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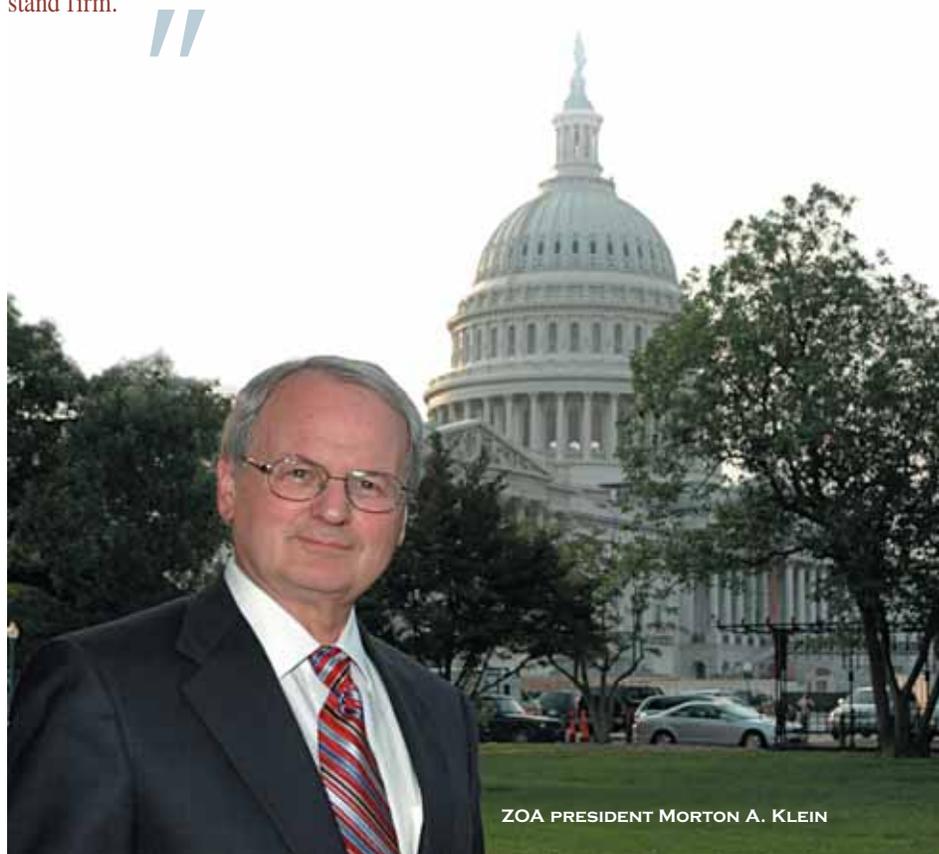
“ It is a mistake to think the solution to the Arab war against Israel is to create a Palestinian Arab state. Former IDF chief, Gen. Moshe Yaalon and former CIA Director, James Woolsey, and others have declared that such a state would be simply another terrorist state.

A Palestinian state would cost Israel strategic depth and high ground while shrinking it to indefensible borders only 9 miles wide. Israel would lose vital time to mobilize forces in the event of invasion. A Palestinian state would build up even larger armed forces and form alliances with other terrorists. Cross-border terrorism would become a regular feature, and Israeli response would be condemned. Israel would also lose control over a third of its vital water supply.

Little wonder that General Tom Kelly, the former Director of Operations for the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff said, “If you want me to defend Israel and Jerusalem, I’ve got to hold the high ground of the West Bank.”

If a Palestinian state were created, it would be the first time a state had been established, not to pursue a better life for its citizens, but to pursue the destruction of another state. It would also endanger Palestinian Arab Christians, Jewish holy sites and send a message that terrorism pays. Sovereignty does not make a population and its leaders peaceful. Iran, North Korea and Syria are all sovereign states – are they peace loving?

There is only one sane solution: Israel’s security, present and future, demands that Israel stand firm.



ZOA PRESIDENT MORTON A. KLEIN

ALMOST 300 ZOA ACTIVISTS MEET WITH CONGRESS MEMBERS URGE ACTION AGAINST: FUNDING ABBAS, IRANIAN THREATS & SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR TERROR



SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER, R-PA, SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE (RIGHT), WITH ZOA PRESIDENT MORTON A. KLEIN (LEFT)

The Zionist Organization of America's annual Washington Mission proved to be another highly successful, two-day program of advocacy and education on behalf of the cause of Israel.

Over 300 ZOA activists (including 35 students) from 19 states, including California, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Utah and Virginia, took part in ZOA's annual activist Mission to Washington on June 19 – 20, which featured addresses from Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Sallai Meridor; a distinguished Middle East expert and prolific author; and a leading spokesman from the Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria.

