

Harvard hosts Israel conference in Cambridge

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Cambridge — Last month, Harvard University hosted the largest student-run conference on Israel in the United States. The conference – which focused on innovation and entrepreneurship – featured addresses by innovators and thinkers including: Stanley Fischer, Governor of the Bank of Israel; Niall Ferguson, celebrated historian and one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people and Dan Senor, bestselling Author of "Startup Nation."

In addition to panels and speeches, Harvard student Joel Braunold was awarded the Avi Schaefer Peace challenge award. The award is named after Avi Schaefer who dedicated his life to promoting dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians on college campuses. Braunold won the \$1,000 award for his idea to build resettlement residential facilities for West Bank settlers in the Galilee. The award was presented to Braunold by former US Ambassador to Israel Dennis Ross.



From left to right, Winner of the Avi Schaefer Peace Challenge Joel Braumold, former US Ambassador to Israel Dennis Ross, and Harvard Student-Organizers Yoav Schaefer and Nusier Yassin.