

Washington Mission a Success in Promoting Israel on Capitol Hill

The Zionist Organization of America's annual Washington Mission was another successful two days of lobbying, education and inspiration on behalf of the cause of Israel.

More than 250 delegates from 16 states including California, Florida, Illinois, Georgia and New York attended the event which featured talks by Israeli Ambassador Danny Ayalon, leading experts on Arab and Islamic media, Israeli journalists, a member of the Knesset and members of Congress.

Our delegates met with nearly 200 members of Congress and/or their senior staff members. A highlight of the Mission was the ZOA Capitol Hill luncheon where 19 House members (10 Democrats and nine Republicans) and Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky saluted ZOA's work and pledged to support Israel.

The Mission began with a gala dinner on Capitol Hill, in the Cannon House Building's Caucus Room, where the two featured speakers were Yigal Carmon, the internationally renowned director of MEMRI (Middle East Monitoring Research Institute), which tracks and translates Arab and Muslim media and sermons into English; and the distinguished scholar Robert Spencer, director of Jihad Watch, and author of five books and hundreds of articles about jihad and Islamic terrorism. Spencer's most recent book is *Onward Muslim Soldiers: How Jihad Still Threatens America and the West*. Robert Guzzardi, Esq. of Philadelphia, member of ZOA's National Board, and Dr. Ellen Zyroff, past president of ZOA's San Diego chapter, introduced the speakers.

Mort Klein welcomed the ZOA members to the Mission's first official event during his remarks. He spoke about the achievements of ZOA, such as the recent passage of the Koby Mandell Act, ZOA's complaint to the Office of Civil Rights about UC/Irvine allowing discrimination and intimidation of Jewish students, which has led to an improved environment there, and ZOA's active campus program.



The Hon. Daniel Ayalon, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, addressing delegates at ZOA's Washington Mission.

Carmon presented a series of TV clips from Palestinian, Iranian and other Muslim media including vicious anti-Semitism and anti-Israel rhetoric by Imams, small children, professors, politicians, and ordinary citizens. One clip was particularly disturbing: It showed a staged television drama about a Jewish man slitting the throat of a Christian boy and using the boy's blood to make matza. They blamed Israel for all the evil in the world.

Spencer, meanwhile, discussed the concept of "Jihad" and how its adherents are in America. He stressed that violent Jihad is a constant throughout Islamic history.

The next day, the Mission participants went back to Capitol Hill where they went to the offices of Representatives and Senators to discuss and get commitments to cosponsor important legislation and letters that would

Justice Dept. Opens "Koby Mandell" Office; After Three Year ZOA Campaign

In May United States Attorney General inaugurated the new Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism to investigate, arrest and prosecute terrorists – particularly Palestinian-Arabs – who attack Americans abroad.

The office was created as a result of the passage and enactment of the "Koby Mandell Act" last year, the culmination of a three year effort by the Zionist Organization of America (who helped initiated the bill) to ensure that those who have killed or maimed Americans in Israel, the Gaza Strip, Judea and Samaria are brought to justice.

The act was named for 13-year-old Maryland boy Koby Mandell who made aliyah with his family but who was murdered by Palestinian Arabs several years ago along with a friend as they went hiking through a cave in Israel. More than 50 Americans have been murdered by Palestinian-Arabs since the Oslo process began in 1993.

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benefit Israel and fight Islamist terrorism. ZOA members also thanked the lawmakers for their previous support on key bills.

Then it was time for the spectacular luncheon. U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning (R-KY) spoke and said, "You can't trust the Palestinian Authority to live up to their agreements." Other Members of Congress who addressed the luncheon included Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Chairwoman of the House Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia; Steve Chabot (R-OH), the Vice-Chair of the Middle East Subcommittee; Mike Pence (R-IN),

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Sen. Jim Bunning (R-KY)



Morton Klein thanks some of the many lawmakers who spoke at the luncheon, including Reps. Berkley (D-NV), Ferguson (R-NJ), Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), D. Weldon (R-FL), Pence (R-IN) and Higgins (D-NY).



U.S. Rep. Jim Ryun (R-KS)



U.S. Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ)



Irwin Hochberg, former chair, Israel Bonds, vice chair, ZOA Board (left) and Mort Klein confer during the mission.



U.S. Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY)



U.S. Rep. Joe Crowley (D-NY)

Chair of the Republican Study Committee and member of the International Relations Committee and Subcommittee on the Middle East; Joe Wilson (R-SC); Steve Rothman (D-NJ); Jim Ryun (RKS); Anthony Weiner (D-NY); Brad Sherman (D-CA); Ben Cardin (D-MD); Shelley Berkley (D-NV); Brian Higgins (D-NY); Curt Weldon (R-PA), C.A. “Dutch” Ruppersburger (D-MD); Dave Weldon (R-FL); Mike Ferguson (R-NJ); Joe Crowley (D-NY); Eliot Engel (D-NY); and Jim Saxton (R-NJ).

Congressman Curt Weldon’s remarks were particularly compelling. In an extended, no-holds-barred, charged speech, the Pennsylvania congressman was critical of the Palestinian Authority and the coddling of terrorists, and he spoke strongly in support of Israel and her right to defend herself.

Also during the luncheon, the participants heard from Knesset Member Dr. Aryeh Eldad. Dr. Eldad, a member of the Knesset’s Foreign Affairs Committee and chair of its Ethics Committee, was one of the leading voices against the government’s forced expulsion of Jews from Gaza and four towns in Samaria. He was chief medical officer of the Israel Defense Forces for four years, served as chairman of the Department of Surgery at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, and was founder of Israel’s Burn Society. He spoke about his appreciation of strong US-Israel relations and his respect for all of ZOA’s efforts, and his opposition to the Gaza Withdrawal Plan.

Two journalists from Israel, David Bedein and Steve Rodan also addressed the crowd

about the continuing problems with the Palestinian Authority’s refusal to fight terror and even their promotion of terror against Israel by their own Palestinian police force, schools and Palestinian officials.

In the afternoon, Ayalon addressed the ZOA activists. He strongly thanked ZOA’s efforts to promote strong US-Israel relations. “We appreciate and are well aware of ZOA’s great work. ... I speak to my good friend Morton Klein regularly and welcome his insights in issues affecting Israel.”

Klein responded by saying, “Ambassador Ayalon and ZOA completely agree on our strong love of the holy land of Israel and the Jewish people, and our support for Israel’s safety, security, and prosperity. We only differ about Gaza. ZOA has a deep concern that unilaterally giving away the Jewish section of Gaza and Northern Samaria and forcing 10,000 wonderful Jewish people from their homes and businesses is not only a human rights catastrophe but will encourage more terror, and will increase the danger to Jewish towns near Gaza.”

