victoria community etc)
Derek Penslar				
Avi Lewis				
David Shulman				
Omer Bartov				
Naomi Klein				Broad appeal
Amir Tibon <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/books/2024/nov/30/the-gates-of-gaza-by-amir-tibon-review-a-survivors-account-of-7-october">https://www.theguardian.com/books/2024/nov/30/the-gates-of-gaza-by-amir-tibon-review-a-survivors-account-of-7-october</a>		<p>Hostage story &amp; also zionist roots, but advocates against Netanyahu and for ceasefire. Bridge a spectrum of views.</p> <p>From The Guardian review of his book:</p> <p>The Gates of Gaza is certain to disappoint some readers. It will not appeal to the radical anti-Zionist left, where Israel's very existence is conceived as the origin of Middle Eastern wars and its extirpation craved as the</p>		Would appeal to a mainstream Jewish audience

		<p>solution. It is not for those who think the ferocity of Israel's military response to terrorism has cancelled out any entitlement to compassion for Jewish victims. Nor will this book please the pro-Israel right, where the country's every action is configured as a legitimate and necessary expression of self-defence, no matter what the cost in Palestinian lives.</p> <p>But there is a swath of opinion between those poles. There is a readership that recognises the validity of conflicting perspectives; that doesn't want complex events distilled into easy parables of moral righteousness. That audience, despairing of the way so much Middle East coverage is drained of historical context and nuance, will find some solace in The Gates of Gaza.</p>		
Yonatan Zeigen (son of the late Vivian Silver)				

Amira Mohammed and Ibrahim Abu Ahmad		As a Palestinian citizen and resident of Israel, respectively, they have been outspoken advocates for peace, coexistence, Palestinian rights, and a deeper understanding of the conflict, and unapologetically against the war and violence. Their podcast, Unapologetic, I think really humanizes the conflict and I think aligns with groups like Standing Together that seek peace for two peoples and unapologetically advocate for Palestinian rights without negating Israeli rights.	I assume they would not be affordable but perhaps there are ways we can coordinate with Vancouver or other Canadian groups or even Seattle (Idk if they would be comfortable travelling to the US right now)	Supporters of Standing Together; moderate Jews and Palestinians who are open to coexistence and messages that do not negate the other's rights to self-determination; others interested in peace (including from other faith communities). Perhaps there could be a push for UVic and/or Royal Roads to host to help students understand the shared realities in Israel/Palestine, even though they are not academics.
Ahmed Fouad Alkhatib		A Palestinian-American who left Gaza at the age of 16 as a refugee targeted by Hamas, and a fellow at the Atlantic Council, he has recently founded Realign for Palestine to provide a "radically pragmatic" advocacy for Palestinian Rights that rejects ongoing violence and seeks an end to occupation	Perhaps very realistic - he is on a speaking tour of US Universities to promote Realign for Palestine	Appeal to students, and to those aligned with politics advocating peace and coexistence for two peoples.

Noam Shuster-Eliassi		<p>Israeli Comedian and activist</p> <p><a href="https://www.noamlive.com/">https://www.noamlive.com/</a>  Her comedy is the subject of a documentary  “Coexistence my ass!”  (about coexistence and her ass)  <a href="https://hotdocs.ca/whats-on/hot-docs-festival/films/2025/coexistence-my-ass">https://hotdocs.ca/whats-on/hot-docs-festival/films/2025/coexistence-my-ass</a></p>		
Irwin Cotler		<p>Respected among mainstream, but now publicly critical of Netanyahu</p> <p><a href="https://thelondoninitiative.org/a-letter-from-world-jewry/">https://thelondoninitiative.org/a-letter-from-world-jewry/</a></p>		
Jamie Elman		<p>Actor/Producer Yidlife Crisis</p> <p>Could speak on what it's like to be a Jewish performer now</p>		
Jesse Deutscher/Rick Kool		Judaism and environmentalism		
Daniel Boyarim				
David Hassan		Children's Village Project		