

Record 1000 People Attend ZOA Dinner



L to R: Caroline C. Glick, recipient of ZOA's Ben Hecht Award for Journalism; Eli E. Hertz, recipient of the Louis D. Brandeis Award; US Ambassador to the UN John R. Bolton, keynote speaker and recipient of ZOA's Defender of Israel Award.

A record 1000 people, the largest turnout in decades, attended the ZOA's glittering Justice Louis D. Brandeis Award Dinner at New York's Marriott Marquis Hotel on December 11, 2005. Over 100 college students were among the audience at the event, at which the keynote speaker was US

Ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton. Ambassador Bolton focused on developments at the United Nations in a speech laying out the many problems there, "Let's be clear – to say that Israel is treated as a normal nation at the UN would be a statement of fantasy."

Ambassador Bolton opened his address by saying, "When Mort Klein asked me some months ago if I'd be available I said: tell me the day and I'll be there." Bolton praised the ZOA for being willing to speak the truth about the Middle East even when others are reluctant to do so.

Bolton promised to pursue the issue of UN-sponsored anti-Israeli campaigns. Referring to the recent "Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People," at which a "Map of Palestine" was displayed from which Israel was expunged, and which was attended by senior UN dignitaries, including Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Bolton said that there was reason to believe the map had been produced and paid for by the UN. He referred also to the UN Development Program (UNDP) having produced mugs and T-shirts with the statement, "Today Gaza, Tomorrow Jerusalem": "If that is true, then you, the American tax-

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ZOA Launches New College Magazine

By Steve Feldman

It may not be available at your neighborhood newsstand just yet, but if you have children or grandchildren in college, or maybe a high-schooler soon headed to college, *The College Zionist* is a landmark publication you should encourage them to read.

The College Zionist is a well-written and graphically appealing magazine produced by pro-Israel students under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America's Campus Activism Network (CAN). The 24-page first edition hit the street in late fall.

The magazine – there is nothing else like it currently available – was the brainchild of CAN director Julie Sager.

"I thought there was a need to present a medium where our students could express their pro-Israel views and create a forum for them to publish their articles," Sager

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ZOA President Morton A. Klein Attends White House Hanukkah Party



President George Bush and First Lady Laura Bush hosting Morton and Rita Klein at the White House, December 2005.

ZOA National President Morton A. Klein was invited to the White House Hanukkah Party, held on December 6, 2005. The only head of a major Jewish organization in attendance, Mort and his wife Rita were part of a select group invited to join the President and Mrs. George Bush.

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ZOA's Center For Law And Justice Fights Campus Anti-Semitism

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. Based on the CLJ's initiative, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is for the first time investigating allegations of campus anti-Semitism under Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act.

CLJ triggers federal probe of Jewish student harassment at UC Irvine

In October 2004, ZOA's Susan Tuchman filed an 11-page complaint against the University of California at Irvine (UCI), alleging that Jewish students there have been harassed, intimidated and discriminated against, and that the university has failed to take corrective measures despite repeated complaints, in violation of Title VI. After reviewing the allegations of the complaint, OCR decided that an investigation was warranted. Over several months, the federal agency collected evidence, including detailed interviews of current and former Jewish students at UCI, who described the hostility they faced on campus without an adequate response from the university administration. UCI proposed dispute mediation (which would halt OCR's investigation, at least temporarily) to resolve the issues and two days of mediation followed in June 2005 before the CLJ concluded that the effort was not productive. OCR's investigation is to resume, and the agency is currently evaluating the evidence already in its possession.

The CLJ's legal effort should have an impact on the campus climate for Jewish students not only at UCI, but also across the country. The government investigation triggered by the CLJ's complaint is a wake-up call to all US colleges and universities: They have a legal obligation under Title VI to protect Jewish students from harassment,

intimidation and discrimination on campus, or risk losing their federal funding.

CLJ testifies before US Commission on Civil Rights

On November 18, 2005, CLJ Director Susan Tuchman was one of three panelists to testify at the US Commission on Civil Rights' first-ever briefing on the issue of campus anti-Semitism. In her testimony, Ms. Tuchman described several examples of serious problems encountered by Jewish students on college campuses across the country. She explained that when Israel alone is singled out for condemnation and when criticism of Israel is based on factual inaccuracies and lacks any semblance of balance, then this conduct is a manifestation of anti-Semitism. Ms. Tuchman made several recommendations to the Commission, including asking it to issue a report recognizing that anti-Semitism is a serious problem on American college campuses, and recognizing anti-Zionism and anti-Israel sentiment as a manifestation of anti-Semitism. Ms. Tuchman also asked the Commission to obtain input from experts who develop remedies for preventing and combating anti-Semitism, so that colleges and universities will have effective tools to deal with the problem. She also urged the Commission to voice its concern about the problem of campus anti-Semitism to OCR and to request that OCR thoroughly investigate the complaint against UCI, given the case's potential ramifications for colleges and universities across the country.

The information that the CLJ provided to the Commission will be used as part of official records published in the form of transcripts, reports or other documents; as background and supporting material in the preparation of reports; and in determining future Commission projects.

The CLJ's testimony has already inspired the Commission to express interest in issuing a pamphlet or brochure informing students of their rights under Title VI. Jewish students should know that they have legal options if they are being harassed, intimidated or discriminated against on their college campuses. The CLJ is working to ensure that students understand their rights and enforce them.

CLJ files brief in support of dispossessed Egyptian Jews

In November 2005, the CLJ filed an amicus curiae ("friend of the court") brief in support of the Bigios, an Egyptian Jewish family who, like many hundreds of thousands

of Jews living in Arab lands, were persecuted and suffered the loss of their property and livelihoods because they were Jewish. The Bigio family lost land and factories to government confiscation in 1962; robbed of their property, they left Egypt in 1965. For the next three decades, the Egyptian government continued to run the factories, and Coca-Cola – which had been a customer of the Bigios for almost 25 years – remained one of the government's customers, paying Egypt for products that rightfully belonged to the Bigios. In approximately 1993, Coca-Cola purchased the Bigios' property, knowing full well that it had been unlawfully seized from them because they were Jewish, and without compensating them for their loss. The Bigios sued Coca-Cola and a subsidiary in a federal district court in New York, which declined to hear the case on the basis that it should be resolved in an Egyptian court. The Bigios appealed this decision to the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and asked the CLJ to submit an amicus brief on their behalf.

The CLJ's brief demonstrates that a hatred of Jews is deeply ingrained in Egyptian society, and that it would thus be virtually impossible for the Bigios to obtain a fair trial in an Egyptian court. The CLJ showed that although there was once a large and thriving Jewish community in Egypt dating back to Biblical times, only a relative handful of Jews remain there today because Jews were systematically discriminated against, persecuted, and expelled, with few ever receiving compensation for their losses. The brief chronicled the vicious depictions of Jews voiced by even the Egyptian government-sponsored media, which are plainly intended to incite hatred and foster prejudice. The CLJ urged the Court of Appeals to reverse the district court's decision and allow the case to proceed in an American court, where the Bigios can expect a fair trial and where Coca Cola, an American company, will have to answer for its conduct.

The CLJ's brief has received the support of the American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists. This important membership association of lawyers and jurists is open to all members of the profession regardless of religion. It is affiliated with the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, which is based in Israel and was founded by the late US Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg and the late Israeli Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen.