Our delegates held almost 200 meetings with U.S. Senators, House Members and their senior aides. A highlight of the Mission was the ZOA Capitol Hill luncheon, which was attended by several dozen Members of Congress, both Democrat and Republican, including John Boehner (R-OH), the House Minority Leader and one of the senior figures in the Republican leadership on Capitol Hill.

Following their congressional meetings, ZOA members reconvened at the Washington Plaza Hotel to hear an address delivered by Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Sallai Meridor. Ambassador Meridor paid tribute to his "good friend Mort Klein, whom I have known and respected for many years" and thanked ZOA for its commitment and activism for Israel. Ambassador Meridor explained the hard choices facing Israel on all fronts and the hope that Mahmoud Abbas would finally start fulfilling his pro-peace obligations. He said Israel would judge Abbas on his actions and be cautious in the ways it would support him.

The Mission commenced with a gala dinner at the Washington Plaza Hotel, where the two featured speakers were Professor Barry Rubin, Director of the Global Research

in International Affairs (GLORIA) Center of the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Israel, and author of some seventeen books, including a biography of Yasser Arafat, and a new book, *The Truth About Syria*; and David Wilder, the Spokesman for the Hebron Jewish community. Morton A. Klein, ZOA's National President, also spoke, after being introduced by Ed Ames, the celebrated singer and actor and President of ZOA's Los Angeles chapter.

Klein spoke of ZOA's achievements on the Hill, campuses and in the legal arena. He recounted his recent meeting, together with other American Jewish leaders, with President Bush and his questioning the President regarding ongoing incitement to hatred and murder in the Abbas-controlled PA media, mosques, schools and youth camps, which makes peace impossible no matter what concessions Israel makes. President Bush replied that his Administration was going to have to make it clear to Abbas that this is a serious issue which he needs to address immediately and comprehensively. Klein also gave a critique of the current rush to lavish aid, arms and concessions on Mahmoud Abbas and Fatah. Klein argued that trying to shore up the faux moderate Abbas against Hamas is a short-sighted strategy which will ensure that Abbas and the PA will continue to avoid fulfilling their Oslo commitments to end terror and incitement, both of which will prevent the establishment of peace.

Klein also presented example after example of Abbas' recent extremist acts and deeds, including his call before a huge Palestinian Arab rally in Ramallah to "turn all our guns against the Occupation" and saying that "The sons of Israel are corrupting humanity on earth"; his signing of the Mecca Agreement with Hamas, which called

ZOA MISSION URGED CONGRESS MEMBERS AGAINST FUNDING ABBAS



for more terrorism rather than peace and reconciliation; and his disclosure to Palestinian Arabs that "It is not required of Hamas, or of Fatah, or of the Popular Front to recognize Israel." He said that falsely calling Abbas a moderate will have the same disastrous results as having falsely called Arafat a moderate in the past.

Professor Rubin gave an overview of Israel's geo-political position and the non-existent prospects for achieving peace with either the Palestinian Arabs or Syria. Using many examples from his new book, Rubin detailed the lack of insight and common sense that afflicts American and international attitudes towards Abbas' PA and the Syrian regime and how lack of Western consistency and pressure has resulted in both remaining unreformed and terrorist-sponsoring regimes.

David Wilder painted a detailed picture of the obstacles and perils faced by Hebron's embattled Jewish community from Palestinian Arab terrorism. He spoke of the obstruction to the community's development that the community has to overcome and Israel's current struggles in dealing with terrorist forces operating from the PA.

Following the speeches, a 20-minute film of excerpts from several Palestinian and other Arab television programs targeted primarily to young audiences and their parents, promoting the vilest hatred and murder of Jews imaginable, was screened. This included a film clip of a recent Al-Jazeera interview with former President Jimmy Carter, in which he stated that he is opposed to suicide bombing against Israelis because it harms the Palestinian cause. Carter also stated that his criticism doesn't refer to the Palestinian rocket attacks upon Israel from Gaza, which he doesn't consider acts of terrorism, suggesting that these are acceptable.

The next day, Mission participants met with dozens of senators, house members and senior aides to discuss and obtain commitments to co-sponsor important legislation that would benefit Israel and assist in the world-wide fight against Islamist terrorism.

Following these meetings, ZOA activists attended a memorable Capitol Hill luncheon attended by several dozen Members of Congress. Legislators made powerful and insightful pro-Israel remarks, while praising ZOA for its role in keeping lawmakers apprised of vital issues of concern as well as its advocacy on the Hill.



REP. GARY ACKERMAN, D-NY, CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE, MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS (RIGHT), WITH MORT KLEIN (LEFT)

Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) promised his strong support for Senate resolutions on the U.S.-Israel Cooperation Act and on recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital, saying, "Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, and that is where our embassy should be." Senator Specter also said that "There is no doubt that we have to get Fatah to change its Charter to recognize Israel." He added that "it is unacceptable for Iran to have nuclear weapons."

