# [Isra-pedia] Re: Welcome to the Discussions Pages

From: **Isra guy** (zeqzeq2@yahoo.com)

Sent: Fri 3/21/08 1:26 AM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

It is important to get many people to just sign up and open a wikipedia. and over a month or two make 100 non siginificant edits just to build their creadbility there.

They don't need to be involved further until we will need them to vote in our candidates or help us in other critical votes.

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#### [Isra-pedia] One of the easiet way's to work in wikipedia

From: **Isra guy** (zeqzeq2@yahoo.com)

Sent: Sat 3/22/08 1:34 AM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

Once you will have made a 100 contributions here and there in wikipedia( on non -israel related issues) there is a good way to be productive, help Israel and yet avoid the endless debates in the more critical articles. (we will have to deal with those later) :

the method is to start your own article. The advantages are clear - by deciding of the article name you set the context.

here is an example:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al Qiyamah

Once the article is there it is hard for them to delete it (still possible but hard, they will try but don't let them)

Next you can create links to this article and redirect pages such as :

http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Iran\_Day\_of\_Judgment&action=edit&redlink=1

(have not done it yet - just showing the option)

Another example is to start an article on "Hamas Funding" - what needed to be done here is few google searches on the words:

hamas cash hamas funds hamas economy hamas money

and writing 300-400 words (with a lot of links to sources). write it as neutral as you can don't be judgmental.

another option is to read <a href="http://www.thememriblog.org/">http://www.thememriblog.org/</a> and memeri. Every time you see a Hamas person makes an outragous statements (like Jews came from apes or kill the jews) you write a small article about that peroson (google his name to find more) and bring the quote from memri.

why doing all that ?

because google is wikipedia friend - 3 days after you created the article google the person's name again and voila your article will be the #1 in google for that name.

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## [Isra-pedia] Made my first edit today

From: d weisberg@yahoo.com Sent: Sun 3/23/08 9:49 PM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

I edited an article about Paul McKenna. I found a slight grammatical error and fixed it. I also updated information on his US television appearances. There was a place where I indicated that it was a minor change and then a box where I described the changes I made. Initially I used the coding instructions to link to the TV station's website which described the TV show. But I got a page from Wikipedia that explained I shouldn't link outside wikipedia. I think that's what it meant. So I changed my edit to describe that further information could be obtained at the TV station's website.

So that's it. One down and 99 more to go.

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# [Isra-pedia] Re: Wikipedia is a comunity

From: **Isra guy** (zeqzeq2@yahoo.com)

Sent: Tue 3/25/08 1:05 AM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

and a simple user page by one more anti-islamic editor:

http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=User:IronDuke&redirect=no

he is also involved in mediations against some of the opposition:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Mediation Cabal/Cases/2008-03-18 Second Intifada

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### [Isra-pedia] TWO Possible Paths on Wikipedia

From: **Gilead** (gilead@camera.org) Sent: Tue 3/25/08 11:58 AM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

It might have become apparent to those reading through the various pages and discussions here that there are two distinct paths that may be followed by Wikipedians concerned about the encyclopedia's Middle East coverage: 1) Becoming an editor; and 2) Becoming an editor AND administrator.

It's worth explicitly discussing here the difference between these two paths.

#### 1) BECOMING AN EDITOR

All of you who have set up Wikipedia accounts and made any changes are already editors. Remember, the concept behind Wikipeida is that anyone can edit. Some members of this group are experienced editors, having had a Wikipedia account for a while; and a few of these editors are already making substantive and useful changes to Mideast-related articles. ("Substantive" might be read as "controversial," since often anti-Israel partisans will fight against any changes that don't fit into their ideology.) These more experienced editors might choose to touch base with other experienced editors on this forum when they're involved in a dispute about a Wikipedia article.

THOSE of you who are new to Wikipedia, though, will probably want to avoid making contentious edits until they've become more practiced and established on Wikipedia, and instead stick for some time to minor edits and less controversial substantive edits.

It is, of course, up to you how long you will wait before diving in to the contentious articles. Note that the more demonstrated experience you have editing non-controversial Wikipedia articles, the more credible and effective you might be when turning to Middle East issues. At the same time, keep in mind the law of diminishing returns. At some point, every extra week you wait before substantively editing contentious articles adds less and less to your Wikipedia "credibility." And, obviously, avoiding these articles indefinitely means you'll have no effect on these articles indefinitely. This defeats our shared purpose of improving Wikipedia and using our built in group of allies on our Isra-pedia page to discuss and weigh in on disputes. So, in short, the goal is to strike a balance between experience/credibility and action.

Don't forget, in the mean time, to throw yourself onto the discussion section of less controversial articles, ask well-meaning editors questions about the article, or about Wikipedia in general. (Of course, you can and should also ask questions here; but asking other Wikipedia editors will provide you with a wider perspective, and help you to get to know potential allies.)