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ZOA Confronts Hamas & Saudia Arabia On Capitol Hill

ZOA plays major role in the anti-Hamas resolution (H. Res. 575) passing in the US House of Representatives

Members of the US House of Representatives voted 397 – 17 on December 16, 2005 to approve the ZOA-supported congressional House Resolution 575, which opposes the participation of Hamas or any terrorist organization in the Palestinian elections in January. The House resolution directly warns the Palestinian Authority (PA) that its inclusion of Hamas or any other terrorist group in the Palestinian governing structure will potentially undermine US financial assistance and normal relations with the PA. The ZOA advocated this resolution from its inception and consulted with House leadership offices on its language. Sources in the House credit the ZOA's insistence for inclusion of language linking US aid to specific actions that need to be taken by the PA.

Confronting Hamas, Palestinian compliance & the Saudi Arabia Accountability Act

On June 20, 2005, a bipartisan group of 22 lawmakers submitted to the White House a letter originated by the ZOA and sponsored by **Dan Burton** (R-IN) and **Shelley Berkley** (D-NV), senior members of the House International Relations Committee. The letter urged President Bush to require Palestinian Authority (PA) chief Mahmoud Abbas to confront Hamas directly on the issues of violence and incitement before the terrorist organization participates in Palestinian elections.

Palestinian Compliance legislation initiated by the ZOA last year, and attached as an amendment to H.R. 2601, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, passed the House on July 21, 2005. This legislation divided US aid to the PA by calendar quarter, and included the strongest restrictions to date on US assistance to the Palestinian Arabs. A review process over PA actions was inserted, and Congress was given the power to suspend aid if no effort was made by the PA to end incitement and terrorism. The amendment (known as the Berkley-Crowley Amendment) passed easily by 330 – 100, and subsequently Senator Evan Bayh (D-IN) has expressed his desire to sponsor similar legislation in the Senate.

The Saudi Arabia Accountability Act, known as H.R. 2037 in the House and S.1171 in the Senate, calls for an end to

Saudi support for institutions that fund or in any way aid and abet terrorism. This includes Saudi support for Palestinian terror groups and the sponsorship of Wahhabist incitement materials in American mosques, and would also require better Saudi cooperation in terror investigations. The bill provides for sanctions, including a ban on exporting special “dual-use” technology – non-military materials or technology that could be weaponized, and would further restrict travel by Saudi diplomats outside a 25-mile radius from their embassy and consulates. The ZOA is the only pro-Israel group advocating on the Hill for the Saudi bill. **The bill now has 47 sponsors in the House and 13 in the Senate.**

Jerusalem

Congressman **Tom Reynolds** (R-NY) has originated new Jerusalem Embassy legislation (H.R. 588) aimed at giving effect to the 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Act that required the transfer of the US Embassy in Israel to

Jerusalem. Since 1999 this requirement has been waived every six months by the President. Over time, the US Consulate-General in east Jerusalem has become more focused on Palestinian issues and reports directly to the State Department instead of the US Embassy in Israel, contrary to the practice of US consulates in other countries in which the US maintains embassies. This diminishes the supervision of the US Ambassador to Israel and has created the perception that the US Consulate is a de facto embassy to the Palestinian Arabs. The new Jerusalem bill would place the US Consulate-General firmly under the direction of the US Ambassador to Israel and would require any official US Government document which lists countries and their capital cities to identify Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. It also would require the US to record “Jerusalem, Israel,” not simply “Jerusalem” as the birthplace for any registration of birth, certification of nationality, or issuance of a passport to Jerusalem-born US citizens. **The bill now has 46 co-sponsors in the House.**

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ZOA President Morton A. Klein chatting with Rabbi Yehoshua Balkany.



A moment of friendly conversation between Morton A. Klein and Ambassador John Bolton



Caroline C. Glick addressing the Dinner attendees



Harvey Friedman, ZOA Board Member; Steven Feldman, Executive Director, ZOA Mid-Atlantic Division



L to R: Ambassador Bolton, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.; Dr. Benjamin Chouake, ZOA Board Member

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payer, paid for 22% of that map [percentage of UN budget paid for by US]. You probably paid 22% of that entire event. We're going to find out if that is true ... I want to make it clear that we are not finished with the issue ... We are setting a new standard for honesty at the UN."

Bolton, who received the ZOA's Defender of Israel Award and whose appointment as UN Ambassador was strongly supported by the ZOA, spoke of his efforts in the UN Security Council to have Syria and Palestinian Islamic Jihad named in connection with the terrorist attack against Israelis in Netanya. Thanks to US efforts, the UN for the first time condemned the Islamist terrorist group Hezbollah for its attack upon Israel. Bolton said at the dinner that the US would not back down and that naming terrorists "is something we plan to do in the future." He also spoke of Iran's public threat to wipe Israel off the map as being "no mere flight of rhetoric when it comes from a state that has been pursuing weapons of mass destruction." Bolton's address was repeatedly interrupted by applause and he received a standing ovation.

Also at the dinner, the ZOA's Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism on the Mideast was presented to Caroline Glick, the Deputy Managing Editor of the *Jerusalem Post* and a syndicated columnist for both the *Post* and *Makor Rishon*. Glick, who was named in 2003 the most prominent woman in Israel by the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv*, said, "That ZOA should view me as worthy of this award is a vote of confidence in me from people I respect. I notice there is always a core among us that never loses faith in our destiny as the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and never forgets the distinction between fact and fantasy. The ZOA people in this room are part of this core."

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L to R: Daniel Katz; Malcolm Hoenlein, Chairman, Conference of Presidents; Martin Gross, Esq.



L to R: Marilyn and Eli E. Hertz; Neil Sher, past Executive Director, AIPAC; Caroline C. Glick.



L to R: Rubin Margules, President, Brooklyn Region ZOA, Morton A. Klein



L to R: Morton A. Klein; Harry Taubefeld; Benjamin Brafman, Esq., Master of Ceremonies



L to R: Ambassador Bolton, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.; Dr. Alan A. Mazurek, Chairman of ZOA's Executive Committee



L to R: Michael Orbach, former Chairman of ZOA's Board; Caroline C. Glick; Morton A. Klein; Ambassador John Bolton, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.



Presentation of the Defender of Israel Award, L to R: Morton A. Klein, Ambassador John R. Bolton, US Ambassador to the U.N., Martin Gross, Benjamin Brajman, Esq.



Randy Daniels, New York's Secretary of State, and gubernatorial candidate.



Congressman Anthony Weiner, D-NY, and Morton A. Klein



L to R: Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., President, Center for Security Policy; Harvey Friedman, ZOA Board Member; Randy Daniels, New York's Secretary of State



Robert Guzzardi, Esq., Dinner Co-Chair



Rose Mattus, ZOA Board Member, and founder of Haagen-Dasz ice cream



Ambassador John R. Bolton, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., addressing the attendees; Morton A. Klein, seated at dais



Carl Freyer, Sylvia Freyer, Associate Chair of the ZOA Board



Jerome and Judith Taylor



Morton A. Klein holding up a cartoon from an Arabic newspaper which complains about the ZOA's influence in the U.S. Congress



David Schoen, ZOA Board Member



Morton A. Klein presenting the Louis Brandeis Award to Eli E. Hertz

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Inside the Marriott ballroom: this year's attendance at 1000+ was the highest ever.