John Boehner (R-OH), House Minority Leader, observed "We have to draw the line in dealing with terrorist organizations, especially self-declared terrorist organizations. Iran's efforts to expand its influence in the region are very dangerous. Iranian



SALLAI MERIDOR, ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., WITH MORT KLEIN

influence is causing more problems than you can imagine. I believe we need to do everything we can to tighten the noose around the Iranian regime's neck, if it continues to develop nuclear weapons. I don't believe anything short of regime change in Iran is going to stop the situation."

Thomas Tancredo (R-CO), Republican presidential candidate observed, "You need to really know who your enemy is. I wonder often if we do understand that. We use the word terror to describe what we are at war with. It allows us to think about our enemies as individual thugs and that if we put them in jail, we'll all be OK. That's the implication of being at war with terror. Terror is a tactic used by the people with whom we are at war, but the enemy is radical Islam ... It is Western civilization Judeo-Christian values that are at stake in this war. I fight to make people understand this ... It would help if we were to move our embassy to Jerusalem."

David Davis (R-TN) quoted the passage in the Bible, "'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Those who praise thee shall prosper.' Israel is unique as the only democracy in the region ... The forced moving of settlers cannot be tolerated. Israel has continued to try to reach peace. The PA must renounce violence and prove it ... The U.S. must use its offices to oppose the boycott, divestment or any other economic activity harmful to Israel ... I am opposed to aid to any country or organization that fosters terrorism, hatred or hatred of Israel and its citizens. Iran is a grave threat to the region and the security of Israel. The U.S. should continue working closely with Israel, sharing intelligence and having joint military exercises to strengthen the bond between our great nations."

Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) opened by saying, "I want to thank Mort Klein for his leadership. The ZOA is not only important to Israel. It's important to America and the world ... It is intolerable for Iran to have nuclear weapons. I believe that as long as they have the capability to blow Israel off the map, they'll try and do it and we must stop them."

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) praised the ZOA for "110 years of service and commitment to make a safe, secure and prosperous Israel. Everyone knows the work of this organization. You have been there leading the fight, making sure we can get the co-sponsors we need to pass necessary legislation. People are finally waking up to the reality of what Israel has had to face.

This afternoon, I will be offering an amendment to take out our UN funding for the UN Human Rights Council. There is genocide in Darfur, but it hasn't done anything there. The only resolutions it has passed are those condemning Israel. The only permanent part of the Council's brief is to sanction Israel. That's your U.S. taxpayers' dollars going to this disgraceful organization and I say - no more! Help me pass this amendment - I beg you."

Shelley Berkley (D-NV) asked, "Why in G-d's name is the United States of

America giving foreign aid to Saudi Arabia? In my opinion, \$100 a barrel of oil is aid enough ... Under no circumstances should this country tolerate a nuclear Iran when we know its president is a Holocaust denier who wants to wipe Israel off the map. We must not take any options off the table ... Aren't we tired as a country of propping up these Palestinians? Abbas threw in his lot with Hamas because his was the most corrupt government on the planet. Now we are encouraged to vote funding for Abbas and Fatah. So when they're not fighting Hamas, they are going to turn around and start killing Israelis. Let me say this – as a Jewish activist long before I came to Congress. It is very important that you are here. You take time from your busy lives, families, and businesses. We need you here, every one of you, and thousands more like you to explain what's going on in the Middle East to our colleagues. We can't do it all ourselves."

Henry Waxman (D-CA) stated, "We must recognize and continue to make clear that the support of Israel rises above partisanship and goes to the essence of what freedom is all about. The first thing we need to do is to shed our illusions. Let us not jump and say that Mahmoud Abbas is the answer to all our problems. Abbas is the heir of Yasser Arafat and the Fatah movement ... It was a mistake for our government to call for Palestinian elections ... Let me tell you that the core problem in the Middle East is the unwillingness of our Arab leaders to recognize the right of Jewish people to have a homeland."



MORT KLEIN WITH REP. JOHN BOEHNER, R-OH, HOUSE MINORITY LEADER

Christopher Shays (R-CT) argued that "this country must develop energy independence. We have to confront radical Islamists; that is the reality. I do not know for the life of me how anyone can say they are friends of Israel and then say we need to leave Iraq. We'll leave and then Israel will be safer? I don't think it's going to happen."

Steve Rothman (D-NJ) spoke proudly of having authored the bill passed that very hour by the House of Representatives to work for the prosecution of Iranian president Ahmadinejad as a war criminal, saying "Ahmadinejad is a twisted backward lunatic who has genocidal destruction on his mind. Essentially, we must send the message that we will not tolerate a message of genocide against anyone, especially our closest ally and friend in the Middle East. We need to remain eternally vigilant and strong if we are to protect America, the Jewish people, and the state of Israel."