#### 2) BECOMING AN ADMINISTRATOR

This is the second path. Some of you with the time and desire to be more active in Wikipedia might consider trying to be an "administrator." Wikipedia describes administrators as "Wikipedia editors who have access to technical features that help with maintenance." In effect, if not intent, this means they have more power and authority in the online encyclopedia.

Note the following description from Wikipedia:

Q: How can I become an administrator?

A: First, you need a user account. Then, make useful edits over a period of time. In this way, you prove to the community that you are here in good faith. Read Wikipedia:Guide to requests for adminship. If you feel you meet the standards set out there, you can add your name to Wikipedia:Requests for adminship, in accordance with the nomination process. If the community agrees that you're what they want in an admin, then, voilà! Be sure to read administrators' reading list, Wikipedia:Administrators, deletion policy, protection policy, and blocking policy, and use your new "powers" with caution.

See more here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Administration\_FAQ

IF you are interested in becoming an administrator, then, it is all the more important for you to steer clear of controversy, and for an even longer period of time; to avoid arguments and get to know other editors; and to become acquainted with Wikipedia policies, guidelines and procedures.

If you already know which of these two paths you plan on pursuing, it might be helpful if you send an email to my personal account to let me know.

Happy editing!

Gilead

(This is cross-posted in our Pages section.)

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### [Isra-pedia] Re: TWO Possible Paths on Wikipedia

From: **Isra guy** (zeqzeq2@yahoo.com)

Sent: Tue 3/25/08 1:55 PM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

This is a very important post by Gilead.

Gilead is right about the "diminishing return" - if you decide to be a editor and involve in Israel related article all you need is some expiriance and learn the policy (wikipedia has some important rules). You will use those rules to justify almost any one of uour edits.

On the other hand I would encourage all of you to become admins. If we have several admins on our side this will be great. Admin are expected to be impartial so be carefull how you edit and how you will conduct yourself as an admin.

There is a 3rd route: Voter. All you need to do is make 100 edits and be registed with wikipedia for over a month (this is why you should register ASAP) from that point you don't need to edit much (do edit once a week or every two weeks) and we will call upon your help t participate in important votes: about content and about running for office (admin is an elected position - we need people who will vote fro our admins)

Most wikipedia cotes there is a need for 80/20 majority ("consensus") so do behave nice with others to gain their trust and try to have as many as 100-200 voters (those who don't edit much but only called to help in votes)

btw, wikipedia ballots are usually open for a week so being a "voter" is really good for those who have very little time on their hands.

do register and dip your toe - don't be intimidated.

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### [Isra-pedia] Re: Hizbulla article

From: **Gilead** (gilead@camera.org) Sent: Tue 4/01/08 4:48 PM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

Great points, dajudem and Isra guy.

If anyone here with some Wikipedia experience agrees with dajudem's edit (explicitely naming each of the countries that dub Hezbollah 'terrorist' instead of only naming the US and UK), they might consider checking in on this page to see if the edit sticks. If not, they could reinsert the language, and/or start a section on the discussion page in which people -- including members of this group -- can weigh in on the issue.

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# [Isra-pedia] Re: Discussion of Wikipedia on New Republic

From: **Isra guy** (zeqzeq2@yahoo.com)

Sent: Wed 4/02/08 3:01 AM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

Donna,

It is very hard to work in wikipedia as individual.

this is why we need a group, a large group: some more active some only as "voters" (with minimal number of 100 edits and 1-2 edit per week thereafter)

The group must apear as individuals not as a group.

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#### [Isra-pedia] Re: How is everyone doing

From: **Isra guy** (zeqzeq2@yahoo.com) Sent: Sat 4/05/08 10:30 PM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

On Apr 6, 12:21 am, Niki Nymark <nnym...@sbcglobal.net> wrote:
> I think I have an attention span problem. Didn't have any trouble getting into Wikipedia, it's just that I can't imagine making alterations to 100

You need to keep 3 things in mind:

- edits can be very small. correct a speling mistake OR change the wording OR google the subject and find a good source (not a blog or something not recognized) find some fact about the subject and add it. you can also make comments onn talk page.
- 2. 100 is really the minimum for you to be eligable to participate in votes.
- 3. If you really want to help Israel, 100 edits is nothing. Once anyone of you will get into the endless fight about Wikipedia articles on the subject of the conflicts you are looking at maybe 1000 or more edits in a year.

The other side is organized well, they control wkipedia. If all the people on this list will be willing to do something other than subscribe to this mailing list we can make a difference in wikipedia.

15-20 active participants is really what we need. Of them 5-6 can be the most active while 15 can be supportive (require almost a daily participation to prevent the other side of destroying the work of our 5-6 main editors). In the next stage for votes we would need 100-200 "voters" – it will take time to get to that goal.

But without 5 very active editors and 15 somewhat active support editors we are going to loose like we are today.

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# [Isra-pedia] Re: How is everyone doing

From: **Isra guy** (zeqzeq2@yahoo.com)

Sent: Mon 4/07/08 12:09 PM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

I agree with Gilead. You can dive in but be forwarrned that you will be labled and if you are too aggresive they will simply try to ban you.