Glick spoke of the current dangers facing an Israel led by old leaders "basing their policies on fantasy rather than reality ... The fantasy of Oslo was that Arabs want peace with Israel. The fantasy of Oslo was not replaced by a strategy for victory based on reality, but with a new strategy based on a new fantasy ... Sharon's new fantasy of disengagement is that while it is true that the Arab world in general and the Palestinians in particular have no interest in living at peace with Israel, Israel can deal with their hatred by unilaterally disengaging from the Middle East and holing up behind walls and barricades, turning on the internet and becoming immediately transported to a world where we will be safe. The disengagement from geographical and strategic reality that Sharon is advancing is in many ways more dangerous than the fantasy of Oslo..."

Glick also said that those like the ZOA who for years spoke of the dangers of Oslo and watched in horror as their darkest forecasts came true, did not receive the belated thanks of their people but instead continue to be pilloried. She warned that further unilateral withdrawals are planned in pursuit of fantasies that will result in the deaths of thousands of Israelis, and concluded by saying, "During these days, the ZOA will remain a voice of truth even if the power rests in the hands of those denying truth."

ZOA President Morton Klein, in his address, said, "Ever since the unilateral withdrawal from Gaza and northern Samaria, instead of things getting better, things have been getting worse. Hundreds of missiles have been fired at Israel from Gaza, thousands of weapons have been smuggled into Gaza and dozens of terrorists have entered Gaza." Klein cited poll after poll that show Americans support Israel, not the Palestinians, and gave a detailed historical, political and religious analysis exposing the propaganda myth that Jerusalem is holy or important to Arabs and Muslims. His analysis demonstrated that Jerusalem is not a Muslim holy city, never being mentioned once in the Koran, and that no Arab leader visited eastern Jerusalem while it was under Arab control from 1948 to 1967.

Klein also paid tribute to Israel's Christian supporters, noting that, "Unlike others, we praise and appreciate Christian Zionists who support Israel." He ended his speech by making it clear that it was a common occurrence in Jewish histo-



L to R: Caroline C. Glick, Eli E. Hertz, Morton A. Klein



Award Presentation to Caroline C. Glick, L to R: Morton A. Klein, Caroline C. Glick, Dr. Alan A. Mazurek, Chairman of ZOA's Executive Committee



L to R: Malcolm Hoenlein, Chairman, Conference of Presidents; Steven Orlow, President, One Israel Fund; Morton A. Klein, President, ZOA



L to R: Honorees Jeffrey Wiesenfeld, recipient of Distinguished Leadership Award; Morton A. Klein, President; Caroline C. Glick, recipient of Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism; Eli E. Hertz, recipient of Justice Louis D. Brandeis Award.



Caroline C. Glick speaking to Board Members Jack Friedler, Joe Loshinsky, Joe Savin, and others after her address.

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explains of the impetus. “The idea is for students to inspire their peers to study overseas [in Israel], attend [ZOA’s annual] Washington Mission and even make aliyah.”

ZOA has interns in its New York and Los Angeles offices, and it was these students who Sager enlisted to carry out the novel project she spearheaded.

On most campuses today, unfortunately, the term “Zionist” is not the most popular of expressions, but Sager and company chose a direct label for their effort.

“I created the title of the magazine and consulted the student editorial staff to get their input and there was unanimous consent that it was an appropriate name” Sager relates. They all felt that this way, “it would be obvious what the magazine entails.”

Sager already had assembled a team capable of producing a magazine even before the idea was born. “The students had submitted writing samples to be considered for the prestigious ZOA internship,” she notes. “Then I enlisted active students from campuses to contribute articles.”

For the first issue, ZOA’s goal was to distribute 75 copies of the magazine to each of 100 campuses. The magazines are free and are given out by students who ZOA has contact with at pro-Israel events and at informational tables on campus. A Web site was also developed for students to get the magazine. www.thecollegezionist.org

“I’ve received positive feedback. Some [students] have expressed interest in writing for the next edition.”

Sager said she hopes that issue will be ready next summer.

She noted that her student staff will discuss the article topics for future issues and will consider article-idea suggestions as well as submissions.

“I hope to create a venue for pro-Israel students to publish their personal as well as scholarly articles, and to reach many Jewish

students across the country with pro-Israel material,” Sager says.

The articles in the premier edition included: “Jerusalem, City of Dreams” by Joel Abramovitz of UCLA; “Making Aliyah” by Talia Kaplan of Stern College; “A Call for Islamic Reformation” by Benjamin Rubin, Northwestern; “Zionism, Under a Red Cloak” by Yoni Freeman, Connecticut College; “The Battle for Hearts and Minds: A Look at Israel Activism on Campus” by Jonathan Hirsch, University of Chicago; “The Next Wave of Terror” by Gadi Dotz, Yeshiva University.

Also, “The Dangers of a Palestinian Arab State” by Daniel Tauber, Brooklyn College; “Israel as a World Technology Capital” by Adena Schutzman, UCLA; and “Students on a Mission: On the ZOA Advocacy Mission to D.C.” by David B. Greenberg, Queens College.

ZOA National President Morton A. Klein said of this project: “The ZOA saw a need to offset the barrage of left-wing and anti-Israel publications on campus distorting the truth and even propagating outright falsehoods about the Arab war against Israel. *The College Zionist* magazine is an important step in helping to inspire students to give Israel the support and love that it deserves, as well as to learn how to answer the Israel bashers on campus.”

“We are very proud of the work that Julie Sager and her team of talented college students performed in putting together this exciting new magazine,” Klein noted.

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ry that a minority of Jews have been proved right and helped in the end to save the majority of Jews, with the Maccabees in the story of Chanukah being the classic example.

Congressman Anthony Weiner (D-NY) also delivered a powerful speech in support of Israel, noting at the outset that he “comes from the ZOA wing of the Democratic Party” and that he was proud to be lending his support to ZOA’s efforts to educate the US public on the truth about the Palestinian Arab war on Israel. Other honored guests included Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Randy Daniels, Secretary of State for New York State; and Ira Rennert, distinguished businessman and philanthropist.

This year’s Brandeis Award recipient was Eli

E. Hertz, a pioneer in the personal computer industry, President of Myths and Facts Inc., and a Board Member of AIPAC, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and CAMERA. Jeffrey S. Wiesenfeld, a Principal with Bernstein Investment Research & Management and a Board Member of the City College of New York (CUNY) and former official with Governor Pataki, was the recipient of the ZOA’s Distinguished Leadership Award.

