

DISCUSSION & REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- At the beginning of the video, Mr. Kabiya proudly states that, “I am an Arab. I am a Muslim. And I love my country. In fact, I’m prepared to die for it. Which is why I serve in its army. I don’t have to do this. I want to do this. Because my country is a special place, unlike any other. Free. Diverse. Vibrant.” Do you agree that Israel is a special place? Why or why not? Why do you think that so many Arabs, especially women, refuse to acknowledge the reality that Israel is the freest place that they could live in the Middle East? Do you think that they care about being free or not? Explain.
- Later in the video, Mr. Kabiya describes questioning his allegiance by stating, “I was torn. Whose side am I on, I thought: Israel’s or the Palestinians’? Is it possible to be an Arab and an Israeli? The question became even more difficult when I saw men from my own village wearing the uniform of the Israeli army. Only Jews are required to serve in the military. No one forced these Arab men to join – they chose to.” Why do you think that Mr. Kabiya was compelled to face such an identity crisis in the first place? How might other Arabs in the IDF shape the hearts and minds of other young Arabs living in Israel? Explain.
- Mr. Kabiya then shares with us that, “I went to high school in Nazareth. There, unlike the village where I grew up, most of the Arab students identified as Palestinians in spite of the fact that they are citizens of Israel. Some of these students – my friends – hated Israel. They couldn’t understand me. You’re a Palestinian, they said, so you must hate Israel. When I said that I didn’t, that we had far more freedom and opportunity than Arabs anywhere in the Middle East, they called me a traitor.” Why do you think that so many Israeli Arabs identify as Palestinian and claim to hate their own country? In addition to blatant racism, what are the consequences of such ‘black and white,’ narrow thinking on the part of Arab students who presume that if one is Muslim one must necessarily hate Israel?
- Later Mr. Kabiya describes the mentality of the IDF unit he served in by stating, “We rescued Syrian civilians wounded in their country’s civil war, Palestinian children from Gaza requiring urgent medical care, and countless Israelis of every religious and ethnic background. A life – whether it is Muslim or Jewish, Palestinian or Israeli – is a life.” What do you think Mr. Kabiya meant when stating that a life is a life? Considering the attitude and mentality that Mr. Kabiya and his unit demonstrated, why do you think other Arabs have a difficult time reconciling Muslim values with Israeli values?
- At the conclusion of the video, Mr. Kabiya points out that, “Today I am a student at Haifa University. Half of the students are Arab. More than once, I have seen the Palestinian flag being waved at a rally or protest on campus. In Israel, you can do this because whether you are a Jew or an Arab, you are free. What more do you need to know?” Why do you think that any of the Arab students at Haifa hate the country that is providing a great education and such great freedom for them? Do you consider such students to be ungrateful and hypocritical? Why or why not? How would you answer Mr. Kabiya’s last question?

EXTEND THE LEARNING:

CASE STUDY: Arab Students in Israel

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the article “Arab Students Call for Intifada in Protest at Jerusalem’s Hebrew University,” then answer the questions that follow.

- What did the Arab students at the University of Jerusalem call for? What were the students chanting? What were the students protesting?
- Do you think that Arab students at Israeli Universities should be protesting anything to do with Israel? Why or why not? Do you think that the Arab students are appreciative of the way in which Israeli universities treat them, in terms of allowing them such broad freedom to protest and express themselves, not wanting to offend them, etc...? Why or why not? Should they be? Why or why not?
- Does this article support any of the points or issues brought up by the presenter in the video? If no, why not? If yes, in what ways, specifically?



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Arab Students Call for Intifada in Protest at Jerusalem's Hebrew University

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The entrance to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Mount Scopus campus. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

JNS.org – Arab students called for a renewed intifada (violent uprising) and brandished photos of convicted terrorists in a protest held in solidarity with hunger-striking Palestinian prisoners at Hebrew University of Jerusalem this week.

The protest, organized by Arab-Israeli political coalition Hadash, saw students chanting “Intifada and victory! From Jerusalem to Ashkelon!” and “Let’s talk exile! We don’t want to see any Zionists,” *The Times of Israel* reported.

Hebrew University officials defended the protest, saying in a statement provided to Israel’s *Channel 2*, “The student event in support of the hunger-striking prisoners was held in accordance with the [university’s] regulations and there was nothing said that constitutes a violation of [Israeli] law.”

Since mid-April, hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails have been holding a hunger strike organized by Palestinian arch-terrorist Marwan Barghouti.

Earlier this month, Hebrew University came under fire for a decision not to play Israel’s national anthem, “Hatikvah,” during a graduation ceremony. The university was reportedly seeking to avoid offending Arab students.