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“Professors Walt and Mearsheimer of Harvard and the University of Chicago have written a notorious anti-Israel lobby book called *The Israel Lobby*. They falsely claim that the “Israel Lobby” has an inappropriate, powerful, and harmful influence on the US Congress and the White House. In their book they state, “it is easy to identify groups that are clearly part of the Lobby such as the Zionist Organization of America.” ZOA or its leaders are mentioned 15 times in their book. Other quotes include, “the Israeli Lobby is a heterogeneous group. They all want to maintain a special relationship with the US, but they don’t agree on everything. There are a number of prominent groups such as AIPAC, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the ADL, and the Zionist Organization of America.”

James Zogby, the head of the top Arab-American lobby group, “the Arab-American Institute” doesn’t disagree. He wrote that, “ZOA changes the minds of members of Congress and the media. ZOA has risen like a phoenix...if we don’t stop them they’ll win.”

One thing seems clear – sixty years after its establishment, Israel still fights to defend itself against its detractors, and the ZOA continues to fight, unabashedly, alongside Israel.



ZOA PRESIDENT MORTON A. KLEIN

ZOA'S ANNUAL JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS DINNER

RENOWNED HISTORIAN BENZION NETANYAHU HONORED AT ZOA DINNER

Netanyahu: "The greatest Zionist meeting since Jabotinsky"**IRWIN HOCHBERG, MORT ZUCKERMAN, REP'S. BERKLEY & WIENER, STEVEN ALEVY HONORED**

Over 700 people attended the Zionist Organization of America's National Dinner on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. This year, there were two recipients of the Louis D. Brandeis Award, the ZOA's highest honor, Prof. Benzion Netanyahu (father of former Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu), renowned historian and veteran Zionist leader, and Irwin Hochberg, a past chairman of the Board of UJA-Federation of New York, a former member of the Board of Governors of The Jewish Agency for Israel, and a former national campaign chairman of State of Israel Bonds. U.S. Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (D-NV) was this year's recipient of the ZOA's Defender of Israel Award, and Steven Alevy was honored with the ZOA's Young Leadership Award. U.S. Congressman Anthony Wiener (D-NY) also addressed the Dinner.

Martin Gross, the distinguished Jewish leader and businessman, introduced Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-NV). In accepting the Award, Rep. Berkley stated her opposition to the Bush Administration-proposed Annapolis summit, "I am also opposed to the [upcoming] Annapolis Conference ... [Mahmoud] Abbas and [Salaam] Fayyad have both publicly stated that they will not recognize Israel as a Jewish state. So what's the point?" She also told the crowd that she had spoken with Secretary of State Rice on this point, telling her that this was "the worst possible time" for a Palestinian state. Rep. Berkley also criticized the proposed \$20 billion arms package for Saudi Arabia, saying it makes no sense to give such weapons to a state that didn't recognize Israel's right to exist and which uses so many billions in financing the forces that are fighting America. She also explained her leadership role in pushing for Abbas to renounce the Fatah Constitution calling for Israel's destruction and the use of terrorism and also her opposition to further funding of the PA. "If they need money, it seems to me, they should find Arafat's widow and get some." Turning to the work of ZOA, Rep. Berkley said that "if ever anyone deserved a Defender of Israel Award, that person would be Mort Klein." Rep. Berkley said that she had sought a career in Congress because she not only wanted to repay America, which had taken in her family at the time of the Nazi Holocaust, but because "I also wanted to be in a position of power so that if anything threatened the Jewish people, I would be there to stop it ... If Israel had existed 60 years ago, Auschwitz would not have happened."

Ernst Michel, the executive director of the Jewish Federation of New York for 25 years, introduced Irwin Hochberg. Mr. Hochberg has spent decades dedicated to the cause of Zionism, which extended well beyond his leadership roles with UJA, the Jewish Agency and Israel Bonds to being a founding trustee of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a past president of the American Friends of the Open University of Israel, and a chairman of the Executive Committee of the Middle East Forum. Hochberg praised the efforts of ZOA to inform the American public, media, Congress and White House of the dangers of appeasing violent Middle Eastern forces and for taking up unpopular but vital causes and positions. He urged the audience to subordinate considera-



PRESENTATION OF ZOA'S JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS AWARD TO KEYNOTE SPEAKER PROF. BENZION NETANYAHU, BY MORTIMER B. ZUCKERMAN, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT AND PUBLISHER OF NEW YORK DAILY NEWS. (L TO R) ZOA CHAIRMAN OF THE ZOA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DR. ALAN MAZUREK, PROFESSOR NETANYAHU, MORTIMER ZUCKERMAN, PRESIDENT MORTON A. KLEIN

tion of all other policy issues to that of fighting radical Islam and to think next year at election time of "who will deal best with the scourge of terrorism."

Congressman Anthony Weiner also addressed the Dinner, noting that both he and Shelley Berkley "come from the ZOA wing of the Democratic Party." Weiner noted that one of the best ways to support American interests was to defend and protect its best ally, the state of Israel, before adding that "no organization in Washington works at the grassroots doing the work that ZOA does. More so than any other organization, they do really important work." Rep. Wiener placed on the record his opposition to the proposed Saudi Arms package as being "ridiculous ... ZOA knew instantly what to do, which was to oppose this deal, while other organizations hemmed and hawed. ZOA stood with me and Shelley [Berkley] in fighting against this in Congress. Thanks for helping us in Congress. There is only one person helping us like this and that is Mort Klein."

Steve Goldberg, distinguished Los Angeles attorney and ZOA Vice-President, introduced Morton Klein. In his address to the crowd, ZOA National President Morton A. Klein warned that the upcoming Annapolis summit would end in failure because the same mistakes of ignoring Palestinian violations, hate education and terror while offering huge concessions that Israel made at Oslo were being made again. Klein underlined the point that the destruction of the Jewish state, not the creation of a Palestinian state, remained the Palestinian goal.

Klein emphasized the absurdity of accepting Abbas and Fatah as peace partners when the Fatah Constitution remained unchanged for over 40 years. In addition, Abbas has praised terrorists as "heroes"; promised to fulfill Arafat's goals; refused to condemn terror against Jews as a crime; signed an agreement with Hamas calling for more terror and paid grants to families of suicide bombers.

Klein also pointed out that only ZOA, among the major Jewish groups, has lobbied against the creation of a Palestinian state – "we all know that this would end up being a terrorist state," yet others have deluded themselves into thinking that giving Palestinians statehood will make them peaceful and accepting of Israel. "Remember: Iran, North Korea and Syria – they're all states. Are they lovely and peaceful? We must end terror states, not create new ones." Klein also noted, "How can there be peace when the culture of the Palestinians is drenched in violence, hatred and murder? Former CIA Director R. James Woolsey said last year in addressing the ZOA that it might be decades before they're ready for statehood. All Jewish leaders must speak out against such a state. I beseech all of them to do so." Klein also quoted from the Torah

and Talmud to remind the audience of the Jewish tradition to physically fight evil forces, if need be, not to appease them. He also dissected the Arab/Muslim claim to Jerusalem, noting that the city is mentioned nowhere in the Quran, never served as an Arab or Muslim capital and was never visited by an Arab leaders other than Jordan's King Hussein when it was under Jordanian control.

Klein also referred to the book against the pro-Israel lobby written by John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt. "I'm proud to tell you that in their book they mention ZOA a dozen times as one of the most politically influential Jewish groups. Mearsheimer and Walt said, "It is easy to identify groups that are part of the lobby – such as the Zionist Organization of America" and "unfortunately, left-wing groups lack the financial resources and influence of AIPAC, American Jewish Committee, ADL, the Conference of Presidents, and the Zionist Organization of America." Also, every incident in which they describe ZOA's involvement in a particular matter is false." Klein concluded that, among the major Jewish groups, only the ZOA had fought against Oslo, Arafat, the Gaza withdrawal, the Roadmap, and further releases of Palestinian prisoners. ZOA had also correctly predicted that Egypt could not be counted to stop the smuggling of weapons into Gaza once Israel relinquished control of the Gaza/Egypt border.