Official congressional proclamations from Congressman Anthony Weiner (D-NY), Gary Ackerman (D-NY) and Nita Lowey (D-NY) were presented to Hertz and Wiesenfeld at the dinner. The Dinner co-chairs were Irwin Hochberg, past National Chairman of Israel Bonds and member of the ZOA National Board, and Bob Guzzardi, a prominent attorney and a member of the ZOA National Board and

AIPAC’s Executive Committee. The criminal defense attorney Ben Brafman was the Master of Ceremonies. ZOA Board Member Martin Gross, who is also a Trustee of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, introduced Ambassador Bolton. Board Member Dr. Ben Chouake, President of NORPAC and a member of the Board of Yeshiva University, introduced Morton Klein. ZOA Associate Chairman of Board Sylvia Freyer delivered the blessing over bread. Rabbi Yehoshua Balkany, a distinguished rabbinic scholar and dean of a major yeshiva in Brooklyn, gave the invocation. Josh Orbach, son of ZOA board member Michael Orbach, recited the grace after meals. Dr. Alan Mazurek, Chairman of the ZOA Executive Committee, presented the Journalism Award to Caroline Glick. ZOA Board Member David Schoen introduced Ben Brafman.

ZOA Active On Campus

New Campus Coordinators

In the Fall 2005, the ZOA expanded its Campus Activism Network, adding two staff "Campus Coordinators," who work under the direction of Director of Campus Activities Julie Sager. Adi Neuman, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was active in combating the divestment campaign launched by Israel detractors on his campus. He organized a pro-Israel rally and invited ZOA National Secretary Dr. Jerome Kaufman to speak. Adi joined the ZOA after spending two years studying Torah in Israel. Rachel Glaser, a graduate of Boston University, was the founder of her pro-Israel club on campus. Rachel organized many events as a student, and upon graduation, continued her work in pro-Israel advocacy. Rachel and Adi are huge assets to the ZOA and already visited over 25 college campuses last semester.

Aryeh Green Speaking Tour

This semester, the ZOA initiated a speaking tour by Aryeh Green, who served as senior advisor to former Knesset Minister Natan Sharansky. Green addressed students on a dozen campuses in the Northeast and Midwest, including the University of Pennsylvania, New York University, Boston University, Brandeis University, Oberlin College, American University, George Washington University, University of Maryland at College Park, Ohio State University, Connecticut College, and Queens College.



Aryeh Green of the ZOA Speakers Bureau addresses college students.

Green's lectures increased students' interest in and motivation for involvement in Israel advocacy, and strengthened their understanding of Israel's human rights record. He responded to questions from the audiences eloquently and succinctly. The ZOA speaking tour of Aryeh Green, co-sponsored by Hasbara Fellowships, Yavneh Olami, and StandWithUs, was a huge success.

Green was also the scholar-in-residence during the Shabbat of November 4 at New York University. He spoke of Israel's role in spreading democracy in the Middle East and also on Zionism. Both lectures were well attended and received a fantastic response. The following Shabbat, Green



(L to R) ZOA Campus Coordinators Adi Neuman and Rachel Glaser; Campus Director Julie Sager, and ZOA Student Representatives Chaim Schutzman of UCSB and Josh Mann of Carnegie Mellon University

lectured twice to a large crowd of students at the University of Pennsylvania. He also hosted a Shabbat lunch gathering of students interested in aliyah.

At Ohio State, there were over 100 students from more than 20 campuses who attended the pro-Israel conference at which Aryeh Green spoke. He led a breakout session on "Inside Israeli Politics 101" which received positive reviews from students who attended. He also was the keynote speaker at the conference dinner. The ZOA had a table at the conference that was stocked with ZOA campus brochures, ZOA magazines, and other pro-Israel materials; many students approached the table and expressed interest in writing for the ZOA campus magazine and in interning at the ZOA.

At Oberlin, a school that has been described as 'slightly left of Noam Chomsky,' Aryeh Green lectured to a mixed crowd of Jews and non-Jews. The student organizer of the lecture at Oberlin was Ezra Temko, a former summer intern at the ZOA national office.

At George Washington University, diverse student groups co-sponsored Aryeh Green's lecture. Over 75 students attended the program, including Arab and Muslim students from a pro-Palestinian group. At Boston University, Green also spoke to a diverse group of students. At each campus, the ZOA distributed literature and promoted the upcoming ZOA Israel trip and the ZOA campus magazine.

ZOA Programs at NY Law Schools

At Columbia University, Mrs. Saida Somekh lectured to the Jewish Students Law Association. She recounted her life story, telling students about her upbringing in Iraq and discussing what it means to have *dhimmi* (second-class citizen) status as a Jew living in the Arab world. She went into detail about how Jews from Iraq and other Arab countries were kicked out of their homes and forced to flee. The law students were fascinated with her personal story.

At Fordham Law School, the ZOA's Ed Siegel, an attorney, writer, dynamic speaker, and a sitting judge, spoke on November 15 to the Jewish Law Students Association. Siegel's lecture detailed Israel's legal right to Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria under international law, as well as the legal foundation for establishing Jordan as the sole Palestinian state in the region. Students were enthralled by Ed Siegel's informative and articulate lecture.

ZOA Trains College Students

Robert Friedman, managing director of an investment firm and a freelance writer, spoke on November 15 about Israeli history and advocating for Israel on campus to a group of students from various New York colleges. The event, which was organized by the ZOA in conjunction with Yeshiva University's Center for the Jewish Future, was part of a 'Teach for Israel' training seminar. The students to whom Robert Friedman lectured will speak to Jewish students about Israel at high schools across the country.

ZOA Speaks to Hundreds of High School Students

On November 18, ZOA Campus Coordinators Rachel Glaser and Adi Neuman spoke about anti-Israel activity on college campuses to a group of over 250 high school juniors and seniors who attend the Yeshivah of Flatbush. The students, who were at an annual retreat, were informed on ZOA activities. Rachel and Adi screened footage of violent anti-Israel protests and discussed with the students how they could support Israel both now and once they arrive on college campuses. The students received ZOA materials.

ZOA Publishes Pro-Israel Student Magazine

Director of Campus Activities Julie Sager edited a pro-Israel magazine for the ZOA called *The College Zionist*, which is being distributed on over 100 campuses nationwide. The magazine was created to provide an outlet for Zionist college students to exchange ideas and to report on issues related to Israel. Sager solicited articles from students from universities across the country. Students contributed and edited articles, selected photos, and designed the layout for the Zionist publication under Sager's direction. Fifteen thousand print copies of *The College Zionist* are being distributed this winter.



Student leaders from Columbia enjoy the ZOA Dinner.

Rumsfeld on ZOA Radio

While anti-Semites and enemies of Israel – both foreign and domestic – may continue to claim that America went to war against Iraq at the behest of Israel, US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has made it abundantly clear that the war had nothing to do with the Jewish state.

Rumsfeld shattered the anti-Israel allegations while a guest on “*The ZOA Middle East Report*,” the weekly radio show that is an educational project of the Greater Philadelphia District of the Zionist Organization of America.

Greater Philadelphia District Executive Director Steve Feldman and President Lori Lowenthal Marcus are the primary hosts of the hour-long broadcast. The show airs live on 1540 AM WNWR Radio in the Philadelphia area on Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and is available 24/7 throughout the world via ZOA-GPD’s Web site: www.zoaphilly.org.

Rumsfeld explained: “The United States made a conscious decision to go to the United Nations, and to express the concern that was felt by most of the Western nations about the fact that Iraq was a terrorist state. Iraq was a state that was shooting at our aircraft that were enforcing the Northern and Southern No-Fly Zones on a regular basis. It was providing \$25,000 for families of suicide bombers. It’s a country that had used chemical weapons against its own people and its neighbors. The President went to the United Nations and to the Congress and made a conscious decision to do what was done.”