We need some poeple who will take the longer route and even try to become admins after several moth of working in wikipedia.

The other side has few admins. We have none.

If we want to make a postive impact on improving wkipedia we need to contrubute there on many levels.

Since the issues that soem have are technical - it is better to ge pratice on non israel realted articles but if you must: by all means dive in.

see you at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1948 Palestinian exodus

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allegations of Israeli apartheid

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Causes\_of\_the\_1948\_Palestinian\_exodus

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## [Isra-pedia] Changing the title of "2006 Lebanon war"

From: I <3 Israel (yonathan@ou.edu)

Sent: Wed 4/09/08 7:48 AM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

Hello, all. The discussion about voting reminded me that some time ago there were a few votes on how to name the article that wound up being named "2006 Lebanon war." It wound up being so named for many reasons, but mostly because the supporters of this name wanted to communicate their opinion that this war was conducted against Lebanon, not just Hezbollah. I think it might be appropriate to restart discussion on that title, if there are some people here who would be willing to support me in proposing a new title (such as "2006 Israel-Hezbollah war"). What do you guys think?

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#### [Isra-pedia] Re: Changing the title of "2006 Lebanon war"

From: **Gilead** (gilead@camera.org) Sent: Wed 4/09/08 11:50 AM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

This will surely be a contentious change, but that doesn't mean one should shy away from trying it. (Unless one is trying to become a Wikipedia administrator!)

Before bringing this up again on the discussion pages, it is probably worth reading the vast, past discussions on this very issue, much but not all of which is here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict/Archive41#Name

I <3 Israel, since you were involved in previous discussions and attempts to change the name, could you give a brief summary of what happened for those on this list who were thinking of getting involved in this attempted change? Was there ever a significant concensus in favor of "2006 Lebanon War," or was it something over which there was always significant dispute but that was pushed through by certain overly-controlling editors? What were the main arguments in favor and against the various names?

Also, I would suggest that if a number of people on this group are interested in this change -- there are at least 3, and likely more out of our group of 30 -- that everyone not jump into the page on the very same hour of the very same day. Perhaps I <3 Israel should take the lead by opening a new section in the discussion pages? Or if you already were involved to a large extent in the previous round of argumentation, would you suggest that someone else open up the discussion?

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### [Isra-pedia] Request for help

From: Isra guy (zeqzeq2@yahoo.com)

Sent: Wed 4/16/08 1:01 AM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

please see this: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli\_apartheid

we need to change this article. we should use the title:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allegations\_of\_Israeli\_apartheid

to write about who is making the allegation, why are they making it (they want a boycott, they want one bi national state and they are against the right of the Jewish people to a homeland.

Good sources are very hard to find on this subject. unfortunatly most articles with thse words are either accusing israel or coming fom unusuable sources which tryu t defend israel: Blogs, masada2000, JDL are not good sources for wikipedia.

### [Isra-pedia] Re: Request for help

From: **Gilead Ini** (gilead@camera.org)

Sent: Fri 4/18/08 5:56 PM

To: isra-pedia@googlegroups.com

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Yes, I will join the discussion when I'm back from the holiday.
>>> Isra guy <zeqzeq2@yahoo.com> 04/18/08 1:59 PM >>>

so is anyone going to help me with this:
> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allegations_of_Israeli_apartheid
> you will find good material here:
> http://www.google.co.il/search?num=100&hl=en&q=steinberg+israel+OR+is...
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# [Isra-pedia] Re: Request for help

From: **dajudem** (concheet@gmail.com)

Sent: Sat 4/19/08 10:07 PM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

I made a change -- commented out a section in the second or so paragraph that read, originally: "They also argue that it is political slander intended to malign Israel by singling it out from all other countries whose human rights records are called into question, possibly because of its status as the world's only Jewish State. [clarify][6]and say that Israeli security needs justify the practices that prompt the analogy."

I commented out everything after the note [6]. The implication is the analogy is valid and basically doesn't really make sense. I also wonder if we need to have a [clarify] after "possibly because of its status as the world's only Jewish State" -- seems to me you'd have to be an idiot to require clarification on that one.Maybe I will just dump it and wait for complaints, if any.

I like the way the article has been redirected to "Allegations" -- I think that works. I wonder what in particular you find problematic with the article?

-concheet

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On Apr 16, 2:25 pm, Isra guy <zeqz...@yahoo.com> wrote:
> so I wonder if anyone here would like to help in fixing this article ?
> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allegations_of_Israeli_apartheid
> you will find good material here:
> http://www.google.co.il/search?num=100&hl=en&q=steinberg+israel+OR+is...
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# [Isra-pedia] I will temporarily or permanently taking down this group.

From: **Gilead** (gilead@camera.org) Sent: Mon 4/21/08 4:16 PM

To: isra-pedia (isra-pedia@googlegroups.com)

Because member of this group affiliated with the anti-Israel propoganda cite Electronic Intifada decided to share the content of our discussions, I will be temporarily or permanently closing access to the group, in hopes that members' personal contact information will not be made public.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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