Klein also spoke of the battle the ZOA waged in many spheres, making particular reference to the various divisions of ZOA, all working to further understanding of ZOA concerns and opposing anti-Israel forces. He made special mention of the Law & Justice division's work under Susan Tuchman to obtain a new ruling by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights that anti-Zionism does constitute anti-Semitism; the vital work undertaken by the ZOA's Department of Government Relations on Capitol Hill under Daniel Pollak, Joshua London and Ali Lederer and the crucial contributions made by the Campus Division, headed by Julie Sager and Dalia Lockspeiser, and the Centre for Middle East Policy headed by Dr. Daniel Mandel.

Mortimer Zuckerman, a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, publisher of *U.S. News and World Report* and the *New York Daily News* and a former recipient of the ZOA's Brandeis Award, introduced Professor Benzion Netanyahu, who delivered the keynote address. In it, Netanyahu focused on the genocidal plans of the Iranian regime and its president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Professor Netanyahu observed that "It seems that the Holocaust of 6 million wasn't enough for him; he wants to add another 6 million. Yet he was not met with a storm of protest." Speaking of Ayatollah Khomeini's plan to unite Muslims under the Shiite banner, Netanyahu said Khomeini had established Hizballah to remove Israel from southern Lebanon and then to attack Israel itself. One of those he inspired was Ahmadinejad ... when Columbia offered him a platform, its choice was defended on the ground of free speech. Baruch Spinoza knew the value of free speech, yet he said that there are circumstances when free speech has to be arrested.

Ahmadinejad's defense of his plans essentially means that he would be giving a justification for murder, a crime no one needs to explain to understand its evil. Yet Columbia gave bewildering explanations for its actions."

Netanyahu also paid tribute to the ZOA's work, "I know you are working against heavy currents towards dissolution and dismemberment [of Israel] and this occurred in the days of President Truman. We had to work hard then to overcome opposition, lack of interest, and the disbelief of American Jews. You too have experienced this situation and you have managed to overcome the first obstacle which is always the worst."

Netanyahu continued, "I hope you will not falter. Compared to the past, your task is considerably easier ... It is vital not to tolerate a [Palestinian] terrorist state in any way or form. This is first in importance. This is why your president must first concentrate on the fulfillment of this commitment, without which we cannot solve any issue." Netanyahu received a standing ovation. Of the ZOA Dinner itself, Netanyahu said, "This is the greatest Zionist meeting I have ever attended since the days of Jabotinsky. It was something to see such enthusiasm for Zionism from the crowd. It made me more optimistic." later, in a conversation with Morton Klein, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, "My father strongly praised the dinner as a great event and said the speeches made were all outstanding."

Steven Alevy, who is a major real estate investment professional and philanthropist who supports many Torah and Israeli causes, was honored with the ZOA's Young Leadership Award. Alevy said the ZOA was doing vital work in defense of Israel at a critical time in the country's history. He also spoke about the mistakes Israel was making with respect to Annapolis and the Palestinian Authority.

Other highlights of the evening included the marvelous music-making of the Shores Klezmer Orchestra. Numerous distinguished guests from the Jewish world attended, including the Hon. Asaf Shariv, the new Consul-General of Israel in New York; Malcolm Hoenlein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Ken Abramowitz, president of American Friends of Likud; Rabbi Shmuel Boteach, well-known rabbi and author; Ami Eden, News Editor, Jewish Telegraphic Agency; Katya Karsenty, wife of Philippe Karsenty, the French media analyst fighting France 2 TV over fabricating the Mohammad Al-Durah killing in 2000, which was viewed globally and which attracted great criticism of Israel; Dr. Ben Chouake, president of NORPAC; Neal Sher, former executive director of AIPAC and head of the U.S. government's Nazi hunting unit, who said after the Dinner to a number of ZOA leaders that, "I am so pleased your Dinner was such a success and that I had an opportunity to be there. In particular, I must say that Mort Klein's presentation was absolutely superb, passionate, articulate, enlightening and persuasive. As you know, I have attended and participated in countless events in our community. Mort's speech was, hands-down, one of the best speeches I have ever heard."

Almost one hundred college students attended the dinner, which was co-chaired by Robert Guzzardi and Mel Dubin. Rabbi Yehoshua Balkany, the Dean of Brooklyn's Beis Yacov School and a renowned scholar, rabbi and political activist, delivered an inspiring invocation. Most of the ZOA Board attended, lead by Chairman Dr. Michael Goldblatt. Dr. Dan Dyckman led the audience in singing the national anthems of the U.S. and Israel. ZOA Executive Director Stan Kessock and the entire ZOA staff worked hard on all aspects of the Dinner. Alan Mazurek, chairman of ZOA's Executive Committee, was the Master of Ceremonies and presided over the Dinner with eloquence, enthusiasm and humor.

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ANNUAL JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS DINNER

MAHMOUD ABBAS: THERE IS NO HIDING THE TRUTH.



POST ANNAPOLIS: PALESTINIAN ACTIONS REMAIN EXTREME

By Morton A. Klein

The Annapolis peace summit, attended by Israel, the Palestinian Authority (PA) and various Arab states, took place in November, yet events that have occurred in the short time since are already exposing the fantasy that such a conference could help achieve peace and that Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah-controlled PA is a genuine peace partner.

Indeed, the behavior of the Arab parties at Annapolis underscored their rejection of Israel – at Arab insistence, Arabs and Israelis used different entrances to the conference and many also refused to shake hands or privately meet with their Israeli counterparts. Abbas himself also trumpeted extreme Arab positions, including demanding all the Golan Heights for Syria and backed Hizballah's manufactured territorial claims against Israel by referring to "Lebanese occupied territories" – although Israel withdrew completely from Lebanese territory in 2000, something even the UN then acknowledged.

Remarkably, immediately after Abbas signed a document at Annapolis promising to end incitement to hatred and murder, Abbas-controlled PA radio, the "Voice of Palestine," broadcast a segment on Adolf Hitler, profusely praising him and his accomplishments, while not even mentioning the Holocaust. His victories in 1940 were described as "his golden year", his defeat and death "his bitter end." In addition, an information clip produced by the PA's Central Bureau of Statistics was broadcast showing a map in which Israel was painted in the colors of the Palestinian flag, symbolizing Israel turned into a Palestinian state. This was followed in December on Fatah's 43rd anniversary by publication of a poster depicting all of Israel as Muslim Arab Palestine, with a multi-colored keffiyeh scarf draped over all of Israel.

Also since Annapolis, Abbas' Fatah declared that it would fight alongside the terrorist group Hamas if and when the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) launch a military operation in the Gaza Strip to combat the incessant rocket fire against Israel by terrorists operating in the Hamas-controlled territory. A Fatah official was quoted as saying that "Fatah won't remain idle in the face of an Israeli invasion of the Gaza Strip ... We will definitely fight together with Hamas against the Israeli army."

The PA also glorifies terrorists, naming schools, streets and sports teams after them. In January, on the death of veteran Palestinian terrorist and hijacker George Habash, the PA declared three days of mourning and lowered flags to half mast.

Consider: The PA is supposed to be fighting terrorism. It claims, at least in English, to be opposed to terror and meeting its obligations under the Roadmap. If Abbas was genuinely committed to a peaceful Palestinian state alongside Israel and fighting terrorism, he would be supporting Israel combating the anti-peace Hamas and destroying the terrorists, which is a precondition for a successful peace agreement. He would welcome the elimination of terrorists and the Hamas forces that seized control of Gaza. Also, about the last thing a genuine peace maker would want is thousands of released terrorists walking the streets of the PA – yet that is precisely the perennial demand of Abbas' PA.

