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SIPP 2024 - In-Person in Boulder, CO

Sunday, September 15, 2024, 4:30 - 6:00 PM MDT

[Register for this event](#)

Join us on Sunday, September 15th for a special afternoon to learn from SIPP Board members Peter Ornstein and Bernard Amadei about their recent trip to the region and the Arava Institute for the Environmental Studies' *Jumpstarting Hope in Gaza* program (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75HNW0jiOyU>). We will also update you on the work we and our grantees have accomplished over this past difficult year, discuss our plans for the coming year, and let you know how we hope to continue to expand our partnerships with non-profits and NGOs in the Middle East.

The event will be hosted at a lovely Boulder residence, and you will receive the address upon registering. You can enjoy homemade hors d'oeuvres, sweet treats, and assorted beverages while mingling with other SIPP supporters and learning from our presenters.



Please help us raise funds to continue, and hopefully expand, our mini-grant program and other work. A suggested donation of \$100 (or more!) per person is appreciated.

All guests and donations are welcome.

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SIPP Mini-Grants

SIPP Mini-Grants – Second Round



As the first round of 2024 mini-grants were winding down, SIPP continued to receive applications for assistance from worthy organizations in the region. The Board approved additional funds to support a second round of mini-grants. We are happy to report that, due to the generosity of you, our donors, we were able to fund an additional six grants - this is in addition to the seven mini-grants and three relief grants we were able to provide earlier this year!. Due to the current situation, most applications were again from Israeli-based organizations. Projects include community gardens, environmental awareness and other environmental actions in urban and nonurban areas, language training, and summer sports camp activities. Participants in the programs include children, high school students, young adults, and women. These are the Second round 2024 mini-grant recipients:

- **Community Garden in the Heart of Jaffa**, Orchard of Children of Abraham
- **Reviving Sinsila**, Sinsila Center
- **Muta3afiah**, Elham/The Day After
- **Medabrot Irit, Women Speaking Hebrew Teacher Training**, Lissan
- **Eco-Agriculture Field Trip**, D'ror Galil School
- **Joint Jewish-Arab Summer Camp**, Freddy Krivine Initiative (FKI)



[Click Here](#) to learn more about these projects on SIPP's website.

2024 Trip to Region



In June 2024, Board Members Peter Ornstein and Bernard Amadei traveled to Israel to participate in the [Arava Institute's](#) “Jumpstarting Hope in Gaza” initiative. During their trip, they met with several SIPP partners, traveled to Ramallah and met with Damour for Community Development (Arava’s partner in their Jumpstarting Hope initiative), assisted Amir Yechieli in drafting a US Embassy proposal for rainwater harvesting in Israeli Jewish and Arab schools and Navajo schools, and met with several other SIPP partners. You can read more about this trip [here](#).

SIPP at the Boulder Jewish Festival



The 28th Annual Boulder Jewish Festival held on Boulder’s Downtown Mall drew a huge crowd estimated at 15,000 people from throughout the greater Denver Metro area. SIPP had a very successful day staffing a table in the Sustainability tent. We had many lively discussions with an enthusiastic and diverse group of young and old visitors, and added over 60 new signups to our mailing list. Our table included a poster board describing our mini-grants and offered a “Picture Peace” drawing activity.



SIPP Collaboration with the University of Maryland's Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies



On April 25, 2024, the University of Maryland's Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies presented *Environmental Cooperation and the Israel-Hamas War*, a virtual program that included as panelists SIPP partners Liel Maghen and Jawdat Kassab with *Elham - The Day After*. You can watch this very informative and thought-provoking program at <https://jewishstudies.umd.edu/news/watch-now-environmental-cooperation-and-israel-hamas-war>.

This program has led to discussions about similar future programming and to productive meetings exploring potential collaboration with two of the other program panelists - Dr. Adina Friedman of George Mason University and the University of Maryland and Dr. Yael Teff-Seker of the University of California.

Donations

Peace is a verb. Peace requires all of us to act. SIPP accomplishes our work through the volunteer efforts of our board members and others, and by raising funds to support important projects. We work hard to minimize our expenses and ensure accountability of grantees and donees.

But we need more funds to be more effective. **Act through us by making a donation today.**

If giving money is not your thing, we invite you to explore other ways to partner with us. Contact us at info@sippprojects.org.

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