Ayalon spent a good deal of time explaining his government’s support for the Gaza Withdrawal Plan. He stated that if terrorism continues from Gaza, Israel will go back into

Gaza with military force never before seen.

In response to a question, he indicated that all of the Israelis who live on the “wrong” side of the Security Fence in towns like Bet El, Kedumim and Kiryat Arbah will never be removed. He said after the Gaza Evacuation there will be no other removals of Israelis from their homes.

In their meetings with individual members of Congress, the ZOA activists’ agenda included:

- Urging Congress to support the 2005 Saudi Arabian Accountability Act (S.1171/H.R.2037), which would impose sanctions unless the Saudis stop supporting extremist Wahabi education in mosques throughout the world, stop funding terrorist groups, and fully cooperate with U.S. efforts against terrorism.
- Urging Congress to support the new Jerusalem Embassy Bill, (H.R.588) that seeks to correct the trend of the Consulate General in Jerusalem acting as an Embassy to the Palestinians, require that wherever the U.S. government mentions Jerusalem, it should mention it as Israel’s capital. Also, it would enable Americans born in Jerusalem to be allowed to use the words “Jerusalem, Israel” as their place of

ZOA Urges Passage of Saudi Arabia Accountability Act

New legislation which the ZOA helped initiate that would hold Saudi Arabia accountable for its actions is making its way through the House and Senate.

In this first session of the 109th Congress, Congressman Anthony Weiner (D-NY) and Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) reintroduced an updated version of the 2003 Saudi Arabia Accountability Act, again throwing the spotlight on the state of U.S.-Saudi relations and lack of Saudi cooperation in the war on terrorism.

The 2005 legislation summons the rulers of the Saudi kingdom to comply with United Nations resolution 1373, calling on states to refrain from supporting terrorism, to combat terrorism, and to deny safe haven to financiers and planners of terrorism. As the home of Wahhabism, the state cult and Islamist ideology underpinning Al-Qaeda and its allies, Saudi territory is a target-rich environment for real counter-terrorism efforts.

Almost three years ago the Council of Foreign Relations concluded that Saudi Arabia is the main source of Al-Qaeda funding. The Saudi regime has consistently refused to confront it directly. As the bill notes, not a single Saudi funder of terrorism has been arrested, tried, or otherwise

publicly punished. The new bill cites reports critical of Saudi behavior, issued by the 9/11 Commission, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and an especially damning 2005 report by Freedom House. It also notes as well that Saudis have subsidized half the annual budget of Hamas as part of a \$4 billion outlay to Palestinian extremists during the current intifada.

The 2005 Saudi Arabia Accountability Act also focuses on the Saudis' lack of effective commitment to U.S. efforts against terror. Building on the now well established Saudi foot-dragging in investigating Al-Qaeda, the bill recalls Saudi obstruction of U.S. inquiries into the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers, in which 19 American service personnel died. But the Saudis have further prevented our officials from interviewing terrorist suspects in their custody, including a Saudi subject knowledgeable about plans to inject poison gas into the New York City subways.

Failure to fight terror is only part of Saudi complacency. The new bill goes on to condemn the indoctrination in hatred pursued by Saudi-funded Wahhabis in mosques and schools on U.S. soil, as well by clerics on the kingdom's official payroll.

The House version of the bill, H.R. 2037, has the backing of over forty representatives, from Republican Dan Burton of Indiana to Democrat Henry Waxman of California, and it expresses a congressional consensus that Saudi authorities must immediately cooperate in a complete and unrestricted manner with the U.S. government in the fight against terror, and permanently close all Saudi-funded charities, schools, and other organizations or institutions that support terrorism, whether inside Saudi territory or abroad, and certainly cease all rewards to the families of suicide bombers in Israel.

If the Saudis continue to support terrorism, the bill provides for sanctions including a bar on exporting special military technology to the kingdom and restriction on travel by Saudi diplomats outside a 25-mile radius from their embassy and consulates in Washington, New York, Houston, and Los Angeles.

Senate Co-Sponsors include: Senators Evan Bayh (D-IN), Jim Bunning (R-KY), Susan Collins (R-ME), John Corzine (D-NJ), Russell Feingold (D-WI), Tim Johnson (D-SD), Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Patty Murray (D-WA), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Ron Wyden (D-OR).

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birth on their passports – not simply 'Jerusalem'. The bill is sponsored in the House by Tom Reynolds of New York (R-NY).

- Urging Congress to sign a letter to President Bush asking him to pressure Mahmoud Abbas to bar Hamas from participating in elections until the organization disarms terrorists, publicly renounces terror and abrogates its charter which calls for the destruction of Israel and the murder of all Jews. The letter is co-sponsored by Rep. Shelly Berkley (D-NV), and Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN). One purpose of this letter was to make members of Congress aware that Hamas is more than a typical terrorist group, but actually a neo-Nazi group that wishes to destroy Jews as well as the Jewish state.
- Urging that no U.S. money should be sent to the Palestinians unless they fully comply with all their obligations under all the agreements they have signed with Israel to end terrorism, incitement and more. In addition, U.S. aid should be subject to quarterly reviews of Palestinian compliance.



Delegates from South Jersey meet with Aaron Levy (right), an aide to Rep. Jim Saxton (R-NJ)



U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-NY)



U.S. Rep. C.A. Ruppertsburger (D-MD)



U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA)



Rep. Steven Rothman (D-NJ) with Mort Klein



U.S. Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA)

ZOA President Meets With Annan, Sharon and Other World Leaders

Zionist Organization of America National President Morton A. Klein had the opportunity to meet with United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, the presidents of Romania and Bulgaria and other top political leaders in those two countries in recent months.

With Annan at United Nations Headquarters

Mort Klein joined Harold Tanner, president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; past Conference presidents Mortimer Zuckerman, Ronald Lauder and James Tisch, American Israel Public Affairs Committee President Bernice Manocherian; ADL National Director Abraham Foxman, Union of American Hebrew Congregations President Rabbi Eric Yoffie and Conference Executive Director Malcolm Hoenlein in the meeting at the United Nations Building with Annan.

Klein asked Annan about Syria's lack of compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1599 as well as Palestinian Authority (P.A.) President Mahmoud Abbas' failure to comply with the Roadmap requirements.

"Under U.N. Security Council Resolution 1599, Syria was supposed to remove all troops and advisors from Lebanon. Our information is that there are still many there," Klein asked Annan.

Annan responded: "Yes, we're concerned about that as well. We will follow-up on that issue."

As for the P.A., Klein asked Annan: "Under the Roadmap, not to mention Oslo, Abbas' Palestinian Authority is required to end the promotion of hatred and murder of Jews in schools, media and sermons. Even though you allege that Abbas is weak, he isn't too weak to change the names of schools, streets and sports teams that have been named after suicide bombers, which glorifies them and encourages other Arabs to emulate, and he can immediately change the school books and fire the imams who incite; yet they've done none of this. As long as they educate for and honor hatred and murder it's impossible to get to peace."

