



### Jerusalem Center: Israeli Seeds Dig into Politics

Last month, over 40 Israeli Seeds participated in a 2-day Graduate Program seminar on politics. Seeds from as far back as 1993 attended the workshop which served as a reunion in many ways for Seeds who had not seen each other in years.



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The seminar included guest speakers including an anchorwoman from Knesset Television who provided her insight into Israeli media how it relates to Israeli politics; an economics professor spoke to the Seeds about the relationship between politics and the economy in Israel; the head of the Justice Department for the Movement for Quality Government in Israel talked about corruption in Israeli politics; the chief editor of *Kul el-Arab* newspaper spoke about voting rights for Arab citizens of Israel; and the political correspondent of Channel 1 News in Israel spoke about the connection between politics

The Seeds also engaged in meaningful discussions on Seeds of Peace and the newly-established Seeds Alumni Association, a network that was established by graduates following the Leadership Summit of 2005. Seeds heard from their peers who attended the Leadership Summit and were encouraged by them to get involved with the business, media, education, and political initiatives that were developed during the week-long Summit.

Said one Seed from 1999, "The past few months I felt like Seeds is no longer for me and I have no place in the organization; after these two days, I feel like I am being re-born the workshop was amazing!"

This Graduate Program workshop is just one of the outcomes of the Leadership Summit that last summer reunited 120 graduates from years 1993-1999 to the Seeds of Peace International Camp. The promising initiatives that emerged from the Summit are now taking place as is demonstrated by this political seminar. Upcoming seminars like this one are planned for 2006 for both Israeli and Palestinian alumni as well as those graduates in Egypt and Jordan.