

From: Al-Hanooti, Shayma <[REDACTED]@apsva.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 11:18 AM EST

Personally Identifiable Information

Subject: Re: WL MSA Speaker Event

Salaams,

Students decided that they want to prioritize bringing in a **Palestinian who has family in Gaza, if possible.**

And IN ADDITION, (only if you think it's a good idea), bring in a third speaker who is anti-Zionist Jew. Unless you think 3 speakers is too many, in which case, we'd prefer a Palestinian perspective. Please let us know names once you have them confirmed.

Thank you so much!

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From: Khaled Elgindy <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 11:42 AM

Personally Identifiable Information

Subject: Re: WL MSA Speaker Event

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Thank you Ms. Al-Hanooti. I'm happy to do it.

I only suggested the liberal Zionist perspective because you indicated there might be interest in projecting some "balance". But I'm happy to try to bring in someone with family in Gaza as well. Another option would be to go with a non/anti-Zionist Jewish perspective. I'm fine with whatever angle you all prefer. Just let me know how you want to proceed.

Best,
[REDACTED]

On 21 Feb 2024, at 10:38 a.m., Al-Hanooti, Shayma <shayma.alhanooti@apsva.us> wrote:

Good morning!

I'm cc'ing our wonderful MSA event planners to this email. Alhamdulillah the event was approved by the Activities Office, so we are on! March 7th at 3:30 in the Little Theater.

In response to your questions:

- We can go with someone "from the liberal Zionist camp" OR... what do you all think about bringing in a Palestinian who has family in Gaza? Mr. [REDACTED] does anyone come to mind? My thinking is that the default narrative around here is pretty Zionist – why continue to provide that perspective, when what is sorely missing in mainstream discourse is perspectives of Palestinians/Arabs? What do you all think?
- The expected audience is MSA students, but we are opening it up **to all students and staff**. I will say having spoken to quite a few of my colleagues, teachers have very minimal knowledge and understanding of the larger context of the occupation. So, I would suggest avoiding academic speak as much as possible.
- We will have slides and microphone depending on how large the audience and/or the room will be. So far we are planning to have the event in the WL Little Theater. We're going to include an RSVP QR code to gauge how many people might be attending, so we can plan accordingly. But unfortunately, these estimates can be unreliable.
- As for the title, let's go with "Israel & Palestine in the Wake of Oct 7" (I personally cringe at referring to this as "the Israel-Hamas war").

Thank you, again, for agreeing to do this! **Personally Identifiable Information** feel free to reply-all with your

thoughts. Time to get the word out!😊

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From: Khaled Elgindy [REDACTED] >
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024 at 9:45 AM
To: Al-Hanooti, Shayma <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: WL MSA Speaker Event

Good morning. Regarding a second speaker, there's a very broad spectrum of possibilities, so please tell me what kind of person you'd like. Do you want someone who is, say, from the liberal Zionist camp or someone who is more hard-core pro-Israel—Washington is full of both!

Also, who is the expected audience? Is it just for the MSA students? Or is it open to the student body as a whole?

I typically use PowerPoint to show slides and maps, etc. Microphone will depend on how large the audience and/or the room will be.

As for the title, we can keep it broad and generic like "Israel & Palestine in the wake of Oct 7" or "the Israel-Hamas war: what it means and how we got here".

Khaled

From: Khaled Elgindy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2024 9:45 AM EST
To: Al-Hanooti, Shayma <[REDACTED]>
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[REDACTED]

On 15 Feb 2024, at 11:25 a.m., Al-Hanooti, Shayma <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning, Mr. [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email! I met with MSA students, and here is what they came up with, in response to your questions:

1. Issues/topics students would like to cover:

- Main focus: Educate about larger context beyond Oct. 7th with concrete examples and events
- Secondary focus:
 - a. Discuss language and misinformation/how to navigate coverage of Israel/Palestine moving forward
 - b. Emphasize that this is not quite war (Palestine doesn't have army, control over anything)
 - c. Develop interest in learning more for staff and students

2. Other speaker to join panel:

Students would love to have another speaker join you to "demonstrate balance" as you put it. :)

3. Follow-up questions for you:

- Will you need any presentation tools? Slides? Microphone?
- Finally, students are having trouble coming up with a catchy, pithy title for this event. Can you help us come up with one?

JAK! :)

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From: Khaled Elgindy <[REDACTED]>
Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 at 9:36 AM
To: Al-Hanooti, Shayma <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: WL MSA Speaker Event

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WAS. Thank you for your message and for the very kind words about [REDACTED] speaks so highly of you we feel like

we already know you.

I am happy to participate in the event on March 7. Please let me know what issues/topics you'd like me to focus on--ie, what happening now in Gaza or something broader about the history of the conflict, etc. I am also happy to bring in or recommend others to the panel--depending on what direction you want to go in (ie, whether you want to demonstrate "balance" etc). I'm happy to discuss directly as needed.

best,

On Fri, Feb 9, 2024 at 12:47 PM Al-Hanooti, Shayma [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon, Mr. [REDACTED]

Assalamu Alaikum WRWB. First of all, thank you so much for your support of WL MSA and for your support of [REDACTED] academic and extracurricular endeavors. [REDACTED] such an impressive young lady, mashaAllah. You and [REDACTED] should be immensely proud not only of her accomplishments, but the character and heart you've helped cultivate in [REDACTED]. It's been an absolute pleasure to teach [REDACTED] and get to know [REDACTED] this year.

As you know, MSA is planning a speaking event, and we are thrilled to invite you in as our guest speaker. We know how busy your schedule is, so we thank you SO MUCH for making time for us! I've bulleted below details of the event. **Please confirm your availability as soon as possible.** We especially need your input on the highlighted portions below. If there is anything you'd like to discuss in greater detail, we will be available on Tuesday after school (around 3:30) during our MSA meeting time to call and brainstorm further. 😊

Tentative plan

Who: [REDACTED], Senior Fellow and Director of Program on Palestine and Palestinian-Israeli Affairs at the Middle East Institute. Mr. [REDACTED] is also the author of *Blind Spot: America and the Palestinians, from Balfour to Trump*. **If there is someone you'd like to bring in to create a panel of speakers, let us know! Also - feel free to reword any of this.**

What: Learn about what's happening in Gaza (reword?)

Title: (we need your help with this. **Since this is your area of expertise, let us know what you think a good title would be).**

Format - presentation followed by Q&A. MSA students will come up with ten questions, then we will open up to audience. **Let us know what sound/tech you need for your presentation.**

Where: Washington-Liberty High School Little Theater

When: Thursday, March 7th at 3:30 pm - **5:30?**

Why: 1) to educate staff and students about what we're seeing in Gaza (provide context for Oct. 7th attacks); 2) Raise awareness around misinformation/how to navigate coverage of Israel/Palestine moving forward; 3) Develop interest in staff and students to learn more about the Middle East.

Looking forward to hearing from you iA. Have a great weekend!

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