To make his point, Klein said to Annan, "Naming Palestinian soccer teams after killers is as if New York named their baseball teams 'the Ted Bundy Yankees' or the 'Charlie Manson Mets.'"

Annan responded that he was unaware of the names of the sports teams for terrorists. "He is deeply concerned about the incite-

ment issue and agreed this was an imperative," Klein said, adding that Annan promised he would "bring it up with the Palestinian Authority delegation."

Klein described Annan as "cordial, open, patient and seemed sincere." Also present was one of Annan's aides, Edward Mortimer, whom Klein followed-up with a few days later.

With Sharon in Washington

Klein and the leaders of 30 national Jewish organizations had a session with Sharon at the Blair House, the residence for visiting dignitaries across from the White House, in April. Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Daniel Ayalon was the moderator. Klein was one of five leaders who were called upon to ask a question.

"Stopping Palestinian incitement against Israel is an imperative."

Kofi Annan to Morton Klein

"I said, 'When you ran for Prime Minister, a major part of your platform was that leaving Gaza was a bad idea that would undermine the security of Israel, and that Netzarim in Gaza is as important as Tel Aviv, but 11 months after you were elected you suddenly proposed that leaving Gaza was a good idea. What happened in those 11 months to make you change your mind?'"

Sharon answered: "He spent 15 minutes explaining how 'the Jews of Gaza are the best Jews we have and this was the most torturous decision' of his life. Then, Sharon answered: 'First of all I understand that the Oslo agreements were the greatest disaster Israel ever had. But we cannot sit quietly and take no steps. The world won't accept it, including the U.S. and the U.S. is under pressure from Europe to pressure us. We must be involved in a political process in order to defend ourselves politically. We are doing the Gaza withdrawal to save as much as possible strategic areas for Israel.'"

Klein reported that surprisingly, Sharon did not mention that leaving Gaza would enhance Israel's security or economy. "He also informed us that 'Israel will leave properties intact in Gaza and the Jewish graves will be moved.' He repeatedly said, 'that this is so difficult and so painful.'" When Klein followed up and asked, "Can you assure us that the security fence, which presently encompasses only 7% of Judea

and Samaria, will not be the final political border, especially in light of the fact that there are 60,000 to 80,000 Jews on the wrong side of the fence, i.e. Beth El, Kedumim, Kiryat Arba, Shilo, Eli, Hebron and others, Sharon replied, '...east of the fence the local communities have their own fences...We'll see what happens with the Road Map. The Road Map won't start until there is full Arab compliance – and after they comply, we'll discuss the final borders...But I can tell you that the major Jewish population centers will always remain part of Israel ...'"

With European Heads of State

Klein traveled to Bulgaria and Romania in February as part of a delegation with other leaders of Jewish organizations under the auspices of the Conference of Presidents. They spent a day-and-a-half in each nation touring synagogues, Jewish schools and Jewish community centers and meeting with Jewish leaders and top political leaders. They were also treated to cantorial concerts in both countries.

Klein and the other Jewish organization officials then met the respective heads of state, foreign affairs and defense ministers, Klein noted.

"These nations seem to be friendly to Israel and we wanted to strengthen that bond," Klein said of the purpose of the mission. He added that "The [local] Jewish leaders seemed comfortable living there." The American Jewish leaders visited several Jewish institutions that Ron Lauder created there to promote Jewish life and Jewish education.

Klein pointed out to both presidents that "We are sitting here in the capital city of your country, and Israel's Embassy is appropriately located in your capital city. Jerusalem is the capital city of Israel. Why is your Embassy located in Tel Aviv and not in Israel's capital, Jerusalem?"

Romanian President Traian Basescu promised that he would work to move the Embassy as soon as possible, Klein said. The Bulgarian president responded by saying that they would move their Embassy to Jerusalem as soon as the U.S. does.

In response to a Conference of Presidents request, Romania agreed to quit being a member of the U.N.'s Committee for Palestine, which has regularly been promoting anti-Israel propaganda. All was not pleasant on the trip, Klein related. "I was amazed that in both countries at outdoor markets on the streets there were a number of tables selling Nazi materials and memorabilia."

ZOA Poll Shows Most Americans Opposed to Gaza Expulsion Plan

A major national poll found that 63% of Americans opposed Israel's Gaza Withdrawal Plan, 80% opposed U.S. aid to Palestinians, 61% opposed dealing with even elected or appointed Hamas members. Meanwhile 63% of those surveyed supported Jerusalem remaining under Israeli sovereignty and 58% supported economic sanctions against Saudi Arabia.

Israel's Gaza Withdrawal Plan ceded the Jewish portion of Gaza and a portion of northern Samaria to the Palestinian Authority and will forcibly remove 10,000 Israeli Jewish men, women and children from their homes, businesses, schools and synagogues without any concessions from the Palestinian Arabs in return or any agreement of peace.

The poll was commissioned by the Zionist Organization of America. It was conducted by McLaughlin & Associates, a major national polling company, on June 26-27, 2005. The poll questioned a scientific sampling of 1,000 Americans from throughout the U.S.

In other results, by a margin of 2 to 1, Americans believe the Gaza Plan rewards terrorism; by a margin of 3 to 1, Americans believe a Palestinian State's goal would be the destruction of Israel; by a margin of 2 1/2 to 1, they believe a Palestinian State would be a terrorist state; and by a margin of 10 to 1, they do not believe Saudi Arabia is a reliable ally in the U.S. war against radical Islamic terrorism.

These results challenged the findings of a poll commissioned by the Anti-Defamation League which contended that 71% of Americans supported the Plan. According to experts in statistics and mathematics, the ADL results are "not valid."

Two distinguished professors of statistics and one distinguished professor of mathematics unequivocally state that ADL's "conclusion that most Americans support the Gaza Plan is not valid." The mathematics professor added that it was clear to him that the poll question was written in a way that was "politically motivated" and that the "conclusion that most Americans support the Gaza Plan is untrue and certainly cannot be stated based on the ADL Poll."

The professors who analyzed the results of the ADL poll include Professor Abba Krieger, chairman of the Department of Statistics at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; Professor Moshe Pollak, Department of Statistics at Hebrew University; and Professor Louis Raymon, Department of Mathematics, Temple University. (Prof. Raymon is for-

mer Chairman of the Department of Mathematics, and former Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, where he teaches both mathematics and statistics).

Professors Krieger and Pollak said, "We reviewed the question asked of the respondents and determined that the conclusion that most Americans are in favor of withdrawal is not valid, according to ADL's survey questions and answers. At best the survey obfuscates the conclusion because the focus of the statements seems to be on Israel's reason for withdrawal and not on the opinion of the respondent and because only two options for Israel's decision to withdraw are indicated," neither one asking if respondents support the Plan.