During the 10-minute interview, Rumsfeld also pronounced the Iraq War a success since the people of that nation have now had free elections and drafted a constitution.

As for its neighbor, Iran, the Secretary noted that it “seems to be clear” the fundamentalist Islamic nation “intend[s] to develop their nuclear program, and that they have views that are hostile to other

nations such as Israel and the United States and I’m sure other nations beyond those.” It is a situation the US will continue to closely monitor.

Rumsfeld said that the US is patching up relations with Israel after penalizing Israel for its efforts to refurbish drones that Israel had already sold to China. To get back in the Pentagon’s good graces, heavy restrictions were placed on Israel regarding what arms it can sell to foreign countries and to whom Israel can sell them.

“The Israeli Ministry of Defense has taken a number of steps that I consider to be quite positive, and we are on a path as they undertake reforms in how they interact with other countries in the world with respect to various technologies,” said Rumsfeld. “We’re on a path to reestablish a relationship that is appropriate for our two countries.”

Rumsfeld also confirmed concerns about recent Russian arms sales to Syria and Iran, nations which continue to threaten Israel’s existence.

“Well you’re quite right. I mean Russia has been selling things to a great many countries,” Rumsfeld observed, noting, “they’re selling to Syria and they’ve been assisting Iran with their nuclear program. . . . So obviously it’s those kinds of things that people address and worry about and wonder what direction that suggests.”

And what will this mean for Israel’s military edge over its enemies?

“Well, it seems to me that the United States and Israel have a long and close relationship and that Israel has developed a highly competent and capable military and defense industry to their credit, which living in that part of the world as a democracy, it’s perfectly appropriate for them to do, and we have had a very close, cooperative relationship with them, and that’s a healthy thing from both of our standpoints.”

Feldman invited Rumsfeld to be on the



US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

show when he met the Secretary of Defense at a White House ceremony. A month later – to Feldman’s surprise – he got the phone call from Rumsfeld’s aide saying he would like to be a guest on “*The ZOA Middle East Report*.”

While Rumsfeld is the most prominent guest to have been quizzed by Feldman and Marcus on the Philadelphia ZOA show, they have also interviewed prominent Israeli politicians, journalists and analysts including Ranaan Gissin, Caroline Glick and Uzi Landau, as well as American law-makers, authors and think-tank experts including Senator Sam Brownback, Dr. Kenneth Levin and Frank Gaffney. They also extensively covered the expulsion of Jews from the Gaza Strip and northern Samaria, interviewing a man live aboard a deportation bus and a woman barricaded inside her Gush Katif home.

The show will mark its second anniversary on the air in April. For more information about the show including syndicating it in your city, call Steve Feldman at 215-338-9188.

ZOA Poll shows most Israelis oppose further unilateral withdrawals

In December 2005, the ZOA commissioned a poll of 500 adult Israelis by the respected Israeli pollster, Smith Research and Consulting, to ascertain the views of the Israeli public on carrying out further unilateral withdrawals in the wake of the Gaza/northern Samaria withdrawal. The poll results were reported in the Jerusalem Post and elsewhere.

The results showed that by a margin of 61% to 28% (roughly 2½ to 1) Israelis oppose

“carrying out unilateral withdrawals from Judea and Samaria if after the elections it becomes clear that it’s not possible to make progress in the negotiations with the Palestinians on the basis of the Road Map.” Supporters of Ariel Sharon’s new Kadima party were also shown to be opposed to future unilateral withdrawals by a margin of 54% to 37%, while among Israelis who opposed unilateral withdrawals, a vast majority – 75% to 18% – regard the issue as so important as to preclude them from sup-

porting a party committed to such a position.

We were surprised to see that by a margin of 2½ to 1, the Israelis want no more Gaza-like concessions and that a majority of Israelis believe this one issue is so important that they won’t vote for a party that supports unilateralism. This means that Sharon’s Kadimah party may be in trouble if Likud and others emphasize unilateral withdrawal as a major issue during the upcoming election campaign.

ZOA Cited in New Alan Dershowitz Book

Alan Dershowitz, distinguished professor at Harvard Law School and widely interviewed scholar, published a new book entitled *The Case for Peace*. In this book he considers “the prospects, problems, and plans that are most likely to bring about a workable resolution of this seemingly intractable (Israeli and Palestinian) dispute.” On two occasions he cites the ZOA.

Dershowitz wrote that,

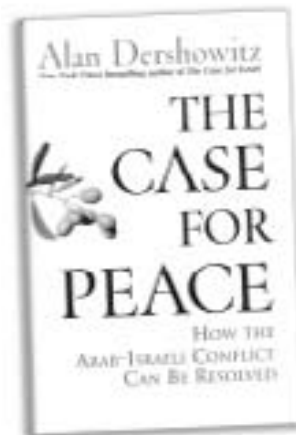
“Morton Klein, President of the Zionist Organization of America, in an article in USA Today wrote, ‘The road map . . . imposes an un-American policy of ethnic discrimination by halting Jewish construction in the disputed Judea-Samaria territories while not limiting the much more widespread Arab construction in those areas.’”

And...

“As Morton Klein writes of the Gaza disengagement, [S]uch a retreat would certainly exacerbate the terrorism problem, by making it much more difficult for Israel to combat Gaza-based terrorists.”

While making a case for a peace based in large part on further Israeli concessions, Dershowitz identifies the ZOA position as articulated by Morton Klein as representative of those who “simply don’t trust Palestinian promises of peace in exchange for land... (and) fear that... an increase in terrorism will weaken Israel’s military capacity to prevent and control what they believe will be the inevitable violence that will follow the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. They point to the apparent unwillingness or inability of the Palestinian Authority to disarm the terrorist groups that persist in planning both rocket attacks and suicide bombings....”

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ZOA President Morton A. Klein Attends White House Hanukkah Party

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The *Forward*, a national Jewish weekly, wrote about this event: “To the consternation of the Bush administration and its supporters, the Jewish community has come to view the annual White House Hanukkah party as a barometer of who’s in and who’s out with President Bush and his minions. That’s inaccurate, sources close to the Bushes said.

“Be that as it may, however, it doesn’t stop the gossip and speculation about who got stiffed for an invitation and why. Not invited were some familiar faces in the organized Jewish world....

“The president of the Zionist Organization of America, Morton Klein – a frequent Bush critic – was invited, giving rise to the theory that he was being rewarded for supporting the difficult nomination of United Nations Ambassador John Bolton.

“Meanwhile, the gossipers said that Howard Kohr, executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, had not been invited, because of administration unhappiness over the lack of a grass-roots push for Bolton among the organization’s members.”

While there, Mort spoke with a number of White House officials including Karl Rove, Deputy Chief of Staff; Michael Chertoff,

Secretary of Homeland Security; Sara Taylor, White House Director of Political Affairs; and Josh Bolton, Director of the Office of Management and Budget. He also exchanged views with David Wurmser, Special Assistant to Vice President Cheney, and Roger Hertog, Vice Chairman of the Board of Alliance Capital Management Corporation.

Upon entering the White House, it was a special pleasure to be greeted by 23 Jewish and handsome West Point cadets singing Hanukkah and other Jewish songs.

