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2019 will likely be a pivotal and even divisive year for the Jewish community in the United States, Israel, and around the world. Yet it is our hope and mission, as two organizations working with emerging leaders, to engage critically and inclusively with the important topics affecting our community.

Following a successful 2018 summer partnership in which IPF Atid leaders hosted young professionals from across the political, religious, and professional spectrum, we are excited to announce our new and enhanced IPF Atid x OneTable partnership of 2019. As in last year's program, we will work with those deeply familiar and some fairly new to the communal space, advancing the knowledge of those already informed while introducing those eager to learn more.

This project, which does not shy away from difficult and complex conversations, relies on the tenet that our greatest tool is knowledge. We believe in education that is without bias and partisanship - one that does not discriminate or exclude, but rather enhances our perspectives and enriches our identities. Through this partnership, Shabbat hosts and guests utilize one or two pieces of educational content, including news articles, thought and commentary pieces, videos, and more, to guide a Shabbat evening that is inclusive of a wide range of perspectives on the topics presented. Whether large or small, invite-only or open to new people, these dinner or salon-style conversations are designed to be meaningful for you and your community.

While our role as individuals can be limited in terms of impact in the wider Jewish community and in the Middle East, what each of us can do is understand, envision, and work towards a better future by elevating the communal discourse and mobilizing support for a viable two-state solution. The leadership that is modeled in our perspective of reconciliation and progress also has the potential to reverberate throughout those communities entrenched in the conflict.

Thank you for your participation and we hope you join the hundreds of other young adults who have taken the lead in their communities at the Shabbat table.

Sincerely,

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