Michael Ferguson (R-NJ), observed, "I think it's very important not only what we say but how our actions are interpreted. When it looks like we're in a rush to end the embargo on Abbas and give him money, rather than running to offer support, we should have been trying to obtain some commitment from him, especially on [reputing] the 'right of return.' ... We should also be trying to strip all foreign aid to the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I don't believe we should be giving the kingdom of Saudi Arabia one American cent when there is their continued support for terrorism. I don't

think we should have supported their admission to the World Trade Organization."

Brad Sherman (D-CA) argued, "We have to explain to the American people what the 'right of return' is – that anyone with ancestors in the Holy Land gets to move to Israel with their family – it's a program of demographic aggression and genocide. The greatest threat to Israel and America is a nuclear Iran. Let no one tell you that deterrence will work. At the very least, it would become able to carry out terror around the world with impunity behind a nuclear umbrella."

Doug Lamborn (R-CO) stated, "I like the name of your organization, the Zionist Organization of America, because I believe that Israel and the U.S. are Zion on earth. Support for Israel transcends party politics. I'll do what I can to support Israel."

Ted Poe (R-TX) said, "My people, who are mainly rural people, understand that there are a lot of people bullying Israel and they don't like it. And they also understand in a straightforward way that Israel is our friend and ally."

Ron Klein (D-FL) pointed out that "One of the biggest problems facing Israel is the thrust from Iran. Iran is reaching across the oceans and building contacts and relationships in our region, especially with [Venezuela's] Hugo Chavez. Hamas and Hizballah are funding organizations in our own backyard. That is unacceptable to Israel, that is unacceptable to the United States, and we're going to do all that we can to stop it.

We as Jews know what happens time and time again in our history, no matter how safe we are. We must never forget that."

Allyson Schwartz (D-PA) noted, "We may differ on some of the specifics, but both Republicans and Democrats share deep support for Israel as our deepest ally in the Middle East. I understand deeply and personally that what governments do and don't do makes a difference in peoples' lives and this is a moment in history again of a question about the security for Israel which we must support."

David Weldon (R-FL) declared that "together with our friends in the Knesset Christian Allies caucus, we recognize that the threats to Israel are becoming larger and larger. We will work to strengthen Israel and its right to live in freedom."

Charles Dent (R-PA), argued, "We have relationships of a transactional nature with various states, but the one between us and Israel is one of deeply shared values."

Gary Ackerman (D-NY) said that we need to think about how to deal with Fatah and its war with Hamas, arguing that "Fatah, has been previously under Arafat and in thirteen years has been corrupt and complicit in terror. They're corrupt and vile."

In their meetings with Members of Congress, the ZOA activists' agenda included:

- Urging Members, in the wake of the Hamas takeover of Gaza, to oppose financial, military and other aid and concessions to Mahmoud Abbas and his Fatah party because of their unreformed extremist objectives, continuing involvement in terrorism and failure to implement Palestinian obligations under the signed Oslo agreements to end terrorism and the incitement to hatred and murder in the PA-controlled media, mosques, schools and youth camps that feeds it.
- Urging Members to support the Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007 [H.R. 1400], offered by Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA), and S. 970, offered by Sen. Gordon Smith (R-OR)] and the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act [H.R. 2347], offered by Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), [H. Con. Res. 21], offered by Rep Steve Rothman (D-NJ), and [S. 1430], offered by Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL), mandating measures to compel Iran to abandon its nuclear weapons program and calling on the United Nations to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with war crimes.
- Urging Members to support the Syria Accountability and Liberation Act [H.R. 2332], offered by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), which aims to strengthen sanctions against Syria and establishing a program to support transition to a democratically-elected government in Syria.

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Hamas & Fatah Charters Must Be Changed



When Yasser Arafat and the PLO signed the Oslo Agreement with Israel in 1993, Israel, the U.S., and other nations and editorials insisted that it was necessary for the PLO to revoke its Charter with its many clauses calling for Israel's destruction and the use of terrorism. Until it did this, it was not held to have met a necessary condition for peace. Why then is the world not demanding the same charter revocation from Ismail Haniyeh's Hamas and Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah, which make up the new Palestinian Authority (PA) government?

One could even argue that the Hamas and Fatah charters are worse than that of the PLO. In its Charter, Hamas calls for the destruction of Israel (Article 15) and the murder of Jews (Article 7). It claims to be fighting a world-wide anti-Muslim conspiracy led by Jews and cites in support of its ideology the classic anti-Semitic forgery, the Protocols of the Elders of Zion (Article 32). It says that it is at war with the non-Muslim world as part of a global campaign of jihad (Introduction) and says it respects and appreciates other jihad movements waging war on non-Muslims (Article 23). In short, it is a totalitarian movement bent on domination and, when it comes to Jews, extermination.