Abbas himself often condemns Israeli action to prevent terrorism, as when he described Israel's killing of seven terrorists in October 2006 as a "heinous massacre" or when in February 2008 he expressed "full condemnation" of an Israeli strike on terrorists in Qabatiya.

Worse: After Annapolis, Abbas has asked Saudi Arabia and Egypt to intercede with Hamas with a view to having Fatah reach a new alliance with it. Hamas does not even pretend to accept Israel, and its Charter calls for the destruction of Israel (Article 15) and the murder of Jews (Article 7).

It should therefore be no surprise that since Annapolis, Abbas and Fatah have been reiterating their refusal to accept the existence of Israel as a Jewish state – something without which no true peace can occur. Yet Abbas has been touring Arab capitals, stating openly, “The Palestinians do not accept the formula that the State of Israel is a Jewish state.”

It has also been revealed that Fatah’s own forces carried out the murder of an Israeli, Ido Zoldan, only days before Annapolis. Fatah’s Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades took responsibility for Zoldan’s murder the same day but the fact was only revealed after the summit. This blatant case of PA involvement in terror has led Israeli Defense Department officials to actually urge the government to rethink its policy of strengthening Abbas while his policemen remain involved in terrorism.

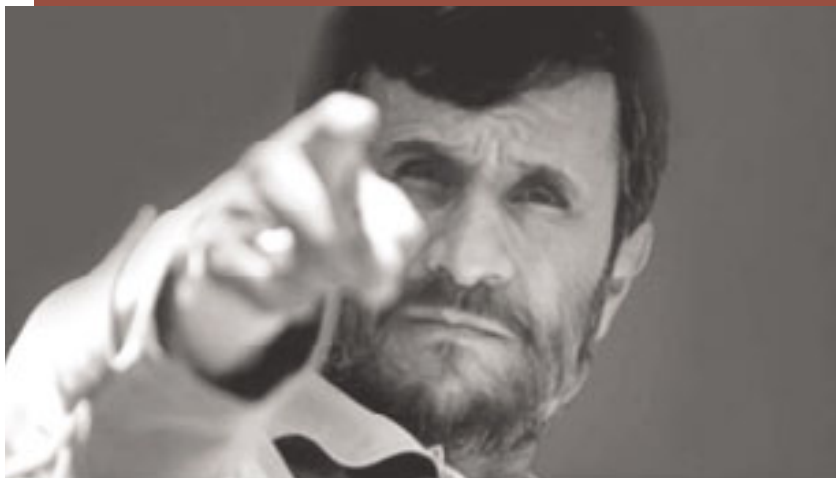
We should not be surprised at all this – look at Fatah’s Constitution, which is little different from Hamas’ Charter: it calls for destroying Israel (Article 12), the use of terrorism as an essential element in the strategy to achieve this goal (Article 19), and rejects any negotiated solution as a matter of principle (Article 22). No wonder peace has proved impossible.

All this simply confirms the folly of treating Abbas’ Fatah as genuine peace-partners and rewarding them with diplomatic support, funds and promises of Israeli concessions. Israel and the U.S. must drastically and immediately rethink the failed and foolish strategy of building a peace settlement on the basis of Mahmoud Abbas and his Fatah terror-sponsoring regime. There should be no discussions of major Israeli concessions and statehood to Abbas’ PA until and unless it fulfills its 14 year-old written commitments to arrest terrorists, outlaw terrorist groups and end incitement to hatred and murder of Israelis in their schools, media and speeches over a sustained period of time.

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Here is one more.



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Save The Temple Mount's Antiquities

by Morton Klein and Daniel Mandel

Largely unnoticed and unreported, destruction and irreversible damage to priceless Jewish antiquities beneath Judaism's holiest site, Jerusalem's Temple Mount, has been proceeding unhindered for some time now. How can this be? Because the Temple Mount and the two mosques built on it have remained under the control of the Waqf, the Muslim religious authorities, since Israel reunited the two halves of the city in the 1967 Six-Day War.

The Temple Mount is the holiest site in Judaism, to which Jews turn in prayer, but is of far lesser significance to Muslims than Mecca and Medina, which Muslims face while praying. Mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible but not in the Koran, Jerusalem held little interest for Arabs during the years of Jordanian occupation (1948-67).

Other than Jordanian King Hussein, no Arab leader visited the city in these years. Today, however, the Arab world speaks of liberating the city from Jews; Jerusalem Day parades attract throngs in Muslim capitals, including faraway Tehran; and the Palestinian Authority (PA) and the Waqf explicitly deny history and Jewish religious attachment to the city and even the past existence of the biblical Temples.

Three examples: Yasir Arafat stated: "That is not the Western Wall at all, but a Muslim shrine." Former PA minister of religious affairs, Hassan Tahboub, asserted: "The Western Wall is Muslim property. It is part of the al-Aqsa Mosque. Once we control it, Jews must remain six feet away from our holy wall." And the PA Ministry of Information maintains: "Thirty years of Israeli excavation has revealed Islamic holy places, Roman ruins, Armenian ruins, but no tangible evidence of anything Jewish was revealed in the Old City of Jerusalem. The Jews have implanted a biblical myth in the mind of the world."

It is in this context that recent events must be understood. In July, the Waqf commenced digging a trench five feet deep and some 150 yards long for the laying of electrical cables and water pipes, using a mechanical digger, cutting through the subsoil and piling it up beside the trench. New photographs of the work zone show carved stones casually dumped in a pile that appear to be a section of the outer wall of the Second Temple, according to archaeologist Eilat Mazar.

Mazar, a member of the faculty at Hebrew University and of the Public Committee for Prevention of the Destruction of Antiquities on the Temple Mount, explains that the current ground level of the Temple Mount is slightly above the original Temple Mount platform, "meaning anything found is likely from the Temple itself." Mazar attempted to inspect the site some weeks ago, but was stopped by Israeli police who are protecting the construction.

Gabriel Barkai of the Committee Against the Destruction of Antiquities on the Temple Mount calls the current digging an act of barbarism. "They are digging in the most crucial and delicate point of the Temple Mount – of the whole country. They should be using a toothbrush, not a bulldozer." Barkai identifies the area currently under excavation as the outer courts of the Second Temple, built by Herod the Great in the first century BCE. He maintains it is where the best preservation of antiquities was anticipated, since other parts of the compound are built on exposed bedrock.

Yet the Israel Antiquities Authority approved the construction despite the archaeologists' concern that precious artifacts are being destroyed. The Authority, which digs for religious artifacts across Israel, has not inspected construction even once since the work began, despite continuous calls for the construction to be supervised and halted. Israeli Police spokesman, Mickey Rosenfeld, asserts that the police stationed on the Temple Mount will not prevent the construction because the Antiquities Authority approved the dig. Meanwhile, the Waqf denies any wrongdoing and says that the Temple Mount is in "occupied territory."

This is but the latest episode in archeological vandalism beneath Temple Mount committed by the Waqf. Already in 1970, the Waqf undertook excavation that exposed a 16-foot-long, six-foot-thick wall scholars believed might well be the eastern wall of the Herodian Temple complex. The wall was dismantled, destroyed and covered up. The Waqf's activities led Israel's Supreme Court to declare in 1993 that the Waqf had violated Israel's antiquities laws on 35 occasions, many involving irreversible destruction of important archaeological remains. The court expressed confidence that in the future Israeli authorities would correct past errors, but this has proved unfounded.

In 1999, the Waqf dug an enormous stairway down to an underground mosque, which involved the removal of hundreds of truckloads of archaeologically rich dirt that was dumped into the adjacent Kidron Valley. When archaeology student Zachy Zweig began to explore the mounds of dirt for antiquities, he was arrested at the behest of the Israel Antiquities Authority – for excavating without a permit. Subsequent sifting has yielded precious artifacts from biblical times.