It was also very kind of Mrs. Bush to have made the White House kitchen kosher for the first time in history, serving an extraordinary buffet made up entirely of delicious kosher food.

Morton A. Klein said, “My having been asked to represent ZOA at the White House indicates the respect the Administration has for the organization. In part, this stems from the close relationships we have developed with so many members of Congress. It is always thrilling to be at the White House and meet the President and Mrs. Laura Bush. They were both radiant, he in his tuxedo and she in a gorgeous light blue suit. The President told us he appreciated ZOA’s support of the Iraq War and our support of the nomination of John Bolton as U.S. Ambassador to the UN.”

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ZOA Student Leadership Mission to Israel, Winter Break 2005-2006.
Feature story in the next issue of the ZOA Report.

ZOA in Action Around the Country

National President Morton Klein Speaks Out:

Morton Klein attended a small American Jewish Congress dinner for President Musharraf of Pakistan in New York City.

Mort spoke for Israel Bonds in New Rochelle.

Mort spoke at synagogues in Boston, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and Philadelphia. He also spoke at Ohio State University. He appeared on many radio and TV stations including CBS and Fox, and we are pleased that we continued to be quoted and published in newspapers around the world, JTA, AP, Reuters, *Forward*, *Jerusalem Post*, *Ha'aretz*, *Ma'ariv*, and in most of the Jewish papers in the US.

He has been invited to speak at the Jerusalem Conference in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Jerusalem in March.

Michigan:

The Michigan District's Scholarship Program sponsors students in the Michigan area to attend different educational programs in Israel, making grants to 27 students for the year 2005/06. Co-chairs of the Scholarship Committee were Beverly Baker and Toby Schlusel. The Michigan District also sponsored an Akiva Dinner/Fund Raising Campaign in August. A further project of the Michigan District is sponsoring the Jewish School in Ukraine, where the rabbi and director of the school Melach Sheyket is helping students to immigrate to Israel. The Michigan District co-sponsored a public lecture delivered by Dr. D. Stoffeld to the Holocaust Museum in August and also sponsored the Jewish Book Fair and the book by Stephen Spector, *Operation Solomon: The Daring Rescue of the Ethiopian Jews*, both in November. Sabina Heller and Dr. Lester Zeff were co-chairs at the Spector function, and Joseph F. Savin made the presentation. The Michigan District also co-sponsored in November, along with the American Jewish Committee, an evening program for the American Jewish and American Indian community at Congregation Shaarey Zedek. Also in November, a Balfour Celebration Concert was held honoring distinguished community leaders and ardent Zionists Harold and Barbara Beznos. The guest speaker was counter-terrorist expert Dr. Boaz Ganor and the event was one of

the finest fund-raising events in the history of the District. The Michigan District held its annual meeting on November 29 and co-sponsored in December along with B'nai Brith Great Lake Region the campaign "SOS" – Save Our Synagogues.

Pittsburgh:

The Pittsburgh District of ZOA sponsors the Anti-Intolerance Program for Public and Parochial High School Students each year, raising the funds necessary to implement it, in cooperation with the Boards of Education of the Pittsburgh Public Schools and Catholic Diocese, the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The Pittsburgh District's 'Movies and Munchies' series of film and documentary screenings on themes of relevance to ZOA, initiated this year, continues to attract large audiences. Pittsburgh President Heather Stein met with Israeli Deputy Minister for Israeli Society and World Jewish Community Rabbi Michael Melchior during a trip to Israel in August to discuss human rights issues, and the support Israel might offer to the Anti-Intolerance Program. The Pittsburgh District also launched in September a new fundraising venture that is patterned on riding the success of the eBay economy, allowing people to sell artwork and other items through ZOA-bay, a non-profit website built by ZOA-Pittsburgh webmaster and Pittsburgh Executive Director Bill Wigton. The Pittsburgh District responded to a Palestinian film series screened on campus and off during October – December by notifying and meeting with the director of Hillel-JUC and other interested organizations to produce a coordinated strategy of response. In December, for a fundraiser, the Pittsburgh District made an innovation, staging two performances of the off-Broadway production *Picon Pie*, a musical biography of Yiddish theater star and supporter of Israel, Molly Picon. Both performances by the original New York cast were well-attended, including by many outside ZOA's membership.

Philadelphia:

The Greater Philadelphia District's weekly radio show, 'The ZOA Middle East Report' continues bringing listeners news and guests otherwise unavailable at 'one address.' Recent guests have included Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld,

Jerusalem Post columnist Caroline Glick, Jewish leader Isi Leibler, international law professor Anne Bayefsky and Sderot Mayor Eli Moyal. The Greater Philadelphia District continues its weekly pro-Israel rally in front of the Israeli Consulate in Center City Philadelphia. Every Friday afternoon, regardless of the weather, our members hold signs with pro-Israel slogans and American and Israeli flags, giving out leaflets explaining current events or other pro-Israel messages. Ruth and Mort Gleit spearhead this effort. At Greater Philadelphia's quarterly meeting, Kevin Williamson, editor of the *Evening Bulletin*, Philadelphia's newest daily newspaper, was welcomed. Williamson's paper has been unbiased when it comes to covering the Middle East and Israel, and he made it clear that he understands Israel's position. Historian and psychiatrist Kenneth Levin was a guest speaker in October for the Greater Philadelphia District, discussing his new book, *The Oslo Syndrome*, a probing analysis of the historical roots of the failed Oslo peace process policy. Robert Guzzardi, a member of Philadelphia board, was co-chairman of ZOA's National Justice Louis Brandeis Award Dinner, and more than 30 members of the Greater Philadelphia District attended this wonderful event. President Lori Lowenthal Marcus, Executive Director Steve Feldman and several of our lay leaders have had articles and letters published in a number of newspapers and Web sites.

Northern California:

The Northern California Board of the ZOA devoted sustained efforts on fund-raising for the Mission to Israel for college students led by ZOA Campus Activism Director, Julie Sager. The Board also devoted attention to combating the campaign to divest from companies doing business with Israel, which was taken up recently by the Presbyterian churches, canvassing 12 Presbyterian pastors in the Bay Area to discuss the issues involved. The Northern California Board was also active in an effort to obtain votes for the ZOA slate for election of delegates to the World Jewish Congress.

Los Angeles:

ZOA President Morton Klein addressed the Los Angeles Regional Board in November. The Executive Committee of the Board

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met with Congressman Brad Sherman on January 4 to discuss ZOA legislative concerns and issues. The full LA Regional Board will be holding its regular bi-monthly meeting later in January at the Luxe Summit Hotel Bel Air, with its dessert reception hosted by Hotel owner Efram Harkham, who was recently made an hon-

orary board member in recognition of his generous contributions.

Louis D. Brandeis District:

Marc Caroff was elected president of the LDB district in October ... At the District's

October meeting, an address was delivered by Shoshana Bryen, Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA) Special Projects Director. The LDB District board is meeting in January to discuss implementing new activities for the District.

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PROFILES: A look at ZOA People

Michael Goldblatt, PhD

By Daniel Mandel

So far as Michael Goldblatt is concerned, he would have been a better Zionist had he succeeded in living in Israel, though many friends tell him otherwise. But that has not prevented him from dedicating himself to the Zionist movement in this country.