Fatah's Constitution, like that of Hamas, calls to this very day for the destruction of Israel and the eradication of Jewish national existence (Article 12), and for the use of terrorism as an indispensable part of the struggle for that goal (Article 19). In short, its goals are largely similar to those of Hamas and virtually identical to those of the PLO.

Hamas and Fatah have backed their words with deeds. Since the start of the Palestinian Arab terrorist wave in September 2000, the groups have deliberately murdered nearly 500 Israelis each and maimed thousands more in scores of suicide bombings and hundreds of other terrorist attacks. The numbers would be even larger if not for Israel's extraordinarily effective police and counter-terrorism efforts.

President Clinton himself deemed the PLO Charter cancellation so important a step that in 1998 he flew to Gaza to attend the meeting at which the Charter was supposedly revoked. That revocation was ambiguous and did not occur in the manner specified by the PLO's own rules. Nevertheless, the world loudly proclaimed that this crucial step had been achieved. So why now the deafening silence on the Hamas and Fatah charters from the world today? Because it does not believe that they would ever revoke them and because it does not want a further stumbling block to more Israeli concessions. But if that is the case, genuine peace is not possible and therefore Israel should not be pressured into making any new concessions to encourage and strengthen a Hamas/Fatah regime bent on destruction and terrorism, not peace. It also exposes the fact that the world is mindlessly hurtling toward a Palestinian state without considering the consequences of this likely becoming a sovereign terrorist state. In fact, a recent poll shows that Americans believe by an overwhelming majority that such a state would in fact be a terrorist state.

The requirements that have been asked of Hamas – a simple verbal declaration that it recognize Israel, renounce terrorism and accept past agreements – are insufficient. At a minimum, some concrete action is needed by Hamas and Fatah to give some credence to such words.

FATAH'S CONSTITUTION, LIKE THAT OF HAMAS, CALLS TO THIS VERY DAY FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL AND THE ERADICATION OF JEWISH NATIONAL EXISTENCE

Indeed, Hamas and Fatah must amend their charters and replace them with new charters which make it clear that they have completely reformed themselves. As the former Canadian Minister for Justice, renowned human rights activist and Member of Parliament, Irwin Cotler, has recently and correctly stated, "The first thing that is required of Hamas and Fatah is that both their charters must be changed."

It is time for the U.S. and world to demand that before there are any further negotiations with Mahmoud Abbas or anyone else in the PA and before any concessions are considered by Israel, they must formally renounce and legally abrogate their charters, substituting a new one that clearly and publicly accepts the existence of Israel as a Jewish state, proclaims a commitment to fight terrorism and end incitement to hatred and murder. If they can't do that, there's really nothing to talk about.



MK Gen. Effie Eitam Warned –

“Israel Will Take Action If Diplomacy/Sanctions Fail” To Stop Iran Getting Nuclear Bomb

Iran “cannot be compared to any other regime in modern history”

On May 8, 2007 Israeli Knesset Member, Brig.-Gen. (ret.) Effie Eitam, delivered the Zionist Organization of America's (ZOA) Ben and Esther Chouake Distinguished Lecture entitled *'Israel and the West: The Threat from Iran'* warning that “Israel will have to take action if diplomacy and sanctions fail” to stop Iran from getting a nuclear bomb. An enraptured crowd of hundreds filled Manhattan's Lincoln Square Synagogue to listen intently for over 50 minutes to the war hero and former cabinet minister explain the challenges facing Israel on several fronts, particularly the Palestinian Arabs, Lebanon and Iran. Eitam then stayed for a question-and-answer period which lasted over an hour.

General Eitam stated that the “Iranians are building a nuclear bomb – they don't need nuclear power for any peaceful purposes, they don't need it for their economy. If not stopped, they will have a nuclear bomb in 2 to 4 and a half years. If not stopped, that's what will happen. They are not building it as a deterrent or for the purpose of having a balance of threat – they are building it in order to use it against Israel.”

“Yet people often say, as with Hitler, that ‘he {Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad} doesn't really mean it as a matter of operational intent. It's for domestic consumption.’ I believe that we should spend some time on these current diplomatic efforts, even though I think they are likely to fail because of the lack of purpose and direction of those who wish to stop the Iranians. The words that are being used telling them to stop will not make them stop or reassess. Many argue that it is better to accept that the Iranian nuclear project cannot be stopped, therefore it is better to work out some form of nuclear deterrent. But this regime cannot be compared to any other regime in modern history, like Russia or China. This is an entirely different phenomenon. Even with mutual nuclear deterrence, as we had with the Soviets in the Cold War, and we are far from that, the regime is still a risk in a way the Soviets were not.

“Having this situation, this regime can contemplate using the bomb and it would be a tremendous mistake to do nothing to stop them while developing some supposed nuclear deterrence. **The Iranian regime has no moral barriers whatsoever and little concern for what the consequences would mean for Iran.** Before long, a nuclear device in a suitcase could also be used against America and even when that would happen, we couldn't even necessarily prove it was from Tehran. Israel will have to take action if diplomacy and sanctions fail.”