Professor Raymon said: "The ADL poll only addresses Israel's apparent motivation, but does not address at all the question of Americans actual support for the Gaza withdrawal to take place. The question ADL asked had nothing to do with whether the respondent was for or against the withdrawal. Raymon added, "It seems clear to me that the phrasing and construction of this survey question is politically motivated and the ADL conclusion that Americans support this Plan is unreliable, inaccurate and invalid."

Professor Raymon further added, "In contrast to the ADL poll, the McLaughlin & Associates poll, which showed by a margin of 63% - 16%, that Americans strongly opposed the Gaza Plan, asked a straightforward question of a representative sample of 1000 Americans (June 26-27, 2005) prefaced by objective facts necessary for an informed decision. The results would seem to be unquestionably accurate, valid and meaningful."

"This national poll exposed the myth that Americans support the Gaza/Northern Samaria Withdrawal/Expulsion Plan," said ZOA President Morton A. Klein. "Americans realize that it's a bad deal for Israel to make these major concessions without getting anything in return. They also understand that this rewards the Hamas and Fatah suicide-bombing terrorists whose counterparts are killing Americans every day in Iraq. This plan harms the U.S. war against radical Islamic terrorism by sending a message that terrorism pays and pays well."

"This national poll clearly shows the antagonism that U.S. citizens have to giving their hard-earned dollars in the form of \$350 million of U.S. aid to what Americans clearly see as a terrorist regime called the Palestinian Authority [P.A.]," Klein noted.

"It is remarkable to see that average Americans understand that any Palestinian State that may evolve will be committed to Israel's destruction – not to living in peace with Israel."

Klein said, "I wish more U.S. Congress members and President Bush realized this instead of praising Palestinian chief Abbas as a peacemaker and promoting the establishment of yet another terrorist state in the region. It is high time that U.S. aid to the Palestinian Arabs be conditional on the P.A.'s fulfilling all of their written 12-year old obligations including the disarming and dismantling of terror groups, ending incitement against Israel and Jews, arresting terrorists, closing bomb factories, and stopping the smuggling of weapons and missiles from Sinai into Gaza.

"And while Europe is planning to negotiate with the terror group Hamas and the U.S. is considering what to do if Hamas gains in power in the Palestinian Authority, it is refreshing to see that U.S. citizens clearly understand that America should never negotiate with as venal a terror group as Hamas.

Klein added, "It is also refreshing to see virtually unanimous support among Americans for Israel to maintain sovereignty over Jerusalem. Jerusalem has never been the capital of any country except Israel. When Jordan controlled it, no Arab leader visited Jerusalem – yet Arabs would not let any Jew visit Judaism's holy city. Jerusalem is mentioned in the Jewish holy books 700 times – in the Islamic Koran – not once. Americans understand all this – it is time President Bush moves the U.S. Embassy to Israel's capital, Jerusalem, as U.S. law requires. Bush's refusal to move the Embassy sends a clear message that Islamic terrorism impacts U.S. policy on Jerusalem and stops the President from fulfilling U.S. law.

"This poll," said Klein, "also makes clear that Americans will never forget that 15 of the 19 Islamic terrorists who blew up the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, murdering 3,000 Americans, were from Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia has not yet arrested anyone in connection with 9-11. Americans are becoming more aware that Saudi Arabia is the leading source of terrorism and extremist Wahabi hate education in mosques around the world. In fact, a series of reports from counter-terrorism think tanks found that 55% of Iraq's anti-American suicide bombers were Saudis. That's why Americans are supporting sanctions against Saudi Arabia until they change."

FOX TV, MSNBC, AP, NPR, AL JAZEERA Highlight ZOA Message

National President, Morton Klein, has been busy delivering the ZOA message to audiences throughout the country and in Israel.

Klein spoke at the Jerusalem Conference in Israel, a major event in Jerusalem that featured Benjamin Netanyahu as keynote speaker. Mort also spoke at major synagogues in San Diego and in Los Angeles, at the Hampton Synagogue (in Long Island) – the largest synagogue in the Hamptons, and at the Conservative Synagogue of Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, as well as the Touro Synagogue in Rhode Island, the oldest synagogue in America.

In Manhattan, he also spoke at the Israel Day Parade Central Park Concert and at the Gush Katif Rally at Times Square. Mort was also the keynote speaker at a rally in Montreal, Canada. Thousands attended these rallies.

He also continued to speak throughout the U.S. on behalf of Israel Bonds and United Jewish Communities (Federation).

Mort was on the Ron Reagan, Jr. Show on MSNBC. He also appeared on CBS Radio's Jim Bohannon Show for an hour, National Public Radio, PBS Radio and TV, ABC Radio, Air America Radio, the G. Gordon

Liddy Show, Al Jazeera TV and a Russian Jewish TV Station in New York.

ZOA also was featured in segments on NY1 TV, New York Channel 7 ABC-TV and Fox News TV.

In addition, ZOA was highlighted in national articles distributed by the Associated Press and Reuters, as well as in the *Jerusalem Post* and *Arutz Sheva*; op-ed columns and letters by ZOA leaders have been published throughout the U.S. and Israel, including *Ha'aretz* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Philadelphia ZOA Radio Show Adds to Roster of Top Guests

"The ZOA Middle East Report," the weekly program produced and hosted by lay leaders Lori Lowenthal Marcus and George Shore of ZOA's Greater Philadelphia District, has concentrated on exposing the myths and dangers that lie in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's expulsion and withdrawal plan.

The show is broadcast on 1540 AM WNWR Radio in the Philadelphia area Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and can be heard throughout the world at that same time on www.wnwr.com. Each week's show can be heard a full week after broadcast by going to the Web site above,

click on "archives" and then click on Zionist Organization of America.

Guests over the last few months have included Ambassador Moshe Arens, Netivot Mayor Yechiel Zohar, author Joan Peters, Hebron spokesman David Wilder, MK Rabbi Benny Elon, Rav Yeshiva Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, Soroka Hospital director Dr. Eytan Hyam, analyst Daniel Doron, U.S. Rep. Curt Weldon, U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, National Jewish Democratic Council's David Harris, Republican Jewish Coalition's Steven Friedman, and *Time* magazine Jerusalem Bureau Chief, Matt Rees.

Also, Arieh O'Sullivan, defense correspondent, for the *Jerusalem Post*; Eli Moyal, mayor of Sderot; MK Dr. Uzi Landau; Ra'anana Gissin, advisor to Prime Minister Sharon; Dr. Daniel Pipes; columnist Gerald Honigman; Aaron Klein, Middle East correspondent for *World Net Daily*, *Jerusalem Post* columnist Caroline Glick; Women in Green founder Ruth Matar; Knesset Member Dr. Arieh Eldad; and of course, ZOA National President Morton Klein.

