

## **LEARNING ABOUT ISRAEL FROM ADVOCACY GROUPS** **by Arlene Andrew, Israel Committee**

Continuing with last month's theme of how best to learn about Israel, we offer more websites where you can gain information from on a variety of issues. If you have ever wanted to know more about Israel and particularly its relations with the Palestinians and the broader Arab world, these are the places to go. These organizations represent a broad spectrum of positions on these issues. Please check them out and learn more about Israel.

### **AI Monitor**

<http://www.ai-monitor.com/pulse/home.html>

Left-of-center daily commentaries by acclaimed writers from Middle East countries as well as the U.S.

### **Daily Alert**

<http://dailyalert.org/>

Right-of center digest of hyperlinked news and commentary on Israel and the Middle East, transmitted from Israel, prepared for the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.

### **Washington Institute for Near East Policy**

[www.washingtoninstitute.org/](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/)

An American think tank focused on U.S. Middle East foreign policy. It seeks to advance a balanced and realistic understanding of American interests in the Middle East and to promote the policies that secure them.

### **The Peace Index – Israel**

<http://www.peaceindex.org/DefaultEng.aspx>

The Israel Democracy Institute's longitudinal research project which publishes reports based on a monthly survey monitoring trends in Israeli public opinion regarding "the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and relations between Jews and Arabs in Israel..".

### **J Street News Roundup**

<http://jstreet.org/news-roundups/>

News from J Street related to its focus on working toward a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict while supporting Israel as a secure and democratic home of the Jewish people.

### **Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC)**

<http://www.irac.org/>

The advocacy arm of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism. IRAC advocates for religious pluralism in Israel and on behalf of an inclusive Israeli democracy based on principles of social justice and equality.

**AIPAC News Hub (American Israel Public Affairs Committee)**

<http://www.aipac.org/news-hub>

News from AIPAC related to its mission to strengthen, protect and promote the U.S.- Israel relationship in ways that enhance the security of the United States and Israel.

**The Third Narrative**

<http://thirdnarrative.org/>

A North American community of progressive Zionist Jews who believe “a secure peace between Israel and its neighbors is essential to the survival of the democratic Jewish state.”