Such a disastrous history of failed protection obliges the Israeli government to act immediately to preserve what remains of the holiest site in the world to Judaism and of world significance to civilization. No digging with heavy machinery should ever be taking place at such a site, which surely demands, at a minimum, the usual safeguards, care and archeological supervision that would be applied in excavating any other site of even minor archeological significance.



CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE

The ZOA's Center for Law and Justice (CLJ) works under the direction of Susan Tuchman to advance the interests of Israel and the Jewish people through the use of our legal system. It has been at the forefront in fighting anti-Semitism and Israel-bashing on college campuses.

Office for Civil Rights Decides ZOA's Case Against UC Irvine

More than three years after the ZOA filed a complaint on behalf of Jewish students at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) alleging anti-Semitic harassment and intimidation in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issued its decision. Shockingly, OCR determined that there was "insufficient evidence" to support the ZOA's allegations that UCI had "failed to respond promptly and effectively" to the problem.

OCR's decision is difficult to understand in light of the overwhelming evidence of a long pattern of anti-Semitic bigotry at UCI. The decision itself notes that a rock was thrown at a Jewish student wearing a t-shirt with the words, "Everyone loves a Jewish boy;" a Holocaust memorial was destroyed; and property was repeatedly defaced with swastikas. In addition, OCR noted the threatening and harassing statements made to Jewish students, including, "Slaughter the Jews," "dirty Jew," "go back to Russia," burn in hell," and "f--king Jew." OCR characterized these as "dissimilar and isolated" acts, rather than part of a pattern of discrimination. OCR completely ignored the evidence from two students who decided to leave UCI because they could no longer endure the hostility on campus.

OCR also noted some of the anti-Semitic speakers, campus magazine articles, symbols, marches and other events that occurred regularly on the campus. According to OCR, a speaker accused Jews of going "to a country in which there was indigenous people . . . you ran those indigenous people off their land, and stole their land." According to OCR, a speaker alleged that "[t]he Zionist Jews own Fox News. They say that it's anti-Semitic if you say that the Zionists control the media . . . they got the CIA . . . they got the media; they got Congress . . . You all definitely don't love children and you know why? Because you all kill them." OCR minimized the impact of these events, describing them as being simply "based on opposition to the policies of Israel."

Equally shocking is how OCR responded to the UCI's administration's handling of the hate and bigotry. OCR dismissed the fact that the Vice Chancellor spoke at – and thereby legitimized – a university anti-hate rally, though knowing that the rally's sponsors had told Jewish students that they weren't welcome there. OCR dismissed the fact that UCI later honored one of the rally's organizers, though knowing her role in seeking to exclude Jewish students from the rally. OCR also dismissed the fact that when community members expressed their concern about the campus problems to the administration, the Vice Chancellor sent an e-mail to a fellow administrator, mockingly characterizing "the Jews" as "hysterical." It is difficult to imagine that OCR would find this administrative response appropriate and effective if the bigotry were expressed against blacks, Hispanics or gays.

Although the decision is shocking in light of the overwhelming evidence of harassment and intimidation that was not addressed by UCI, it is not surprising given OCR's policy for enforcing Title VI. In the fall of 2004, OCR clarified that Jews (like Sikhs and Arab Muslims) are entitled to protection from discrimina-



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tion under Title VI because they are ethnic groups, as well as a religious groups. But soon thereafter, under new leadership at OCR, this policy was whittled down to focus on a victim's "national origin." The impact of the narrower policy was unfortunately reflected in OCR's decision concerning the ZOA's complaint.

ZOA Battles Anti-Semitic Harassment and Intimidation on Other Campuses

The ZOA is helping students fight against anti-Semitism and Israel bashing on other campuses, including at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan.

At Wayne State, Jewish students have been facing harassment and intimidation, most of which has been sponsored by a group (not even registered with the university) called Anti-Racist Action (ARA). In October 2007, Nick Israel, one of the ZOA's own campus coordinators, and his friend, were harassed and threatened by a Wayne State professor who was speaking at an ARA rally on campus. Mr. Israel and his friend both filed complaints for harassment with the university. The ZOA also sent a letter to the university, urging a forceful response to these complaints so that this professor – who had engaged in harassing conduct toward Jewish and pro-Israel students in the past – would finally be held accountable for his conduct. The complaints are under investigation.

At the University of Michigan, a student contacted the ZOA after receiving a program for an Arab Community Summit that the University of Michigan's Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs was sponsoring in November 2007. The program included a session that would be exploring "the role Zionist students and organizations play in silencing the collective Arab voice on campus."

The ZOA sent a letter to the university, protesting the unwarranted and hateful attack on "Zionists," and demanding that the university apologize and disseminate the apology to every recipient of this program. The ZOA also demanded that the university provide additional oversight of the programs sponsored by MESA, to ensure that they no longer include unjustified vilifying accusations against Jews and Zionism.

The ZOA also assisted a Jewish student who was trying to form a chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu (SAM), a Jewish-based fraternity, at Chapman University, a small private university in Orange County, CA. Approximately 20 students supported his effort, as did the fraternity's national office. Despite all of this support, the Chapman administration rejected SAM in favor of a fraternity that had no student interest on the campus. In fact, Chapman has no culturally or religiously based fraternities.

The ZOA got involved when the administration began to harass and intimidate the Jewish student who spearheaded the effort to start the SAM chapter. This student was told that he couldn't meet with other students interested in forming a SAM chapter either on or off campus, and he was threatened with disciplinary action if he did so. Members of existing sororities and fraternities were told to report the student or anyone wearing a SAM tee shirt or congregating for SAM purposes. The Jewish student leader was publicly disparaged as a troublemaker, and he kept hearing rumors that he was going to be disciplined or expelled – all because he continued to pursue his interest in establishing a Jewish-based fraternity at Chapman.

The ZOA sent a letter to Chapman's president, alleging that the university was improperly interfering with the students' right to free speech, association and assembly. The local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union also sent a letter, and threatened Chapman with a lawsuit.

Negotiations ensued, and the matter has been resolved. Even though the SAM students do not constitute an officially recognized group, they will be permitted to congregate on campus, distribute materials in designated areas on campus, and purchase ads in the student paper.

ZOA Files Amicus Brief in Religious-Discrimination-in-the-Workplace Case

In November 2007, the ZOA filed an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief in a religious discrimination case that is pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The case was filed by renowned Washington, D.C. litigator Nathan Lewin, on behalf of a Jewish Senior Parole Officer in the New York State Division of Parole. The plaintiff alleged that he had been subjected to a work environment hostile to his religious beliefs and practices in violation of federal and state law. For example, the plaintiff's supervisors repeatedly scheduled mandatory training sessions on Jewish holidays (Rosh Hashanah and Shavuot), and denied the plaintiff's request that they be rescheduled. One of the plaintiff's supervisors told him, "You are different. You are not like the rest of us. You don't fit in here . . . you are dangerous. . . . You are like Saddam Hussein."

After the case was filed in the federal district court in New York, the court dismissed the case, concluding that the plaintiff suffered only infrequent and relatively benign incidents of anti-Semitic hostility. When the plaintiff appealed this decision to the Second Circuit, Attorney Lewin asked the ZOA to help by filing an amicus brief that would focus on the plaintiff's claim that he was subjected to a hostile work environment in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

The case will be scheduled for hearing by the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in the near future.

LAW & JUSTICE

MOHMOUD ABBAS IN HIS OWN WORDS

ONCE AND FOR ALL...

WHO IS THE REAL
MAHMOUD
ABBAS?**Mahmoud Abbas in his own words:**

On recognizing Israel: *"It is not required of Hamas, or of Fatah, or of the Popular Front to recognize Israel"* (Al-Arabiya [Dubai] and PA TV, October 3, 2006).

Fighting Israel: *"We have a legitimate right to direct our guns against Israeli occupation ... Our rifles, all our rifles are aimed at The Occupation"* (Jerusalem Post, January 11, 2007; Independent Media & Review Analysis, January 12, 2007).