The show is now in its second year. For information about syndicating the show, call Steve Feldman, Philadelphia ZOA executive director, at 215-338-9188.

Justice Dept. Opens "Koby Mandell" Office

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The new office will be established under the auspices of John C. Richter, the acting Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. Richter is to appoint a senior official to serve as director. The FBI, along with the Criminal Division's Counter-Terrorism Section, the Office of International Affairs and the Office of Enforcement Operations, will provide liaisons to the new office.

According to a release by the Department of Justice, the office will be responsible for, "monitoring the investigation and pros-

ecution of terrorist attacks against Americans abroad; working with the Criminal Division's Victim-Witness Coordinator, the FBI, U.S. Attorneys' Offices and other departmental components to ensure that the rights of victims and their families are honored and respected; establishing a Joint Task Force with the Department of State; compiling pertinent data and statistics, responding to Congressional and citizen inquiries on the Department's response to terrorist attacks on Americans overseas; and filing any necessary reports with Congress."

Gonzales said, "This new office guarantees a voice for victims and their families in the investigation and prosecution of terrorists who prey on Americans overseas. Our commitment to these victims is as strong as our dedication to bringing their terrorist attackers to justice."

ZOA President Morton A. Klein said, "We wish to express our strong appreciation to

Attorney General Gonzales for moving this process forward, and taking a critical anti-terrorism step to capture all foreign nationals, including Palestinian Arabs, who have murdered or harmed Americans overseas.

"The ZOA would also like to thank Senators Gordon Smith (R-OR), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Arlen Specter (R-PA), Rick Santorum (R-PA), Sam Brownback (R-KS), and Evan Bayh (D-IN) who introduced the bill in the Senate, and House Members Robert Andrews (D-NJ), Jim Saxton (R-NJ), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), and Henry Waxman (D-CA), Edward Schrock (R-VA), Mark Souder (R-IN), and Joe Wilson (R-SC), who introduced the bill in the House. Their strong support of this effort is deeply appreciated."

Klein continued: "We hope this office can begin to rectify the disappointing lack of U.S. pursuit of Palestinian Arab killers compared to the pursuit of non-Palestinian Arab killers of American citizens."

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ZOA Around The Country

San Diego District

ZOA National President Morton Klein spoke to an audience of about 200 people at Congregation Beth El (Conservative) in La Jolla, Calif., on May 13. Some 100-150 people attended the subsequent dinner. ... Morton Klein also held a question-and-answer discussion at a breakfast at Congregation Adat Yeshurun (Orthodox) in La Jolla on May 15 ... The San Diego District of ZOA also had its regular annual table at the Yom Ha'atzmaut festival at the JCC in La Jolla, with ZOA activists handing out literature, discussing the ZOA's positions and signing up new members. ... The ZOA-San Diego District, under president Howard Dyckman, sponsored a program at the Chabad Center in University City as part of the Worldwide Solidarity Rally for the Land of Israel on July 19.

Greater Philadelphia District

The ZOA Greater Philadelphia District held a program as part of the Worldwide Rally in Solidarity for the Land of Israel. More than 800 flyers were given to tourists from all over America and the world. There were also 10 large billboards featuring maps, photos and quotes on display. ... We sent 37 members from the Greater Philadelphia District to participate in ZOA's annual Washington Mission in June. ... The Greater Philadelphia District's radio show, "The ZOA Middle East Report," marked its first anniversary in May. ... Members also rally weekly outside the Israeli Consulate to combat the regular anti-Israel demonstration across the street from the Consulate. Members Ruth and Mort Gleit lead a minyan or more in support of Israel each week ... Several Greater Philadelphia District members, including President Lori Lowenthal Marcus and executive director Steve Feldman have had articles and letters published in a number of publications and Web sites including *Arutz Sheva* and the *Jewish Exponent*.

Greater Los Angeles District

The Israeli consul-general, Ehud Danoch, addressed a Los Angeles ZOA regional board meeting on July 13. He also took part in a spirited 45-minute question and answer session about U.S.-Israel policy. Julie Sager of ZOA's Campus Action Network also addressed the event. Vice President Chuck Chriss conducted the meeting in the absence of President Ed Ames. Efram Harkham, owner of the beautiful Luxe Hotel, again hosted the meeting, which concluded with a delicious Dessert Reception ... The Los Angeles District also

sponsored two rallies in solidarity with the Jews of Gush Katif, one in downtown L.A. at Congregation Torah Ohr on June 23, and the second in the San Fernando Valley at Congregation Ner Maarav on June 26. Member of Knesset Benny Elon was guest speaker at these events.

Palm Beach County District

At our May 19 meeting, a pro-Israel movie made by Evangelical Pastor Jim Vineyard of Oklahoma City was shown. President David Solomon gave an update on news and current events which are seldom reported in the local newspapers. On July 19, members of ZOA sponsored a Gush Katif rally in Miami. More than 600 people attended.

Pittsburgh District

ZOA Pittsburgh District's Annual Membership Meeting in March featured local teachers and students who attended the 2005 March of the Living. Teachers included Sally Gooch, at St. Joseph's Regional in Port Vue, who has taught the Holocaust to literature classes for the last six years, and Melissa Pearlman, who helps to implement the ZOA's Anti-Intolerance Program at the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) High School. Iris Sampson, who serves as a film consultant to WQED-TV Pittsburgh production team that accompanied the Pittsburgh delegation, moderated the panel. Heather Stein was inaugurated as the new Pittsburgh ZOA President. Also as part of the program for the meeting, David Ehrenwerth, in memory of his late wife Kandy Reidboard Ehrenwerth, underwrote the cost of the awards for the Pittsburgh District 2005 Anti-Intolerance Program Essay Contest. The Contest,

designed by former Pittsburgh District President Dr. Zalman Shapiro, promotes tolerance among youth of all backgrounds and ethnicities across Pittsburgh and beyond through an extensive 3-month curriculum, culminating in a tour of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. This year's contest saw 962 students and chaperones from 12 Pittsburgh public schools, 10 Catholic Diocese schools and several independent, outlying schools participate ... As part of a new effort to enhance interest in ZOA activities, a monthly Sunday feature of 'Movies and Munchies' was recently established. Our first screening included an HBO Sports Documentary, "The Margaret Lambert Story."

