“Equal Citizenship and Due Representation”: The Drive for Political Access by Israel’s Arab Community

In Israel’s 1948 Declaration of Independence, the country’s founders promised Arab citizens “full and equal citizenship and due representation in all institutions.” Seventy-three years later, however, no independent party representing the interests of the Arab community has been part of an Israeli coalition government. Until this coming Sunday!

On **Wednesday, June 16**, as our panelists—veteran journalist, Jack Khoury, and political scientist, Dr. Anwar Mhajne—shed light on the major political changes that Israel’s Arab community is undergoing, culminating in the groundbreaking participation of the United Arab List in the “Change Government” to replace Netanyahu.

The discussion, part of our “Conversations with Israel & Palestine” series, was moderated by Thair Abu Ras, fellow at the Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies.

The discussion was followed by a Q&A session with the Zoom audience.