Other points made by General Eitam in his address:

“When I speak to liberal, professional peace-makers, they tell me that ‘perhaps the Iranians are not so extreme, perhaps they are more pragmatic than you imagine. I reply – ‘If I'm right and we pre-empt, we will have dealt with the problem. Perhaps there will be





some retaliation – and there will be – but we will have dealt with the threat. But if you are wrong, the problem becomes irreversible – Israel will be a target forever.”

“I pray that this country [the USA] which has so many times led a world coalition against evil, will wake up and not accept a nuclear Iran for its long-term existence. Recently, I spoke to the U.S. National Security Council (NSC). I was invited to give my views at the invitation of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. I was told at the NSC, ‘We believe we missed some important views by failing to discover the views of right-wing Israelis.’ So I spoke to NSC and State Department, senators and congressmen – and they asked me, ‘Is there a broad consensus in Israel on the need to stop Iran getting the bomb?’ and I was able to tell them, ‘On this we are all united.’



“I was invited by Ambassador Richard Haass, who was formerly Assistant Secretary of State and Director of its Policy Planning Unit, and presently the Director of the Council on Foreign Relations. Haass told me he is recommending to the Bush Administration that it negotiate with Syria and Iran. I asked him, ‘What is the purpose of such negotiations. Do you really suggest we can get something from negotiating with Syria and Iran, two staunch enemies of the U.S.?’ He replied, ‘Yes, in return for a dignified American exit from Iraq, we will get the Iranians to agree to use nuclear energy only for peaceful purposes. And from Syria, we will give them the Golan Heights in return for their stopping to arm and aid Hizballah.’ I told him, so you would give them the Golan, even though they could resume support for Hizballah. Would you then expect them to return the Golan to Israel? And do you think Iran will help you in Iraq? If you think that, prepare for another image of Americans being evacuated from rooftops by helicopter, as happened in Vietnam.’

“No nation is stronger or more courageous than its leaders. Last year’s Lebanon war could have been a decisive victory – in 2 or 3 days, a week – but a month for this outcome? There was confusion, lack of focus and responsibility. We lost a chance to demonstrate our will and power to re-establish deterrence and we lost that opportunity – no doubt about it.”

“Why did the first Israeli-born Israeli generation of leaders fail as state leaders? The nature of the problem is that these leaders born in Israel take Israel for granted and cannot answer this question – for what do we need the state of Israel? When we were children on a kibbutz, we were taught these three things: 1. Israel will be the safest place in the world for Jews – but it isn’t after 50 years; 2. We will be a normal people – but today we are still hated; and 3. We are Israelis and we no longer need Judaism – but there is today no truly distinctive Israeli culture without Judaism being at least a significant part of it. We must change the educational curriculum which has almost completely eliminated the study of Judaism and the Bible. Even the Israeli soldiers’ creed has eliminated any mention of Judaism. The Jews of Israel must be reminded that Israel’s founding prime minister David Ben Gurion, always referred to the Bible as the deed giving the Jewish people its right to a sovereign state in Israel.

“We can be proud of our young generation in Israel – often described as not caring about national, patriotic values, of being materialistic and so on. It’s not true. We heard stories of courage under fire in Lebanon last year that will enter the pantheon of Israel and the Jewish people for a very long time. There was a young lieutenant operating behind enemy lines who threw himself on a grenade and absorbed the explosion to save the lives of his

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Ambassador Dan Gillerman

Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations



comrades. Despite the gloomy mood prevailing in Israel, the fundamentals of society are strong. Over 90% of Israelis supported the war in Lebanon and our young soldiers could not wait to get to the front to defend their country and their people."

[On the controversy over disobeying orders to expel Jews from their homes] "I strongly and consistently opposed it. The army is the only barrier between Israel and its enemies and widespread disobedience would unravel it. I saw the Lebanese army collapse overnight. Obedience is indivisible. You cannot be obedient in one domain but not in another. Commanders also should not give orders they don't believe their men can carry out. Civil war destroyed the two temples."

"The Prime Minister and the Defense Minister should be replaced tomorrow."

"The Oslo process was a tremendous mistake. I cannot tell you how much harm it has caused and will still cause."

General Eitam also praised ZOA National President Morton A. Klein as a "personal friend and hero in his own way by raising a sane voice for Israel's security and paying the price for doing so sometimes. I salute you. The time will come when Israel and the American Jewish community will realize how right and rational you were in your predictions, often more so than many experts."

