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SEED SPEAKER RABBI ROGER LERNER PRESENTS HIS PERSPECTIVE ON PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

For its last SEED speaker of the year, RKYHS welcomed Rabbi Roger Lerner who is a congregational leader in Kingston, Pennsylvania to speak to our students about what may be an unfamiliar perspective on the Israeli and Palestinian conflict. Rabbi Learner has advocated for peace in the Middle East through taking stands that are often in opposition to the Israeli government, and supporting a two state solution.

Students asked Rabbi Lerner thoughtful, educated questions in a very respectful way, as he emphasized the need for them to understand all "sides" of the situation in order to strengthen their own beliefs and views.

Many of our students will be on secular college campuses where polemics against Israel have become part of the milieu of the political discourse of campus life. We hope that through Rabbi Lerner's presentation in their high school environment, that our students will have a better understanding of the complexity of this issue while honoring one of the important goals of our SEED program of presenting multiple perspectives.