Married to Brenda for 43 years, a father of three and a long-time cognitive-behavioral therapist, Michael Goldblatt's nearly four decades of professional experience is exceeded only by the five decades he has devoted to the cause of Zionism. Already at the age of 17, Goldblatt published his first letter in the Passaic-Clifton *Herald News*, protesting the Eisenhower Administration's then-impending sale of weaponry to Saudi Arabia. His senior paper in high school in 1956 was on the history of the modern state of Israel.

A native of Clifton, NJ, Goldblatt earned his PhD in Clinical Psychology from Temple University in 1967. As a Charter Clinical Fellow of the Behavior Therapy and Research Society, Goldblatt is among a select few pioneers in the world of cognitive behavior therapy, treating children and families. With becoming modesty, he says he produced "what some people describe as a seminal paper" on the treatment of hysterical paralysis. His paper has been quoted since in a number of abnormal psychology textbooks.

For the past 35 years, Goldblatt had served as Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Temple University School of Medicine. Formerly on the faculty of the Family Institute of Philadelphia, Goldblatt also founded Bustleton Health Systems, which became the largest behavioral health network management company in Pennsylvania.

A founder also of the Philmont Guidance Center, Goldblatt is presently its Executive Director and also serves on the staff of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and Holy Redeemer Hospital. In his long career, Goldblatt has trained hundreds of physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers. He is also the author of some thirty professional papers and articles.

A very active career in psychology, however, has not stood in the way of Goldblatt's devoted service to Zionism. His impressive

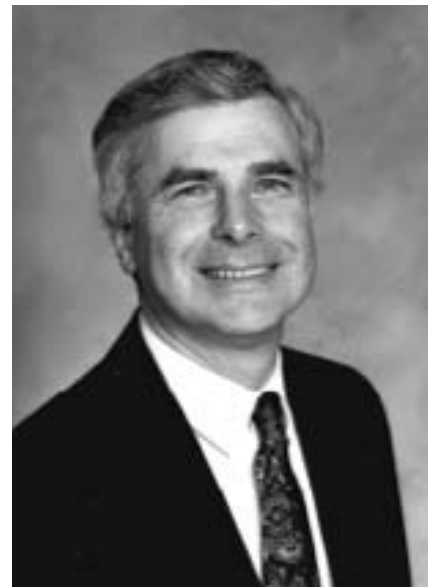
list of professional publications is dwarfed by the 200-plus opinion pieces and letters to the editor he has written over the years on aspects of Zionism and Israel in such places as the *Jerusalem Post*, *U.S. News & World Report*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The New York Times*. His grandfather Julius wrote in Yiddish for *The Forward* and Goldblatt has continued the family tradition of writer and activist in Zionist affairs.

Attempting to bring his professional expertise and Zionist passion into creative alliance, Goldblatt moved to Israel and lived during 1969-70 in Givatayim, where he was a psychologist at Shalvatah Hospital in Hod Hasharon. But as many others have discovered, transplanting to Israel can be a difficult and sometimes unsuccessful venture, and Goldblatt and his family returned to America. On return, friends consoled him with the argument that through his local Zionist involvement, to which he returned with gusto, he has been doing more good for Israel from here – a thesis he receives gratefully but has never been willing to accept.

During the 1970s, Goldblatt was among the organizers of the first Israel Independence Day parades, a venerable Philadelphia tradition that subsequently lapsed for many years before being revived on a modest scale this past year. The one and only float for the inaugural parade was constructed in the Goldblatt family driveway.

For two years, Goldblatt held down a regular column in the *Jewish Exponent* dealing mostly with mainstream media bias. He was an early supporter of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America, as well as Americans for a Safe Israel, and also was involved early in the Soviet Jewry movement. A founding member of the Soviet Jewry Council of Philadelphia, Goldblatt served also as co-chair of the United Synagogue's Soviet Jewry Committee. In these capacities, he assisted many trips of activists to Russia in the dark days of the 1970s, when these intermittent visits provided the only human contact and source of moral and practical support for the embattled refuseniks.

In the early 1990s, Goldblatt joined the Greater Philadelphia Board of the ZOA, of which he eventually served as chairman for several years. In 1991, at the height of the



Michael Goldblatt, PhD

first Gulf War and the Scud rocket attacks upon Israel, he organized a trip to Israel with a distinguished group of psychologists, including Ruth Westheimer (a child survivor of the Holocaust who had also served in the Haganah when Israel was coming into being). The group came to bear witness to the aggression unleashed upon Israel and to offer professional help to Jerusalem civilians and personal testimony on the missile attacks.

In more recent years, Goldblatt has served on the National Board of Directors of ZOA, of which he has been a member since 1992, occupying such positions as Treasurer, Chairman of the National Executive Committee and currently, Chairman of the Board. For Goldblatt, however, the highlight of this service throughout the Oslo years was serving as Morton Klein's campaign manager for the leadership of the ZOA, helping to make American Jewish history when Klein defeated an incumbent president.

Against the backdrop of current tribulations in Israel and the threats massing against the Jewish state, Goldblatt has no plans to retire. As he puts it, "It is exhilarating to not be part of the silent Jewish majority in the fight for the Jewish people to a small piece of land to call our own."

Daniel Mandel is director of the ZOA Center for Middle East Policy.

PROFILES: A look at ZOA People

Heather L. Stein

Heather L. Stein has over 30 years of experience in the realm of marketing communications and public relations yet, as her long involvement with Zionism and Jewish causes shows, her profession is only one of many strings to her bow.

Zionism has a long history in Stein's life. It is a passion she inherited from her parents and which was transmitted to her despite the fact that for much of the time she was growing up, her family did not have the privilege of living in supportive Jewish neighborhoods. Although she did not have an opportunity when growing up to visit Israel, her parents chose to live a more active Jewish life raising their children in Pittsburgh. As Stein puts it, "They bonded with the land of Israel and identified with it. My Zionism comes directly from my parents. It was an integral part of their identity and mine. Zionism was part of who we were brought up to be and part of our table discussions. My father got out of Austria in 1938 by the skin of his teeth."

Stein, who earned her B.A. in English/Writing from the University of Pittsburgh, is the principal in Checkers Creative Communications, a Pittsburgh-based marketing communications and public relations firm. She has over 30 years' experience in full range of creative services including marketing plans and communications strategies, public relations and media relations, copywriting and special events planning.

Stein developed, wrote and produced a variety of programs and materials for Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Astronuclear Laboratory, Duquesne Light Company's public information department, and the Office of the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, assigned to The Honorable Richard Caliguiri's Task Force on Women. She added health care to her portfolio of work environments while serving as director of communications services for South Hills Health System. Finally, she served as Director of Public Relations for Carnegie Mellon University's College of Engineering where she was responsible for that college's six departments and five research centers as well as University-wide projects.

Stein has earned several honors, including a national Clarion Award from the Association of Women in Communications (AWC). She has been active in the commu-

nications community locally and nationally, is a past president of the Pittsburgh Professional Chapter of AWC and currently serves on its Board of Directors. Heather Stein has also served on the boards of several Pittsburgh community and philanthropic organizations. She was selected by the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh for its 1995 Leadership Award in Communications and the Governor of the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania added her to the 1996 Honor Roll of Women. She also served in the 1970s in a variety of roles, including Executive Vice-President with the Pittsburgh Council.

