

Kenneth Stein Introduction

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege to introduce you to a world-class teacher

He is an acclaimed scholar who probably knows more than any other American scholar about the role the Jewish National Fund played in buying and settling land in Eretz Yisrael before the state was declared. For years he has read JNF minutes, debates, and transactions of land acquired by Zionists. His 1984 book, *The Land Question in Palestine* remains the most important scholarly work on how the Zionists built a state...

He is a world class teacher, a professor of contemporary Middle Eastern history, political science, and Israeli studies at Emory University. His course on the Arab-Israel Conflict is among Emory's most popular and rigorous class and he has earned numerous teaching awards. He is the Founding Director of the Atlanta based Center for Israel Education where since 2008, he and his team have imparted knowledge about Israel to more than 2,000 teachers and more than 350,000 Jewish students in day schools and congregational schools in North America...

He is a renowned expert on Israel and the US-Israeli relationship, contributing to dozens of academic works, and has developed a website that is flush with timely and trustworthy materials about all aspects of modern Israel, [www.israeled.org](http://www.israeled.org)

And he is a public intellectual with integrity, the recipient of JNF's prestigious Etz Chaim Award for service to the Atlanta community and Israeli education, and the Ross Award from the Israel on Campus Coalition for speaking out with force and power against the falsehoods in Jimmy Carter's 2006 on Palestine and Israel.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Professor Kenneth Stein.