MAJOR NEW ZOA POLL: AMERICANS OPPOSE GIVING LAND TO PALESTINIANS BY 5-TO-1, BELIEVE PALESTINIAN STATE WOULD BE A TERRORIST STATE BY 2-TO-1, SUPPORT ISRAELIS OVER PALESTINIANS BY 10-TO-1

A major new national poll has found the following regarding American opinion on the Israel and Middle East issues:

By a margin of 5-to-1 (60% - 11%), Americans believe that Israel should not make more land concessions to the Palestinian Arabs;

By a margin of 2-to-1 (45%-- 22%), Americans believe that a Palestinian Arab state would be a terrorist state rather than a peaceful democracy;

By a margin of 10-to-1 (45% - 4.6%) Americans overwhelmingly support Israelis over the Palestinian Arabs.

By a margin of more than 5-to-1 (65% - 11%), Americans believe that Saudi Arabia is not a reliable and trustworthy ally in the war against radical Islamic terrorism;

By a margin of nearly 2-to-1 (46% - 24%), Americans believe that Egypt is not a reliable and trustworthy ally in the war against radical Islamic terrorism; and

By a margin of nearly 2-to-1 (51% - 26%), Americans believe that the US should impose economic sanctions on Saudi Arabia until it stops its support and funding for terrorists and radical Islamic education that teaches hatred of America and Israel.

The poll of 1000 randomly selected Americans was commissioned by the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), the oldest pro-Israel group in the US, and has a margin of error of 3.1%. It was carried out by McLaughlin & Associates, a major national polling company, on March 25, 2007.

ZOA National President Morton A. Klein said,

“This poll makes clear that the American public fully understands Israel’s difficult plight in dealing with the Arab war against it. Americans understand that establishing a Palestinian state would simply result in but another terrorist state in the Middle East, which is the last thing America needs in its efforts to bring peace and security to the region. The American public has shown that it is completely against appeasing this Palestinian terror regime by offering any more concessions to it. It has shown that it has a far more realistic view of the Arab war against Israel than governments around the world, including the Bush Administration, which has continued to deal with and even fund Palestinian Authority (PA) president Mahmoud Abbas, despite the PA’s on-going refusal to fulfill its obligations under signed agreements and the 2003 Roadmap peace plan to dismantle the apparatus of terror and end incitement to hatred and murder in the Palestinian public square that feeds it. This policy remains in place despite the recent formation of a Palestinian Arab national unity government under the leadership of Hamas, which calls in its Charter for the destruction of Israel (Article 15) and the murder of Jews (Article 7). This new Hamas/Fatah government has refused to recognize Israel, forswear terrorism or fulfill previous agreements.

“Members of the House and Senate should become aware that sanctions against Saudi Arabia for its financial support of radical mosques and spreading the extreme Wahhabi Islamic doctrines, including in American mosques, is something that Americans support. The Bush Administration should also be much tougher on the Palestinian Authority and, instead of engaging and rewarding it, hold it accountable for its pro-terror, anti-peace actions. This too would be heeding the



MORAG, ONE OF THE MANY JEWISH COMMUNITIES ALREADY SURRENDERED TO THE TERRORIST PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY.

American public, which overwhelmingly supports Israelis over the Palestinian Arabs. Congress should also take action to convert all aid flowing to Egypt from military aid to purely humanitarian aid, as Americans now realize that Egypt is not the partner in fighting terror it pretends to be. This can be clearly seen in Egypt’s refusal to end the massive arms smuggling from Egypt into Gaza of weaponry for Palestinian Arab terrorists and the constant anti-Semitic articles, shows and songs that are a staple of Egyptian culture.

“This poll shows conclusively that the typical American overwhelmingly supports Israel, which is why the overwhelming majority of members of Congress, reflecting their constituencies, also support Israel. If they didn’t, they would not be representing the views of their constituencies. This fact refutes the pernicious claim publicized by John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt last year that Congressional support for Israel is the result of political pressure by American Jewish pro-Israel individuals and groups and that these pro-Israel policies are against American interests and what most Americans want. This poll should put that anti-Semitic nonsense to rest.

“This poll also indicates that we should stop all talk of establishing a Palestinian Arab state. Americans also understand that the Palestinian Arabs have not taken the minimum steps required to make peace and that peace prospects are consequently next to non-existent. A freeze on funding to the PA and severing ties with it until these vital steps are taken would be well understood by the American public, involve no domestic political fallout and would be the correct response to the situation. Only such pressure has a chance of producing the desired changes in Palestinian society and thus the possibility of peace with Israel.”

ZOA MAKES STATEMENT AT ISRAEL DAY PARADE



SEVERAL DOZEN MEMBERS OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA MARCHED IN THE 2007 ISRAEL DAY PARADE CELEBRATING THE 59TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH STATE. THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS WHO LINED MANHATTAN'S FIFTH AVENUE RESERVED THEIR LOUDEST APPLAUSE FOR THE ZOA AND ITS MESSAGE CALLING FOR AN UNDIVIDED JERUSALEM.



