

# THE OLIVE BRANCH

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## Want to be Featured in the Olive Branch?

If you are interested in being interviewed for an upcoming issue of the Olive Branch, or if you would like to write a short article, please contact e-mail us at [peacecenter@bsu.edu](mailto:peacecenter@bsu.edu). We would absolutely love to share your message with our readers!

## The American Red Cross: Hoosier Heartland Chapter

***"The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. " - Mission Statement of the American Red Cross***

There are various chapters of the American Red Cross throughout the United States. The chapter responsible for implementing the goals of the organization in Muncie is the Hoosier Heartland Chapter. This chapter serves the counties of East Central Indiana. The Hoosier Heartland Chapter provides humanitarian services each year in these counties, such as providing first aid care at community events and using education and planning to reduce a community's vulnerability to disaster.

The American Association of the American Red Cross was established on May 21, 1881 by Clara Barton. Initially, Barton heard about the Red Cross Movement while in Europe after she had completed her work helping care for soldiers in the Civil War. Barton campaigned for this organization and for ratification of the Geneva Convention in order to protect those who had been injured in the war. In 1900, the American Red Cross received its first congressional charter, and it received its second in 1905.

Today, the American Red Cross helps prevent and relieve suffering in the United States and other parts of the world through five main service areas: disaster relief, supporting America's military families, lifesaving blood, health and safety services, and international services. Every year, they respond to approximately 70,000 disasters, as well as help current military members, veterans, and their families cope with the difficulties associated with military service. The American Red Cross is also the top supplier of blood in the U.S. every year.

The American Red Cross is part of the Red Cross Network currently operating in 187 countries with approximately 13 million volunteers. If you are interested in being one of those volunteers here in Muncie, please visit [www.redcross-hhc.org](http://www.redcross-hhc.org), or stop by the Hoosier Heartland Red Cross headquarters at 325 E. Washington St. If you wish to contribute but do not have the time to be a volunteer, you can donate money to the organization at their website or blood at one of their blood drives around East Central Indiana.

# Special Announcement

Ball State University is hosting

*The Hon. Roey Gilad*

Consul General of Israel to the Midwest

Tuesday, October 16

Cardinal Hall A & B (Student Center), 2-3:30 PM

**The New Strategic Equation in the Middle East—A View From Jerusalem**



The Hon. Roey Gilad is Israel's highest ranking officer in the Midwest region. He has previously served Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in London, Amman, and Nairobi. In addition to his mother tongue, he is fluent in English and Arabic.

Given the present instability in the Middle East and the ways in which key aspects of this have played into the upcoming United States Presidential Election campaign, Mr. Gilad's perspective on such issues is particularly timely. His talk is open to students, faculty, and the larger community. Please feel welcome to attend.

Mr. Gilad's visit to Muncie is being sponsored by the Provost's Office, the Zeigler Jewish Studies program, and the E.B. and Bertha Ball Center.

# On-Campus Events

## *Mastering Conflict with Mitch Isaacs* - Wednesday October 10, 7-9 PM

Conflict is an inevitable aspect of teamwork, where some teams respond and others struggle. This session will explain why conflict is natural, and how each person in your group has their own instinctive reactions to it. We'll explore group members' individual styles and set a plan for handling conflict within your team. It will be held in the Forum Room of the Student Center, and is free to BSU students and affiliates.

## *Social Justice League*—Thursday October 11, 5:30-6:30 PM

The Ball State University Social Justice League seeks to change social institutions, political and economic systems, and governmental structures that perpetuate unfair practices in terms of accessibility, resource distribution, and human rights. Their meetings are held in the Peace Center every Thursday.

## *Kinyarwanda*—Thursday October 11, 7 PM

This award-winning film is set during and after the 1994 genocide in Rwanda and draws on real events to present a collection of six tales about the genocide from different points of view. Following the film will be an opportunity for a group discussion with the producer of the film as well as one of the stars. The film is not rated and is intended for mature audiences due to the subject matter. This even is free and open to BSU students/affiliates and the public. It will be held in Bracken Library room 104.

## *Sustainable Social Entrepreneurship*—Monday October 15, 7:30-9:30 PM

Social entrepreneur Kohl Crecelius and his team are on a mission to revolutionize what it means to do business and to do good. As college students in 2007, they founded Krochet Kids intl.—a non-profit lifestyle brand focused on empowering communities and engaging customers to make a sustainable impact on global poverty. This will be held in Emens Auditorium and is free to the public.

## *International Conversation Hour*—Tuesday October 16, 6-7:30 PM

This program facilitates interactions between international and domestic students. It is a great way for Ball State students to get an immersive and cultural experience without studying abroad, and is also helpful for international students to practice English and learn about US culture. Meetings are held in room 301 of the Student Center.