On Jews: *"The sons of Israel are corrupting humanity on earth"* (World Net Daily, January 11, 2007).

On Israel: *"the Zionist enemy"* (Associated Press, January 4, 2005; CNN.com, January 7, 2005).

On suicide bombers: *"Allah loves the martyr"* (Wall Street Journal, January 5, 2005).

On wanted Palestinian terrorists: *"heroes fighting for freedom"* (Age [Melbourne], January 3, 2005); *"Israel calls them murderers, we call them strugglers"* (Jerusalem Post, December 25, 2004).

On Palestinian terrorist leaders Yasser Arafat, Hamas' Ahmad Yasin and Abdel Aziz Rantisi and Palestinian Islamic Jihad's Fathi Shikaki: *"martyrs"* (Palestinian Media Center, September 9, 2005).

On Hamas: ***"We must unite the Hamas and Fatah blood in the struggle against Israel as we did at the beginning of the intifada. We want a political partnership with Hamas"*** (*Jerusalem Post*, February 5, 2007).

On Yasser Arafat: ***"It is our duty to implement the principles of Yasser Arafat"*** (*Ha'aretz*, January 3, 2005); ***"We will continue in the path of the late president until we fulfill all his dreams"*** (*Agence France-Presse*, November 11, 2005); ***"The Palestinian leadership won't stray from Arafat's path"*** (*Yediot Ahronot*, November 11, 2006).

On disarming Palestinian terrorists: a ***"red line"*** that must not be crossed (*Washington Times*, January 3, 2005).

On jailed Palestinian terrorists: ***"our heroes."*** (*Israel National News*, May 26, 2006). On the so-called "right of return" of Palestinian refugees and their millions of descendants which, if implemented would end Israel as a Jewish state: ***"The issue of the refugees is non-negotiable"*** (*Jerusalem Post*, January 11, 2007).

On the Lebanese terrorist group Hizballah: A source of pride and sets an example for the ***"Arab resistance"*** (*Jerusalem Post*, August 6, 2006).

Saddam Hussein: ***"Saddam Hussein has entered history as a symbol of Pan-Arab nationalism"*** (*Independent Media Review and Analysis*, December 31, 2006).

Mahmoud Abbas' acts:

Holocaust denial: He wrote a PhD thesis and published a book denying the Holocaust.

Terrorist group Fatah: He co-founded with arch-terrorist Yasser Arafat the terrorist group Fatah, whose Constitution to this day calls for the destruction of Israel (Article 12) and the use of terrorism against Israelis as an indispensable part of the struggle to achieve that goal (Article 19).

Funding terrorism: As senior PLO official, he funded the Munich massacre of Israeli Olympic athletes in 1972.

Terror & incitement to violence: He has refused to implement the signed Oslo agreements and the 2003 Roadmap peace plan which requires him to fight, arrest, extradite and jail terrorists and confiscate their weaponry and end the incitement to hatred and murder in the PA-controlled media, mosques, schools and youth camps that feeds it.

Terrorists' plan for more violence: In May 2006, he endorsed the so-called "Prisoners' Plan", a document produced by jailed Palestinian terrorists, that endorses continued terrorism against Israel, legitimizes the murder of Jews, does not accept Israel's existence as a Jewish state, abrogates Palestinian obligations under the signed Oslo agreements and the 2003 Roadmap peace plan, and insists on the "right of return."

Money for suicide bombers' families: In December 2005, he approved legislation mandating financial benefits to be paid to families of killed Palestinian terrorists.



WHO IS THE REAL ABBAS?
JUST LISTEN TO HIS WORDS.
JUST WATCH HIS ACTIONS.
IT'S A DEAD GIVEAWAY.

JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS DINNER



ZOA CHAIRMAN OF THE NEC, DR. ALAN MAZUREK; ERNST MICHEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF NEW YORK FOR 25 YEARS, PRESENTING THE JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS AWARD TO IRWIN HOCHBERG, PAST CHAIRMAN OF UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK AND FORMER NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS; MORTON A. KLEIN, ZOA PRESIDENT



STEVE GOLDBERG ACCEPTS A BEAR HUG FROM MORTON KLEIN



PROFESSOR BENZION NETANYAHU, UPON RECEIVING ZOA'S JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS AWARD, ADDRESSING GLOBAL ISSUES RELEVANT TO ISRAEL



PRESIDENT MORTON A. KLEIN PRESENTING ZOA'S YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD TO STEVEN ALEVY



IRWIN HOCHBERG, SURROUNDED BY HIS SONS, MITCHELL, RICHARD & JONATHAN



ZOA BOARD MEMBERS JAY KNOPF, JUDITH AND STANLEY ROSENBERG



REPRESENTATIVE ANTHONY WEINER (D-NY) IN AN IMPROMPTU ADDRESS



REPRESENTATIVE SHELLEY BERKLEY (D-NV) ACCEPTING ZOA'S DEFENDER OF ISRAEL AWARD FROM MARTIN GROSS AND MORTON A. KLEIN, NATIONAL PRESIDENT



(L TO R) ELI AND MARILYN HERTZ, OF HERTZ TECHNOLOGY GROUP AND REMOTEIT; JOSHUA LANDIS; ZOA BOARD MEMBERS BEN CHOUAKE, AND ROBERT GUZZARDI WHO ALONG WITH MEL DUBIN WAS CO-CHAIR OF THE DINNER



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PASTOR ROBERT STEARNS CO-FOUNDER OF CHRISTIANS UNITED FOR ISRAEL; ZOA BOARD MEMBER EUGENE SHUSMAN; MORTON AND RITA KLEIN



JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS AWARDEE PROFESSOR BENZION NETANYAHU WITH NEIL SHER, FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AIPAC



JOSHUA ORBACH PERFORMS HAMOTZI AS ZOA CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ALAN MAZUREK LOOKS ON



MALCOLM HOENLEIN, EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, AND ZOA'S MARTIN GROSS

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The ZOA Campus Activism Network (ZOA CAN), under the direction of Julie Sager, organized a variety of programs on campuses throughout the United States during the fall of 2007.

PROTESTING AHMADINEJAD

ZOA campus staff Dalia Lockspeiser, Sharona Whisler, and David B. Greenberg helped to organize student protesters within and outside the Columbia University campus when Mahmoud Ahmadinejad spoke there. ZOA posters were shown on the news, and Sharona was quoted in several newspapers, explaining the ZOA's position on Ahmadinejad and Iran. The ZOA also handed out flyers and materials to students and community members. The ZOA was the only organization protesting on the campus while Ahmadinejad spoke, with a huge banner facing the student audience and media.



PALESTINIAN MEDIA WATCH

Following Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's visit to Columbia University, Dalia Lockspeiser arranged for Itamar Marcus of Palestinian Media Watch to speak to LionPAC, a pro-Israel student group at Columbia University. Marcus used footage from Arab television to detail the hate education received by Arab children under the Palestinian Authority.

IDF SOLDIERS ON CAMPUS

Sharona Whisler brought author and former IDF soldier Adam Harmon – who has been featured on CNN, FOX, and various radio programs – to both American University and George Washington University. Harmon discussed his experience as a lone soldier as well as his unusual perspective on the relationship between American Jews and Israel, and shared insight into IDF operations in which Arab terrorists have been captured.

Harmon also addressed the ZOA chapter at University of Maryland, College Park, where he was well-received by a large audience of students.

On the West Coast, ZOA Campus Director Julie Sager and ZOA Campus Coordinator Tania Korin organized speaking appearances by current IDF soldier Noah Joseph at the University of California, Davis as well as UC Berkeley. Joseph, a former campus activist and recent North American immigrant to Israel, spoke about his experiences as a campus advocate for Israel, making aliya, and joining the IDF. He also shared strategies for combating the anti-Semitism that students at the University of California face on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. At UC Davis, Joseph spoke at both the Hillel and on campus; at UC Berkeley, he spoke at the Alpha Epsilon Pi house to a Zionist campus group called Tikva.

