What is your connection to Israel/Palestine?
What do the words "homeland" and "diaspora" mean to you?
If you are Palestinian, Israeli, Jewish or Palestinian American, tell us your story.

What is the Israel/Palestine StoryBox Project?

An offshoot of the OSU MCC StoryBox Project, this initiative seeks to collect personal stories of students and Columbus residents who are personally affected by the Arab-Israeli conflict. These stories will form the basis of a collaborative theatre performance developed by a mixed Jewish and Palestinian ensemble.

What is the goal of this project?

The project seeks to promote non-violent communication and intercultural respect among those affected by the Arab-Israeli conflict. Storytelling provides a window into the world of the “other” and can serve as a powerful tool for interpersonal and societal bridge-building. Through this project, we hope to build relationships and collaborative alliances between Palestinians and Jews on campus and in the wider community, and provide a catalyst for other initiatives that encourage support for peaceful coexistence.

How can I get involved?

1. Be a Story Ambassador. Arrange a place to host a StoryBox. This can be any organization where Jewish and/or Palestinian students and residents gather. A Story Ambassador arranges at least two events to celebrate the stories in the box and to help create more stories for the box.

2. Submit a narrative to a StoryBox. This can be a story in any form (graphic, written, CD, mp3...). Since the StoryBox is a communal box, we ask that you give permission for others to share your narrative. If you would like your story to be explored and/or included in our theatre performance, you may (but are not required to) sign a separate permission form. Be sure to include your contact information with your work.

3. Join our theatre ensemble. No acting experience is required. Led by cross-community facilitators, the group will use theatre exercises to explore personal narratives and devise a collaborative performance.

If you are interested, or want more information, contact Talia Weisz at talia_weisz@hotmail.com or call 614-223-1080. For more information about the Multicultural Center’s StoryBox Project, visit http://multiculturalcenter.osu.edu/programs-and-initiatives/storybox-project/.