Manhattan District

All of the efforts of the NYZOA in the last four months have been directed to helping Gush Katif. As part of the Coalition to Save Gush Katif, we helped to coordinate and participate in several rallies. Our group, joined by nearly 1,000 other ZOA activists, was the only group marching in the Israeli Day Parade up 5th Avenue in orange T-shirts with the slogan, 'All of Israel is Our Homeland.' This action was coordinated by Dror Elnor of ZOA Campus Division. In addition, Dr. Marvin Belsky, co-ordinator for the NYZOA, together with Chabad and the Alliance for Eretz Israel coordinated by David Romanoff, organized a large Times Square Prayer Vigil and Rally for Gush Katif as part of the Global Solidarity Movement. Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chief Rabbi of Efrat, Rabbi Ari Riskin of Chabad, Rabbi Pesach Lerner of the National Council of Young Israel, Morton

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PROFILE

Saul Waldman, President, ZOA Michigan Region

Detroit is a tough area to be a Zionist. After all, the metropolitan area has the largest Arab population outside of the Middle East. Yet Saul Waldman is not the least bit deterred from continuing his lifelong role as a Zionist.

Waldman is president of the Michigan Region of the Zionist Organization of America. The owner of a construction business and a native of Montreal, the 77-year old spends a lot of time building the ZOA in the area as well as Israel's image there.

The Michigan ZOA has some 500 members, most of whom live in Detroit's suburbs, Waldman notes. "We have a very strong Zionist community."

Waldman's members take their message beyond the confines of ZOA, he says. "Our members reinforce that in synagogues, Federation" and other groups, though, he allows, "their politics may be a little different than ZOA's."

One of his region's top priorities is making

sure that allegations against Israel in the local media do not go unchallenged, since, because of their numbers, the Arabs get a lot of coverage.

"The Arab community is frequently interviewed for articles in the Detroit newspapers," Waldman notes. "We respond to that." While according to Waldman most of the Jews have moved out of Detroit – his region's largest area – opting instead to live in the suburbs, they cannot afford to overlook the city when it comes to advocating for Israel. Most of the Arabs in the region live in Detroit or nearby Dearborn – the town made famous by noted anti-Semite Henry Ford.

Surprisingly, he says, ZOA has an ally in Detroit. "Many Chaldeans in Detroit are pro-Israel."

One of ZOA's main efforts in Michigan is to bring prominent Israeli and pro-Israel American speakers to the area. "We bring in speakers on a pretty regular basis," says Waldman. Among the recent personalities

he has brought in is Dr. Daniel Pipes of the Middle East Forum.

To help pay for its programs, Michigan ZOA has an annual fundraising concert which Waldman said brings in about \$100,000.

They have also been busy speaking out against the so-called "disengagement." Waldman notes: "We're giving up land and getting nothing in return. Oslo didn't work and this won't work."

Waldman has been a Zionist since he was a kid. "When I was a teenager I was a member of Betar. I always had a right-wing or conservative philosophy," he notes. He has maintained his enthusiasm for Israel and Zionism up through the present.



Saul Waldman

Saudia Arabia Accountability Act

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House Co-Sponsors include: Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-NY) who introduced the bill, Representatives Rob Andrews (D-NJ), Richard Baker (R-LA), Shelley Berkley (D-NV), Henry Brown (R-SC), Dan Burton (R-IN), Dennis Cardoza (D-CA), K. Michael Conaway (R-TX), Joseph Crowley (D-NY), Jo Ann Davis (R-VA), Mike Doyle (D-PA), Lane Evans (D-IL), Michael Ferguson (R-NJ), Scott Garrett (R-NJ), Jim Gerlach (R-PA), Virgil Goode (R-VA), Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), Alcee Hastings (D-FL), Brian Higgins (D-NY) and Steve Israel (D-NY).

Also, Nita Lowey (D-NY), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI), Michael McNulty (D-NY), Marty Meehan (D-MA), Kendrick Meek (D-FL), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Jeff Miller (R-FL), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Major Owens (D-NY), Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Steven Rothman (D-NJ), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Allyson Schwartz (D-PA), Christopher Smith (R-NJ), Ted Strickland (D-OH), Ellen Tauscher (D-CA), Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Robert Wexler (D-FL).

ZOA Around The Country

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Klein of ZOA, and Assemblyman Dov Hikind were among the speakers, together with Avrohom Fried singing.

Michigan District

The Michigan District hosted a major luncheon at Congregation Shaare Tzedek. More than 200 people attended. Mort Klein was keynote speaker. The Michigan District also hosted a National Executive Committee meeting in May chaired by Saul Waldman, Dr. Jerry Kaufman and Prof. Joseph Savin.

Edith Grossberg, Distinguished ZOA Activist, Passes Away



Edie Grossberg, a pioneering Zionist in Florida died in July.

Along with her husband Al, Mrs. Grossberg founded "The Middle East Network" in South

Florida in 1987 to counter the lies and distortions about Israel in the media and elsewhere. Their group grew to about 800 members, published a quarterly

newsletter, brought in prominent speakers and raised money to help Israel.

She and her husband were members of ZOA's National Board.

Not long ago, the Grossberg's Middle East Network merged into the Zionist Organization of America, but for about a dozen years they and their cadre of activists grew into a small army on behalf of Israel in the lower part of the Sunshine State.

Morton Klein flew down to Florida to be at the funeral where Al Grossberg asked him to deliver one of the eulogies for Mrs. Grossberg.

"Edie Grossberg was one of the finest, kindest and most humble people I have ever met. Her calm exterior belied her fervent passion for Israel and the Jewish people," Klein said of his friend. "I spoke to Edie regularly and she would always inspire me to continue doing all we can on behalf of Israel."

ZOA Center for Law and Justice

The ZOA-CLJ's legal efforts have triggered a federal investigation into the environment for Jewish students at the University of California, Irvine (UCI), and whether the UCI administration has effectively responded to an atmosphere that Jewish students say is hostile and intimidating.

The investigation came about after the ZOA-CLJ filed an 11-page complaint under the federal civil rights laws with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. The law – Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 – requires that UCI, as a recipient of federal funds, provide an educational environment that is free from ethnic and racial harassment. After reviewing the complaint, the Office for Civil Rights determined that an investigation into the ZOA-CLJ's allegations was warranted.

This was the first complaint of anti-Semitism that the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has ever agreed to investigate under Title VI.

OCR began gathering evidence from Jewish students who allege that they have been subjected to harassment, intimidation

and discrimination at UCI, that they repeatedly complained to university administrators, and that their complaints and concerns have not been effectively addressed.

In the midst of this fact-gathering process, the university proposed that the investigation be suspended, at least temporarily, so that UCI and the ZOA-CLJ could attempt to resolve the issues through mediation. In consultation with Jewish students, the ZOA-CLJ agreed to mediation.

Two days of mediation took place in June and additional sessions were tentatively scheduled to occur later in the summer. When the ZOA-CLJ saw that the mediation was not productive, however, it decided to terminate that process. OCR's investigation of UCI now resumes where it left off.

