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@akiva Presents Israel in Shorts: A Film Experience for Teens

@akiva, the teen engagement department of the Jewish Education Center, is proud to present **Israel in Shorts**: a three week film experience for Jewish teens. **Israel in Shorts** is a chance for educators, students, and families from the Cleveland Jewish community and across the United States to explore Israel and Jewish identity through a variety of lenses and perspectives, all through the medium of short films and interactive, socially distant activities.

Premiering on Sunday, January 31, 2021 **Israel in Shorts** will offer a variety of individual and group virtual experiences, including watchalongs of a curated list of films, playbill discussion guides on topics ranging from diversity in Israel to antisemitism to identity and coexistence, and activities inspired by the movies. These will feature Israeli cooking night, advocacy workshops, environmental STEM projects, and much more. Teens will be able to opt in individually or as part of congregations, schools, and youth movements, and Jewish educators from Cleveland and around the country will have the chance to participate in webinars and individual coaching sessions with the @akiva staff to learn best practices for bringing **Israel in Shorts** to their teens and communities.

As leaders in the teen engagement space, @akiva recognizes the importance of providing Jewish high schoolers with meaningful opportunities to connect with Israel, their Jewish identities, and one another in developmentally appropriate ways. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen that teens thrive when they are connected and engaged in hands-on ways, as well as through screens. By bringing a multifaceted approach to Israel education directly to their homes, and using hybrid methodologies to connect with teens during the age of social distancing, @akiva aims to impact learners around the country through **Israel in Shorts**. We look forward to partnering with our learners and fellow educators to see Israel through different lenses, and to sharing the impact with our stakeholders.

Israel in Shorts will run from January 31 - February 21, 2021. We will be presenting seven curated films, including [Hummus! The Movie](#), [A Common Goal](#), and [Viral: Antisemitism in Four Mutations](#). Prior to the kickoff of the festival, educators are invited to join @akiva on January 13 for a webinar to learn more about the event and its accompanying programs. Registration for the informational webinars can be found at www.akivacleveland.org/israelinshorts.

For more information, contact Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath at vinokor@akivacleveland.org or visit www.akivacleveland.org/israelinshorts.

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