Tania Korin also organized an appearance by a former IDF soldier whose former boyfriend was killed by Hamas terrorists on the same day that Gilad Schalit was kidnapped. She spoke at San Francisco State University, a campus known for its anti-Israel activity.

NEW ZOA CAMPUS CHAPTER

Julie Sager and Tania Korin oversaw the establishment of a ZOA student chapter at UC Irvine. The Irvine campus has a history of anti-Semitism, prompting a complaint by the ZOA in 2004 that led to a federal investigation into the practices of the campus administration under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The founding students of the new chapter will work with the ZOA to combat anti-Semitism at Irvine and organize pro-Israel programs and activities.

CARE PACKAGES FOR SOLDIERS

Sharona Whisler and the Queens College ZOA chapter organized a program in which students prepared care packages, wrote letters, and decorated T-shirts for Israeli soldiers. The ZOA also helped coordinate this project at NYU. Participants of the ZOA Student Leadership Mission to Israel will deliver care packages to IDF units during a visit to a base in the north.



CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

HISTORY OF JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL THROUGH ISRAELI FOLK DANCE

Dalia Lockspeiser gave a presentation on the History of Jewish Immigration to Israel Through Israeli Folk Dance and taught students Israeli dance at Queens College. The program introduced students to the diverse cultures that live in Israel. She also gave a lecture at Rutgers University about Women's Rights in Israel, and she focused on the experiences and opportunities afforded to women in Israel.

KRAV MAGA

Sharona Whisler and Tania Korin arranged for krav maga (Israeli martial arts) expert Moshe Katz of Israel to visit Brooklyn College and the University of California-Irvine. Katz interspersed his lessons in basic self-defense with anecdotes and information about his life in Israel. The ZOA is working on bringing him to several campuses this spring.

WALT AND MEARSHEIMER

The ZOA has organized protests against Stephen Walt and John Mearsheimer, authors of *The Israel Lobby* and *U.S. Foreign Policy*, in Cleveland's City Club and at Case Western Reserve University, at Columbia University, and at the UCLA Hammer Museum in Los Angeles. ZOA staff distributed materials explaining the dangerous factual and moral errors contained in Walt and Mearsheimer's book.

DANIEL PIPES AND FRANK GAFFNEY IN MICHIGAN

ZOA Campus Coordinator Nick Israel organized a speaking engagement by Frank Gaffney, Jr., President of the Center for Security Policy and a former assistant Secretary of Defense, at the University of Michigan. Israel also promoted and helped recruit students to attend lectures by Daniel Pipes at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University – a local hotbed of anti-Israel extremist activity.

SOLIDARITY WITH KIDNAPPED SOLDIERS

The Campus Activism Network continued to distribute thousands of wristbands with the names of three kidnapped Israeli soldiers – Ehud Goldwasser, Eldad Regev, and Gilad Schalit – to raise awareness of their continued imprisonment. The ZOA also continued to print postcards for students and community members to send to the UN and the Red Cross on behalf of the soldiers and has succeeded in mailing in thousands of these cards. In addition, in October 2007, the ZOA co-sponsored programs in New York, Boston, and Los Angeles in solidarity with the kidnapped Israeli soldiers.

PLUTO PRESS ANTI-SEMITISM

ZOA Campus Coordinator Nick Israel testified before the regents of the University of Michigan that the University of Michigan press is generating anti-Semitic works through its relationship with Pluto Press, which has published numerous books that call for dismantling Israel. Nick Israel, a graduate of the University of Michigan, discussed how the books would affect Jewish students on campus, as well as Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the 2006 Civil Rights Commission report on campus anti-Semitism, which was issued as a response to the ZOA's complaint against UC Irvine.

COUNTERING A TERRORISM FUNDRAISER

Nick Israel brought a group of volunteers to Case Western University to protest a dinner fundraiser that donated proceeds to the Palestinian

Children's Relief Fund. The protesters successfully turned away one-third of those who had planned to attend by distributing flyers and demonstrating the organization's terrorist connections.

MIDWEST CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Nick Israel lectured at Purdue University in Indiana, the University of Cincinnati Chabad, Miami University in Ohio, Ohio State University Hillel, the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon Chabad, and a synagogue in Chicago about topics including the situation in Israel, the ZOA, Israeli history and campus anti-Semitism.

ANNAPOLIS CONFERENCE PROTEST

ZOA National President Morton Klein, Dalia Lockspeiser, and David Greenberg protested in Annapolis, Maryland, against the meeting held there between Ehud Olmert, Mahmoud Abbas, and other international parties. The ZOA received press coverage as a presence at the rally, and over twenty-five members of the ZOA University of Maryland chapter attended the protest. They held pro-Israel banners and sang songs in support of Israel.





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THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

Mahmoud Abbas' Palestinian Authority (PA) media regularly includes approving and adulatory references to Adolf Hitler, often in PA radio "Voice of Palestine" broadcasts. Abbas himself published his dissertation as a book denying the Holocaust. The revulsion of Hitler expected in the West is not true in Palestinian society. Articles have appeared in both Fatah and Hamas newspapers which demonstrate Hitler's admired status.



Ahmadinejad is only the most vocal of Muslim leaders calling for Israel's elimination, which means calling for the murder of the Jews of Israel, and uttering obscenities like denying the Nazi genocide of Europe's Jews. What makes Ahmadinejad's repeated calls for and predictions of Israel's destruction so ominous is that his regime is proceeding unhindered towards acquiring nuclear weapons, which would allow him to carry out his dream.



**against the hatred & the lies
the long struggle continues**

SOME ZOA ACTIONS

AROUND THE COUNTRY AND ISRAEL WITH MORT KLEIN

ZOA President Morton Klein's advocacy on behalf of a strong and secure Israel took him throughout the United States. His activities included, inter alia, the following:

A speech at the National Association of Child Holocaust Survivors in New York City and a keynote lecture before the National Young Leadership Conference in DC, consisting of 400 top high school leaders and scholars from throughout the USA.

Mort was also the invited guest columnist for five days in Israel's *Ha'aretz* newspaper known as the New York Times of Israel.

He spoke at synagogues in New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and New Jersey.

Mort also appeared on TV and radio shows including Fox National Cable News, MSNBC, and CBS radio.

And, as we have come to expect to see the ZOA position articulated in the press, Mort was quoted in most Jewish newspapers and some secular. He had articles or letters in *Commentary*, *New York Jewish Week*, *Washington Jewish Week*, *LA Jewish Journal*, *Philadelphia Exponent*, *Washington Times*, *Washington Post*, and many others.

MICHIGAN

With the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu as the keynote speaker, the Michigan Region's annual Balfour Celebration was a resounding success – Ann Newman and Alizy Nivy were given the prestigious Louis D. Brandeis Award, chosen to receive this award in recognition of their lifetime commitments to the Detroit Jewish Community and Zionism.

ZOA sponsored Jonathan Schanzer, formerly a counter-terrorist analyst for the U.S. Justice Department, who spoke on November 29, 2007 to commemorate the U.N. Partition vote. Presently with the Jewish Policy Center, he spoke to local students at Yeshivat Akiva, Frankel Jewish Academy, Berkley High School and the Jewish Community Center, and talked of the danger of Israel making concessions during the Middle East peace talks.

In January, Henry Gleisner, a Holocaust survivor and author of *Defying The Fates*, and his grandson, Chief Warrant Officer Eric T. Howe spoke about "Confronting Evil Now & Then: Terrorism and Nazism."

PHILADELPHIA

The Greater Philadelphia District elected a slate of new officers, headed by co-presidents Leonard Getz and Marc Pevar, and honored outgoing president Lori Lowenthal Marcus for her service to a ZOA district that has long distinguished itself for its pro-Israel activism.