Whatever the outcome of OCR's investigation, the ZOA-CLJ's goal is clear: UCI, and other colleges and universities in the U.S., must ensure an environment for Jewish students on their campuses that is free from harassment and intimidation. Jewish students are entitled under federal law to an educational environment that is comfort-

able and conducive to learning, and colleges and universities like UCI that receive federal funding are obligated to ensure that this right is protected. Senior faculty at UCI have informed us that there has already been an improved climate for Jewish students, due to ZOA's efforts.

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The ZOA-CLJ is also continuing to fight the national divestment/boycott campaign against Israel. We are working with members of Congress to force a federal investigation of this campaign, which we contend is in violation of the federal antiboycott laws. In addition, we are exploring legal avenues against religious groups that have unfairly targeted Israel by making factually inaccurate claims (e.g., comparing Israel to the apartheid regime in South Africa), and by calling for divestment from their holdings in Israel. The divestment/boycott campaign not only economically harms the State of Israel, but it also promotes anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiment in this country and around the world.

— Susan Tuchman, director

ZOA Campus Activism Network

Princeton University

May 4th – The ZOA commemorated Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and Yom Ha'Zikaron (Israel's Remembrance Day for the fallen soldiers and for the victims of terror) through a program called: "A Musical Commemoration of the Holocaust." The ZOA campus department worked with students at Princeton to put together a two-hour performance. The purpose of the program was to tell the stories behind these songs by having the students participate in singing and in playing the songs. A Holocaust survivor, Bernath Friedman, shared his personal story with the students.

Columbia University

April 4 – Dror Elnor, associate director of ZOA's Campus Action Network, spoke to Israel student groups at Columbia on: "The History of Israel Through Music." Using a DVD player, Dror played several songs for the audience that were sung during Israel's wars, with photos and videos while the songs played. Dror explained Israeli history as it related to the music, and also played songs that were written recently in memory of the many victims of Arab terror.

University of Chicago

February 22 – ZOA and Chicago Friends of Israel, a pro-Israel grassroots organization at the University of Chicago, hosted a panel event entitled "Perspectives on Terrorism: Personal, Moral, and Legal." More than 50 students and faculty listened to three panelists present their views on terrorism. Jean Bethke Elshtain, professor of social and political ethics at the University of Chicago Divinity School and author of *Just War Against Terror*, instructed the audience on just-war theory. Diana Campuzano, a victim of a 1997 Hamas terrorist attack, spoke about her experience. Steven R. Perles, a lawyer for American victims of terrorism and their families, explained how the legal system is used to deter terrorism by applying economic law theories, which makes terrorism exponentially more expensive to its financial sponsors. A question and answer session, moderated by Sam Peltzman, professor of economics and law at the University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business, followed.

Pace University

February 16 – ZOA arranged for Ken Sachs, a member of the IDF originally from New

Jersey, to speak to Jewish students at the Hillel at Pace University. Sachs spoke about his experiences serving in a reconnaissance unit.

University of Maryland, College Park

February 16 – ZOA co-sponsored Dore Gold's lecture at the University of Maryland, College Park. The topic was: "High Stakes: How Anti-Democratic Nations Have Hijacked the United Nations and Put the Western World at Risk". The former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations spoke to 250 students. On Mar.1, Member of Knesset Effi Eitam of the National Religious Party addressed more than 40 students. He spoke about Israel and its contributions as a democracy in the Middle East. MK Eitam also spoke about the prospects for peace and expressed his view that unilateral land withdrawals will only further encourage Arab terrorism. The event, initiated by the ZOA chapter at the University of Maryland, was co-sponsored by several student groups.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

February 22 – Dror Elnor spoke at the

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill to a class, followed by a lecture to the Carolina Students for Israel Club about women's rights in the Middle East. The course that Elnor addressed, "The Bina Initiative," is a 10-week discussion forum for students and faculty members to explore Israel through speakers and readings. Elnor was invited to speak about his background: why he is a Zionist, and why he believes Israel has a right to all of the land, including Judaea and Samaria.

George Washington University

February 23 – Dror Elnor spoke about minority rights in Israel to the Israel Club at George Washington University. He educated students about landmark Israeli Supreme Court cases, and discussed human rights.

New York University

March 3 – Edward Siegel, a member of ZOA's Board of Directors, spoke at New York University about the chances of reaching peace in the Middle East. He also presented a historical and legal summary of Israel's legitimate claims to the land. The students asked Ed many questions regarding Sharon's plan to evacuate Gaza and Northern Samaria. The talk was sponsored by College Republicans at NYU.

University of Georgia

March 8 – Dror Elnor was invited by Dawgs for Israel, the pro-Israel student organization at the University of Georgia, to speak about "Minority Rights in Israel."

SUNY Albany

March 10 – Dror Elnor addressed the Betar/Tagar Israel Club at State University of New York/Albany. Dror discussed the human rights abuses of women living in the Palestinian Arab society, citing several books written by women who told their personal stories.

University of Michigan

March 13 – Dror Elnor spoke to Jewish students at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, at the 4th Annual Israel Academic Conference. The all-day conference featured various speakers and sessions. Dror led a session on human rights in Palestinian-Arab society. His topic was: "Israel: A Diverse Perspective." Dror addressed the issues that women in Palestinian Arab society face and discussed their inferior status due to their gender. He also spoke about the majority of Women's Studies professors on campuses in the United States who promote the myth that progress was made with regard to the treatment of women in the Arab world.

Connecticut College

April 7 – Phyllis Chesler, Emerita Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies, spoke at Connecticut College about her new book:

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The New Anti-Semitism and about the "Palestinization of Western Academia." The ZOA chapter at Connecticut College sponsored the program. Chesler's lecture focused on the growing anti-Israel sentiment within the university faculties across the country. She provided numerous examples to support her assertion that academics who stand up for Israel and criticize the Palestinian-Arabs are unpopular, are often ostracized by their counterparts and at times risk securing tenure if they express views that differ from the mainstream liberal outlook on the Middle East. Chesler also pointed to the absurd fact that in many of the women's studies departments across the country, female professors chose to endorse the Palestinian-Arab cause, knowingly ignoring the gross violations of women's rights which take place in Palestinian-Arab society (e.g. honor killings, wife beatings, etc.) and in many other Muslim Arab societies.

Queens College

March 16 – The Zionist Organization of America chapter at Queens College co-sponsored a benefit program with Chabad and other student organizations to benefit the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation. In an all-day marathon bone marrow drive, students gave tissue samples in order to find a genetic match for thousands of leukemia patients worldwide. March 26 – Queens Zionist Organization of America and Yavneh Olami hosted a 'Post-Purim Party' that featured Rakan, a Jewish rock-n-roll

group, and ComedySportz New York, a comedy group. The event, attended by more than 50 people including students from other schools, was co-sponsored by several campus organizations. The event raised \$500 for Yad Eliezer, a charity in Israel that distributes food to the poor in Israel. March 30 – The ZOA chapter organized a screening of the pro-Israel film "Relentless." April 4 – Dan Diker, a senior correspondent and analyst for Israel's Channel 1 News, was invited by the ZOA chapter at Queens College to talk to students. Additionally, he talked about his personal experiences and contacts with Arabs and Israelis alike, and he addressed the discrepancy between what he hears from Arab sources in private conversations with them, compared to what they say publicly.