Such a busy a professional life has not prevented her living an equally committed life in Zionist and Jewish affairs. She began her volunteer career in NA'AMAT USA, first at chapter level, then as President of the Pittsburgh Council and finally as a member of the National Board. She was selected by the World Movement of NA'AMAT and the Jewish Agency to participate in their three-week Leadership Seminar in Israel.

In the 1970s, in addition to her work in NA'AMAT, Stein was Chairman of the Women's Plea for Human Rights for Soviet Jewry, helping to coordinate with the UJF the first city-wide human rights rally to raise awareness to the plight of Soviet Jewry. Stein worked with the Community Relations Committee Director of the United Jewish Federation to develop and implement strategies that would motivate city-wide participation, involving students by providing appropriate educational materials for the public and private schools and sponsoring a city-wide art competition. From 1983 to 1987, she served as a Member of the National Board of Na'amat. Among other responsibilities she managed media relations for 1985 the organization's National Biennial Convention in Israel and developed and presented PR/publicity workshops at National Biennial Conventions and at Regional Conferences. Stein was also involved with the ZOA in the



Heather Stein, President of Pittsburgh District ZOA, meeting with Cabinet Minister Rabbi Michael Mechoir in the Prime Minister's Building in July 2005.

1980s, but, as she puts it, "other commitments side-tracked me, but once my professional responsibilities decreased and my daughter moved to Israel, my chosen path was to reinvigorate my involvement with the ZOA," which she now does heading the Pittsburgh regional office and a range of programs unique to it. These include a much acclaimed Anti-Intolerance Program which, she says, "really drove me back to ZOA."

Stein explains that growing up in a non-Jewish neighborhood, growing up in the midwest and working in the secular world has made her aware of anti-Semitism that might have escaped other Jews used to growing up and working in predominantly Jewish neighborhoods. "I personally lost or failed to obtain jobs for which I was eminently qualified on account of it after college and in the 1970s and 1990s. I have overheard people with whom I worked talking about Jews. I have also had several progressive work-related experiences where it was brought to me. I was laid off the day after being assured by my corporate director I wasn't going to be, and later was told by the same director the change was because the choice had become that either a Jew or Catholic was to be laid off."

Stein takes pride in the Zionist commitment she has been able to give her family. Her children have had the advantage of living in a Jewish community, attending day schools and visiting Israel. "My daughter has taken it further by making aliyah with her husband and moving to Israel to live in Efrat, a natural progression of what we have given her."

Nazi-Like Hamas Wins Palestinian Elections; US & Europe Must Stop Aid to PA/Hamas

By Morton A. Klein, ZOA National President

The Nazi-like party Hamas – whose official charter openly calls for the murder of Jews (Article 7), seeks the destruction of the Jewish State of Israel (Article 15), and claims to be fighting a world-wide anti-Muslim conspiracy led by Jews – has been voted into power by the Palestinian Arab people. The Hamas Charter even cites the notorious anti-Semitic forgery, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, in support of its views (Article 32). Hamas is on the US and many European lists of terrorist groups. Since the outbreak of the Palestinian terrorist war against Israel in September 2000, Hamas has killed almost 500 Israelis, and wounded and maimed almost 3,000 more in scores of suicide bombings and hundreds of other attacks. The Palestinian Arab people have voted Hamas into power, winning a landslide 74 of the 132 seats in the Palestinian legislature, and defeating Fatah, which won 45 seats.

Understandably, the ZOA calls on the Bush Administration and all other governments to immediately cease the flow of funds to, and end negotiations with, the Palestinian Authority now that the Nazi-like Hamas party has been voted into power by the Palestinian Arab people.

It is deeply disturbing, frightening and revealing – but perhaps not surprising – that the Palestinians would elect a party with a Nazi-like platform. All of Hamas' leaders past and present have supported this platform. This election is a wake-up call to all those who believe that Israel has a peace partner in the Palestinians. It shows that when you have a society that has promoted murder and hatred, elections will only bring this type of evil to power. Elections held in a society that has immoral and outrageous values, will elect people who espouse those immoral and outrageous values. Before these elections, the Palestinians had dictators who were evil leading their society. Today, after elections, they have democratically elected evil leaders running their

society. What is clearly needed is a transformation of the institutions of Palestinian Arab society, from the schools, the media, and the religious hierarchy, up to the government and its leaders.

There is no reason to believe Hamas will now moderate its goals, as some believe – that governing will moderate political leaders. The evidence is otherwise. History shows that extremists who obtain power do not moderate; they go on to carry out their extremist programs. The Ayatollah Khomeini did not moderate his goals when he took over Iran 25 years ago. The Taliban did not moderate its goals when it took over in Afghanistan – both became sponsors of terrorism and practitioners of brutal repression. Saddam Hussein did not become moderate when he took power in Iraq – he started a brutal reign of tyranny, mass-murder and aggression that only ended when he was ousted in 2003. Going further back in history, coming to power did not moderate Hitler in Germany or Mussolini in Italy. When fanatics and killers win power, they use that power to carry out their programs.

Hamas is leaving us in no doubt that it intends to do the same. In recent days, when asked whether Hamas might moderate its goals once in power, Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas leader in Gaza, simply laughed and said that Hamas would never change its goals. Zahar has also called repeatedly for the destruction of Israel. During the election campaign, Hamas regularly staged public burnings of the Magen David (Star of David).

What is less often appreciated is that the charter of former ruling party Fatah still calls for Israel's destruction, and that Fatah actually committed more terrorist acts than Hamas. These facts are universally ignored.

The one positive outcome of Hamas' victory is that this reality of the joint-Hamas/Fatah goal of Israel's destruction can no longer be ignored and must be con-

fronted. Hopefully now, Israel, the US, and Europe will implement policies dealing with the newly realized reality -- that the Palestinian Arabs' goal is not simply a Palestinian Arab state, is not peace with Israel, but is clearly and only Israel's destruction. Almost every Palestinian poll has shown that a majority of the Palestinians do not accept Israel's existence as a Jewish state, and support continued terrorism against Israel even after a Palestinian state would be established.

The ZOA strongly praises President Bush for his statement that he would not deal with the radical Hamas/Islamist party regardless of how many seats it won in the recent Palestinian parliamentary elections.

The ZOA now calls on President Bush to heed the recent letter from a majority of Congress not to negotiate with Hamas. The ZOA also urges President Bush to end all aid to the new Hamas/PA regime. Recent ZOA polls have shown that by a margin of 61% to 28%, Americans want no negotiations with Hamas members, and over 80% want all aid to the Palestinian Authority stopped. It would be unconscionable that funds now go to the PA when it is in the hands of an unequivocally terrorist movement. As part of the US war on radical Islamic terror, the US must fight this Hamas regime, not legitimize or strengthen it.



The Campus Activism Network of the Zionist Organization of America launched a website to host the on-line version of the ZOA's new 24-page student magazine. The site for The College Zionist is located at:

www.thecollegezionist.org

The website also provides links to the ZOA homepage, the ZOA's National Speakers Bureau, upcoming ZOA Campus events, and provides an on-line application for students interested in the annual ZOA Student Leadership Mission in Israel.

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