The radio show "The ZOA Middle East Report" continues to feature important and timely guests. Among those who have appeared on the show recently have been: Nobel Laureate Prof. Yisrael Aumann, Natan Sharansky, Amb. John Bolton, Iowa Zionist activists James Eaves-Johnson and Sheldon Rabinowitz, Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, Rabbi Pesach Lerner, Dr. Claude Berrebi of the RAND Corporation, Knesset Member Yisrael Katz and U.S. Rep. Bob Wexler.

ZOA-Philadelphia sponsored "An Evening with pro-Israel Bangladesh Muslim activist and editor Shoaib Choudhury" that was co-sponsored by a number of Philadelphia Jewish communal organizations including the

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and American Jewish Congress.

The weekly pro-Israel demonstration outside of the Israeli Consulate continues, now in its sixth year.

In addition, ZOA-Philadelphia sent a vanload of members to protest outside of the Annapolis Conference against Israeli territorial concessions, and distributed leaflets exposing the anti-Israel bias of CNN's Christiane Amanpour outside of Philadelphia's Kimmel Center, where she was speaking that evening.

Executive Director Steve Feldman, Co-President Marc Pevar and immediate Past President Lori Lowenthal Marcus gave talks throughout the area. They also had a meeting which featured prudent advice on getting ZOA's message to elected officials with former Congressman Jon Fox.

Co-President Leonard Getz successfully lobbied the Jewish Community Relations Council to introduce pro-Israel resolutions at the Jewish Council for Public Affairs' Plenum.

PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh District kicked off the fall season with a membership brunch that drew a standing room only crowd. ZOA Pittsburgh moved into a new office and held a yard sale that helped to raise record breaking funds. A lively Hannuka party for young families was well attended by members and many guests of all ages, with a raffle that earned ZOA several thousand dollars.

The chapter co-sponsored several high profile speakers including Mitchell Bard, Gil Troy and Patrick Clawson, an expert on Iran. Pittsburgh ZOA also received quite a bit of positive press coverage, including an interview and a feature op-ed in the local Jewish newspaper prior to Annapolis detailing why the conference was doomed to failure.

Three students at the University of Pittsburgh work hard to get the ZOA message out on campus; two of them went to Israel on the ZOA campus trip in December. Long time New York ZOA activist Howard Schaerf, Esq. spoke at Hillel – Jewish University Center about the Partition Plan and the Annapolis conference. Schaerf spoke to a crowd of 150 students. A revitalized chapter, Pittsburgh is doing wonders getting the word out about Israel, ZOA, and the Arab war on Israel.

LOS ANGELES/WEST COAST

ZOA West Coast, now under the directorship of Tamar Salama, marketed its Young Professionals Night in February. West Coast lay leader and National ZOA Board Member Steve Goldberg debated Michael Berenbaum on issues vital to Israel's security.

A concerted effort is underway to publicize the work of ZOA, including the following: SC Students for Israel (USC), Hillel at USC, Myspace, Facebook, the Council of Israeli Community LA, the Jewish Journal Calendar, the ZOA membership list, Aaron's Tent (A Los Angeles Jewish Event Calendar), and through the efforts of two local Jewish DJ's that throw holiday events (both with an extensive email list).

The ZOA Los Angeles Young Professionals Facebook site now has over 230 members, many of whom attended the Young Professionals Night event.

Throughout the City and the Valley, stacks of the postcards and flyers have been distributed at Jewish vendors, synagogues and local Israeli/Jewish establishments.

ZOA PEOPLE

JOSHUA E. LONDON**ZOA's Deputy Director of Government Relations
Washington, DC**

Joshua E. London recently joined ZOA as a Deputy Director of Government Relations in Washington, DC. In this capacity, Joshua feels “privileged to work every day to educate members of Congress and their staffers about the truth of the Arab war against Israel and about the realities of the so-called ‘peace process’; promoting and developing legislative initiatives that strengthen Israel and the US-Israel relationship; and advocate against misguided policies and legislation that weaken Israel and shower assistance upon Israel’s enemies.”

A native of Sacramento, California, Joshua was raised in a warm, passionately Zionist, intellectually minded, modern Orthodox home. While still a student in yeshiva high school, Joshua’s active interest in politics and public policy led him to an internship with California Assemblyman B.T. Collins, who took an active interest in Joshua’s development. This early, hands-on taste of politics led Joshua to ground his intellectual interest in the day-to-day realities of the political process.

After studying at Bar-Ilan University in Israel, Joshua returned to California and worked on Republican Gov. Pete Wilson’s re-election campaign, all the while teaching Torah and Talmud classes in the local Jewish community. Employed part-time in the governor’s office, he graduated from the University of California, Davis in 1997 with a B.A. in political science. Joshua became a star pupil of the Political Science department, established and edited an alternative campus newspaper and earned a reputation on campus as a conservative activist and Zionist. The following year, Joshua received his M.A. in social science from the University of Chicago.

Thereafter, Joshua moved to Washington, DC and became the director of the campus journalism program at the Center for Print and Broadcast Media, a division of the conservative educational foundation, the

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Leadership Institute. He also began writing freelance for a wide variety of publications, eventually joining *The American Spectator* magazine as a senior editor. Eager to return professionally to serving the Jewish community, Joshua next became the director of policy at the Jewish Policy Center, a conservative think tank and sister organization to the Republican Jewish Coalition.

In 2005, Joshua’s book, *Victory in Tripoli: How America’s War with the Barbary Pirates Established the U.S. Navy and Shaped a Nation*, was published by John Wiley & Sons. A history of America’s war under President Thomas Jefferson against Muslim pirates in North Africa, *Victory in Tripoli* was hailed by the *Jerusalem Post* as a “fascinating, fast-paced account” and a “welcome... reminder that the West’s trouble with jihad did not begin in 1948 with the creation of Israel.” Dr. Andrew Bostom, author of *The Legacy of Jihad*, called it “engrossing, carefully researched, and intellectually honest,” while the always provocative Christopher Hitchens pronounced it to be “excellent” and an “impressive study.”

Prior to joining ZOA’s ranks, Joshua was the deputy director of the Orthodox Union’s Institute for Public Affairs, where he worked to protect American Jewish interests and religious freedoms. While his work with the OU was challenging and rewarding, Joshua was eager to do more on behalf of his Jewish brethren in Israel, and couldn’t resist the opportunity to work for the ZOA: “The fact is that the ZOA is, unfortunately, the only American Jewish organization that, from the beginning of the Oslo Process right down to the present, has consistently and effectively fought to hold the Palestinians to their commitments to end terrorism and the incitement to violence and hatred; it is the only organization to consistently oppose Israeli territorial concessions that weaken Israel’s security and strengthen the resolve of her murderous and militantly irredentist enemies; and the only organization to fearlessly oppose U.S. support for the as yet unreformed and unrepentant, corrupt and blood-stained Palestinian Authority.”

Joshua has written on many different topics, from history and politics to Jewish values and single malt Scotch whisky. He has appeared on television and radio, and has lectured widely across the United States, including to audiences at the Pentagon, various Navy and Marine Corps groups, the Heritage Foundation, the Middle East Forum, various Jewish Community Centers and synagogues, Baltimore Hebrew University, the Jewish Study Center, and the New York Military Affairs Symposium at the City University of New York.

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Following on the heels of an upgrade to our website's appearance just two years ago, we have launched an entirely new site, with an entirely new look, redesigned from the inside out to be more flexible and responsive to our needs.

While many of the changes are behind the scenes, much of the improvements are noticeable immediately, including better printing and emailing of our huge archive of press releases and op-eds. These and our other important documents will be catalogued in a database format that will give us better searching and archiving capabilities. There will also be links to social networking websites such as Facebook and MySpace, which are highly popular among students and young adults. Given the new, flexible design, we will be adding much more text and other content to our website, all to better promote our vision and show the world what ZOA is about.