Colby College

March 31 – ZOA, Colby Students for Israel, and Hillel sponsored a lecture by Dror Elnor on: "Human Rights in the Middle East: Israeli and Palestinian Arab Cultures and Societies."

San Diego State University

May 9 – Walid Shoebat, a former Palestinian Liberation Organization terrorist, spoke to more than 800 students and others. His topic was "Inside Terror: Confessions of a PLO terrorist." Shoebat criticized the Palestinian education system, which he said teaches anti-Semitism.

— Julie Sager, director

ZOA Ad Campaign Highlights Strong U.S. Support for Israel

The Zionist Organization of America recently conducted a major advertising campaign to highlight strong U.S. Support for Israel by Americans.

The ZOA took out full-page ads in the *Weekly Standard*, *Washington Times*, *New York Sun*, two major Israeli newspapers, *Ma'ariv* and *Ha'aretz*, New York's *Jewish Week*, *Jewish Press*, Philadelphia's *Jewish Exponent*, Washington's *Jewish Week*, the Los Angeles *Jewish Journal*, the Detroit *Jewish News*, Pittsburgh *Jewish Chronicle*, and other publications.

The ads featured the results of a major new poll conducted by a major nationally respected polling group, McLaughlin and Associates (See article on page 5 of the ZOA Report) and cited Winston Churchill's famous line, "Those who appease the crocodile will simply be eaten last." It also called on Americans to inform their House and Senate members of the results of this national poll.

The ad makes clear Americans' overwhelming support for Israel as a Jewish country and opposition and distrust of the Palestinian Arabs and their regime. It also made clear that the American public understands that appeasement of terrorists and their regimes through unilateral concessions is a serious mistake.

The aim in placing these ads goes however beyond the immediate issue of Gaza and Northern Samaria. It also serves to highlight the continuing and overwhelming support Americans have for Israel as opposed to the Palestinian Arabs and their understanding that there is a continuing Palestinian Arab war against Israel. This poll constitutes the best and most recent evidence that Americans support

Israel's continued sovereignty over Jerusalem by an a large margin (63% - 5 %) and that Americans understand by a 3 to 1 margin that a Palestinian State would be a terrorist state whose goal would be to destroy Israel, not to live in peace with her.

These messages in the ads were also carried in literature and posters used at various ZOA rallies and demonstrations in different cities in mid-July to protest this withdrawal/disengagement plan, including the New York City rally, which attracted a crowd of 5,000.

"We were most gratified to see that unlike so much of the rest of the world, Americans strongly oppose concessions to, and appeasement of any regime that promotes and allows terrorism, including the Palestinian Authority and Saudi Arabia," says Mort Klein. "The ZOA has called on President Bush to listen to the American people and to stop coddling the Palestinian Authority by giving them \$350 million in taxpayer's

money, promising them a state, ignoring their Road Map violations, and calling their leaders like Mahmoud Abbas' peace-seeking moderates – something which Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has continued to do even more emphatically on her last visit to the Middle East despite on-going Palestinian terrorism that punctuated her stay."

"Abbas has not dismantled or disarmed the terror groups, he has not ended the promotion of hatred against Jews and Americans in their textbooks, media, speeches and sermons, he has not arrested terrorists, he has not stopped the weapons smuggling from Egypt into Gaza, nor has he stopped naming schools, streets, and sports teams after suicide bombers. Instead," Klein notes, "he has invited Hamas to join his government and has invited the terror chiefs of Syria to move their headquarters to Gaza after Israel leaves. The Bush Administration should face up to the fact that Mahmoud Abbas is no peace partner and we have communicated through this ad campaign as well as through numerous, op-eds and press releases the message: 'Mr. Bush, enough is enough. You must demand that the Palestinian Authority fulfill all of their obligations or end negotiations and aid to them. Mahmoud Abbas is simply Yasir Arafat in a suit.' "

Klein notes that "Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Dan Gillerman, told a group of Jewish leaders earlier this year that there are 30 alerts every day in Israel of possible terror attacks. That number has increased to the point that the General Security Service/Shin Bet Director Yuval Diskin told members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense in late July that there are an average of 60 intel-

ligence warnings of potential terror attacks each day.

"Only the great work of the IDF has stopped an even larger barrage of death, destruction and murder against the Israelis. In fact, during this so-called ceasefire, hundreds of Israelis have been killed or maimed. We are thus in the tragic and absurd situation that, six months into this fake truce, the number of Palestinian attacks per month is now higher than it was during the entire year preceding the truce. Indeed, more Israelis were killed by Palestinians in June and July this year than during the same months last year, when there was no 'ceasefire.'

"ZOA is working to convince the Administration and the Congress that there should be no more concessions to the Palestinian Arab terrorist regime; they are still at war with Israel. And there should be no more talk of a Palestinian State; we must end terrorist regimes, not create new ones."

According to a National Poll* Taken June 26-27, 2005:

Americans say
NO to:

- ✓ **No to Israel's withdrawal from Gaza, by 63%. This only rewards terrorism.**
- ✓ **No to \$350 million in US aid to Palestinians, by 80%.**
- ✓ **No to Palestinian sovereignty over Jerusalem, by 63%. Israel should maintain sovereignty.**
- ✓ **No to believing the claim that a Palestinian state would want to live in peace with Israel, by 58%.**
- ✓ **No to negotiations with Hamas members even if elected, by 61%.**
- ✓ **No to trusting Saudi Arabia as an ally against terrorism, by 78%. But YES to economic sanctions against Saudi Arabia, by 58%.**

*McLaughlin and Associates poll of 1,000 Americans

Americans are smart. They understand that Israel faces daily acts of radical Islamic terrorism. By a margin of 3 to 1, they understand that the goal of a Palestinian state is not to live in peace with Israel, but to destroy Israel. By a margin of 2 to 1, they understand that Israel's withdrawal from Gaza and the forced removal of 10,000 Israelis from their homes and businesses clearly rewards terrorism. This major, one-sided concession is a bad idea, especially since the US is involved in an international war against radical Islamic terrorism.

Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups see concessions won by their counterparts who are killing Israelis. This sends them the message that continuing terrorism against America may well gain them concessions in the future. As Winston Churchill said: "Those who appease the crocodile will simply be eaten last."

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