## Off-Campus Events

### *GhostWalk*—Friday October 12, 6-9:30 PM

The SullivanMunce Cultural Center hosts this walking tour through Zionsville, where participants will hear about the town's ghost stories from the past. The walk costs \$10 per adult or \$7 for youth. Visit [sullivanmunce.org](http://sullivanmunce.org) for more details!

### *Run to Crush Hunger*—Saturday October 13, 9-11 AM

Hosted by Red Gold, this competitive 5K run and family walk begins at Callaway Park in Elwood. All proceeds benefit the Morrisett Center Food Pantry and the Second Harvest Food Bank. Also, the school system with the most student involvement wins a victory celebration! To register or for more details, please visit [www.redgoldtomatoes.com](http://www.redgoldtomatoes.com).

### *Halloween Howl*—Saturday October 13, 7-11 PM

The Halloween Howl celebrates the season with hors d'oeuvres, a live band, dancing, a costume contest, and a silent auction. This Howl takes place at the Conrad Indianapolis for the benefit of Riley Hospital for Children. Tickets cost \$75. To register, visit [www.halloweenhowl.net](http://www.halloweenhowl.net).

### *Wounded Warrior Fundraiser*—Sunday October 14, 2-7 PM

This year's fundraiser is an All You Can Eat Chili Supper at the Heartland Building at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. The Band Reminsce will be playing as well. All proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project Fund. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Lahody Meats for \$5 or at the event for \$10.

# Scholarly Journals

## Healthcare, International Welfare, and Peace

### *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*

Established in 1947, this is a monthly public health journal published by the World Health Organization. The overall aim of this journal is to outline public health policy and practice guidance based on the best evidence available. It encourages links between helping people lead healthier lives and scientific investigation. This journal is peer-reviewed monthly and is one of the world's leading public health journals.

[www.who.int/bulletin/en](http://www.who.int/bulletin/en)

### *Health and Human Rights: An International Journal*

This journal covers research on human rights and social justice in relation to health. The two sections included in this journal are "Critical Concepts" and "Health and Human Rights in Practice". The first focuses on the challenges involved with rights discourse and action in relation to health, while the second focuses on innovative work involving human rights struggles in relation to health.

[www.hhrjournal.org/index.php/hhr](http://www.hhrjournal.org/index.php/hhr)

### *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Undeserved*

This publication primarily focuses on contemporary health care issues of communities that are medically underserved. It addresses numerous areas such as quality, costs, regulation, health care access, and disease prevention from various perspectives. Reports, research papers, policy analyses, and a regular column written by members of the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved are all included in the journal.

[www.press.jhu.edu/journals/journal\\_of\\_health\\_care\\_for\\_the\\_poor\\_and\\_underserved](http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_health_care_for_the_poor_and_underserved)

## Grants and Fellowships

### *Sasakawa Peace Foundation Grants*—deadline: October 31

SPF provides grants between \$20,000 and \$100,000 for projects that are intended to help resolve common challenges facing Japan in its relations with other countries, but that are difficult for the state or businesses to undertake. Visit [www.spf.org/e/grants](http://www.spf.org/e/grants) for more information.

### *Middle East Regional Cooperation (MERC)* - deadline: December 17

USAID's MERC program funds collaborative research projects between Israel and its Arab neighbors. The program funds a wide variety of scientific research, but most projects focus on subjects such as agriculture, water resources, health and the environment. This grant (\$1m) is open to academic institutions. Visit [transition.usaid.gov/our\\_work/merc/program\\_description.html](http://transition.usaid.gov/our_work/merc/program_description.html) for more information.

### *USAID APS for Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation*—deadline: March 9, 2013

The objective of this APS (\$100,000+) is to make significant strides in the overall goal of conflict mitigation, peace, and reconciliation in selected eligible conflict-affected countries. Qualified non-profit organizations may apply for funding under this APS. Visit [www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=138514](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=138514) for more information.

## Conferences

### *9th Annual HAC Conference, From Peace to Justice 2012*

This conference is for anyone who is involved in a human rights organization. It will be held October 12-13 in The Hague, Netherlands by the International Institute of Social Studies. For more information, visit [www.haguejusticeportal.net/index.php?id=13043](http://www.haguejusticeportal.net/index.php?id=13043).

### *Ahimsa (Nonviolence) and Sustainable Happiness Conference*

This conference is aimed at those who wish to expand their knowledge of nonviolence and happiness. It will be held November 2-4 in Pomona, California. For more information, please contact Dr. Tara Sethia at [tsethia@csupomona.edu](mailto:tsethia@csupomona.edu) or visit [www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/conference\\_2012\\_callforproposals.shtml](http://www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/conference_2012_callforproposals.shtml).

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updates.

The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies is an interdisciplinary knowledge unit devoted to conducting research on various forms of structural and direct violence and conflict, and also dedicated to implementing projects that employ nonviolent strategies to resolve conflict.

Our programs include:

- Mediation training and services
- Meditation classes
- The Brown Bag lunch speaker series
- The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship
- The Social Justice League on-campus organization

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