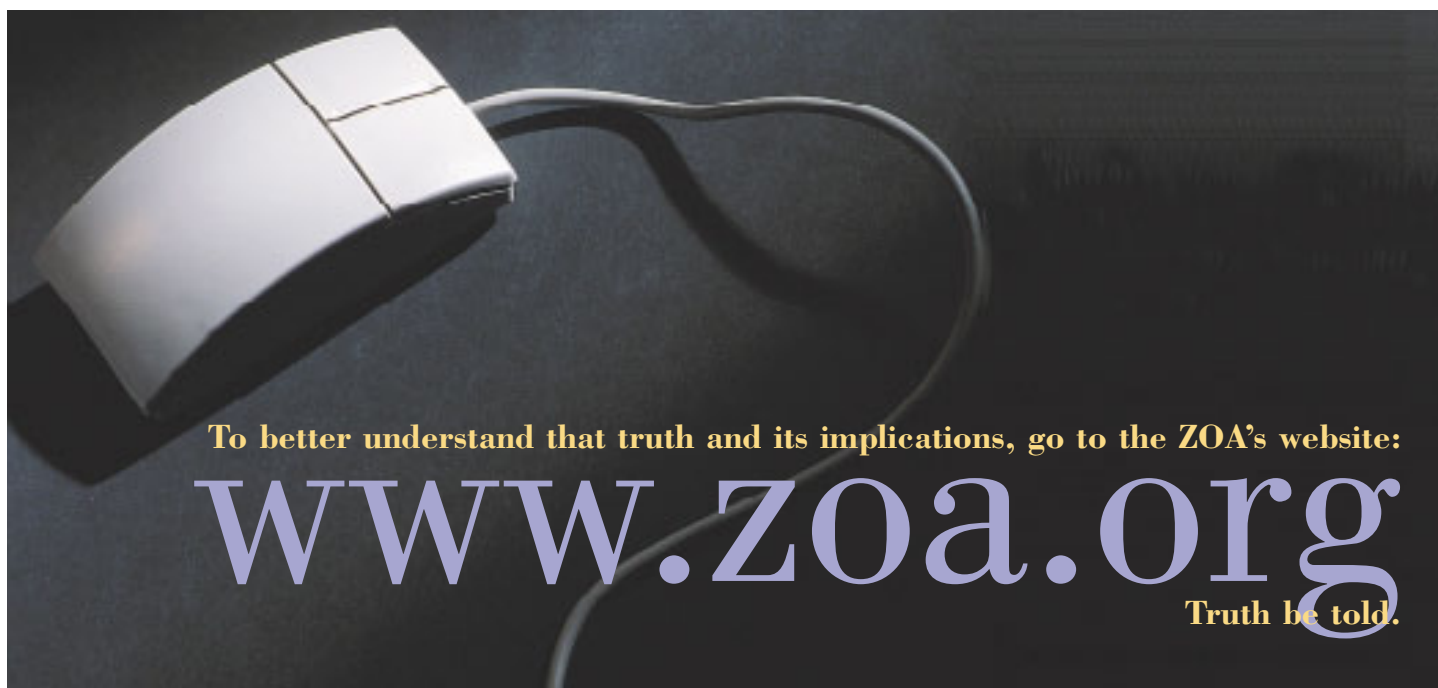
No mention of our new website would be complete without a truly heartfelt "thank you" to the man who almost single-handedly implemented this much-appreciated upgrade. You may know Eli Hertz as the recipient of the 2005 ZOA Justice Louis D. Brandeis Award, in recognition of his creation of books such as Reply, a point-by-point rebuttal of the International Court of Justice advisory opinion regarding the

security barrier in Judea and Samaria, and his work on the boards of organizations including CAMERA, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, AIPAC, and the Israel-America Chamber of Commerce. Eli is also a maven of the computer world. For our website, Eli Hertz's company, RemoteIT (www.remoteIT.com), has donated the considerable time and effort needed to make our website the very best it can be. In fact, the very initiative for this project came from Mr. Hertz, who pointed out to us in 2007 the many improvements ZOA could make and quickly convinced us that he was the person to do it.

You can imagine that ZOA has been the subject of more than one attempt at hacking by enemies of Israel who don't like our message. In fact, it is something of a badge of honor to note that the ZOA website has been a target of vicious computer attacks quite a few times in the past. While our previous long-time web host has been most adroit at keeping our website up and running, even in the face of these threats, we are confident that our new hosting services will be equally up to the task, as ZOA is seeking the hosting services of some of the biggest names in the Internet security business.

Despite putting a great deal of focus on the new features of our website, we have not lost track of the reason for us to have a presence on the Internet in the first place: to disseminate information, particularly to movers and shakers across the United States; to increase the awareness and participation of the next generation of Jewish leaders with content for students and young professionals groups; and to promote awareness of the legal battles being fought by the ZOA Center for Law and Justice.

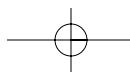
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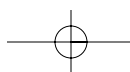


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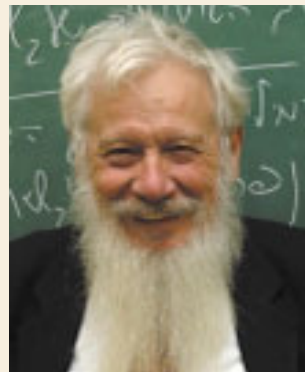
Ambassador Dore Gold



Dore Gold, former Israeli Ambassador to the UN and now head of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs and a foreign policy advisor to former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed the ZOA National Board via conference call. Gold outlined

former PM Sharon's quest for the U.S. to accept defensible borders for Israel, which has led to the present secret negotiations with the Palestinian Authority by PM Olmert. Gold emphasized that Israel must aim to retain Jerusalem and defensible borders without which any deal would lead to disaster.

Nobel Laureate Professor Robert (Yisrael) Aumann



Addressing the ZOA National Board in a visit to New York in November, Nobel Laureate Professor Robert Aumann spoke of the problems besetting Israel on account of its government abandoning its Zionist agenda and the Israeli population. While Jews, having slid into a certain apathy, ponder the purpose of their state, the

Palestinian movement is waging a campaign to obliterate the Jewish characteristics of the state. Prof. Aumann and Israeli law professor Dafna Netanyahu (sister-in-law of former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu) are heading a group of intellectuals starting a philanthropic fund, the Israel Independence Fund, to combat a "left-wing assault" on Israeli public opinion, and to reinvigorate Zionism.

ZOA ANNOUNCES OPENING OF NEW JERUSALEM/ISRAEL OFFICE



The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) is pleased to announce the opening of its new Jerusalem office in Israel. A February, 2008 press conference at the Begin Center in Jerusalem formally opened the ZOA/Israel office. Ambassador Dore Gold, former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations and President of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, addressed the media and friends at this event. Joining Amb. Gold was Morton Klein, President of the ZOA and Jeff Daube, the new Director of ZOA's Israel office. Daube is an educator and activist with extensive experience on Capitol Hill advocating for pro-Israel legislation over 14 years.

With well over 200,000 North Americans living in Israel currently, the ZOA plans to help empower this often politically underrepresented group of steadfast Zionists.

ZOA President Morton A. Klein said, ***"We are pleased to open our new ZOA office in Jerusalem. We look forward to giving a stronger voice to a majority of Israelis who are opposed to supporting consideration of any Israeli concessions before there is full Palestinian Arab compliance to their Oslo/Hebron/Wye/RoadMap obligations to end terror, arrest terrorists, confiscate illegal weapons, and end incitement. We will also be fighting to take Jerusalem and the so-called Palestinian refugee issue off the table. ZOA also opposes any discussion of a Palestinian Arab state before there is a total transformation of the Palestinian Arab culture to one that promotes peace and conciliation. We are also pleased to have such a talented and committed individual as Jeff Daube to be our director in Israel. Many Israelis have repeatedly asked us over the years to open a ZOA Office in Israel. I am glad we have now fulfilled that dream."***

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