ZOA ACTIVISTS RESPONDED TO THE ANTI-ISRAEL DEMONSTRATORS WHO PROTESTED DURING THE ANNUAL ISRAEL DAY PARADE. THE ZOA SIGNS CALLED FOR AN END TO HAMAS-FATAH TERRORISM AND AGAINST GLOBAL ISLAMIC OPPRESSION.



ED AMES, ENTERTAINER, PRESIDENT OF ZOA'S SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION, WITH MICHAEL GOLDBLATT, ZOA CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



ARAB CARTOON COMPLAINING ABOUT POWER OF AIPAC AND ZOA PRO-ISRAEL LOBBYING ON CAPITOL HILL



YOUNG ZOA LOBBYISTS ON THEIR WAY TO CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS



REUBIN MARGULES, PRESIDENT, ZOA BROOKLYN DISTRICT; JAN FENSTER, LI REGION MEMBER; JOE SAVIN, PAST PRESIDENT, MICHIGAN REGION



GUEST SPEAKER DR. BARRY RUBIN, VISITING PROF. AMERICAN UNIV., FORMER PROF. HEBREW UNIV.



(L TO R): DR. ZALMAN SHAPIRO, PRESIDENT, PITTSBURGH ZOA; JERRY KAUFMAN, MEMBER, NATIONAL BOARD; LEW DASHE, PRESIDENT, MID-ATLANTIC REGION; STEVE FELDMAN, DIRECTOR, MID-ATLANTIC REGION



(L TO R): SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER, R-PA; BOB GUZZARDI, VICE CHAIRMAN, ZOA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; DR. STANLEY BENZEL, MEMBER, ZOA NATIONAL BOARD



MORT KLEIN GREET'S REP. SHELLEY BERKLEY, D-NV



WAITING TO ADDRESS ZOA DELEGATES (L TO R): REP. MIKE FERGUSON, R-NJ; REP DOUG LAMBORN, R-CO; REP ROSCOE BARTLETT, R-MD; REP CHARLES DENT, R-PA; REP. RON KLEIN, D-FL.



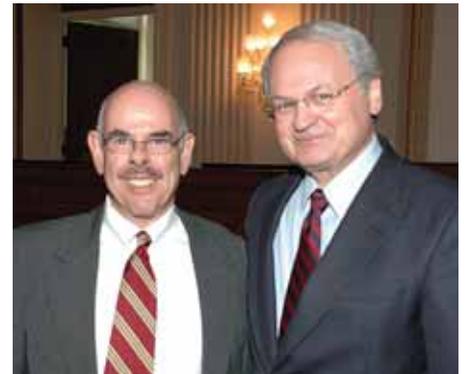
ZOA BOARD MEMBER HARVEY FRIEDMAN WITH ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, R-FL, RANKING MEMBER, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS



MORT KLEIN WITH REP. STEVE ROTHMAN, D-NJ, MEMBER, HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE



ZOA DELEGATES LISTENING ATTENTIVELY TO ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR MERIDOR



REP. HENRY WAXMAN, D-CA, WITH MORT KLEIN, BEFORE ADDRESSING ZOA DELEGATES



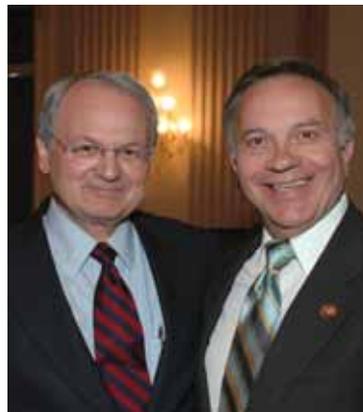
REP. ANTHONY WEINER, D-NY, AND STANLEY KESSOCK, ZOA DIRECTOR



CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS ATTEND THE ZOA MISSION



(L TO R) JUDY TAYLOR; ED AMES, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ZOA; ROBERTA DZUBOW



MORTON KLEIN WITH REP. TOM TANCREDO, R-CO, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, AND MEMBER, HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



REP. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, D-FL BROUGHT HER DAUGHTER TO THE ZOA LUNCHEON

ZOA CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE

ZOA's Efforts Help Lead to Federal Government's Campaign Against Campus Anti-Semitism

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission recently launched its public education campaign to end anti-Semitism on college campuses. The core of the campaign is an informational Web site – <http://www.eusccr.com> – that can be accessed from the ZOA's Web site (www.zoa.org) and campus Web site (www.thecollegezionist.org).

The Commission undertook this campaign after anti-Semitic incidents occurred on many campuses, and after the Commission received testimony from a panel of experts that too many college students are unaware of their rights and protections against anti-Semitic behavior. Susan Tuchman, Director of the ZOA's Center for Law and Justice, was on the panel.

To support the Commission's campaign, the ZOA has been publicizing Jewish students' rights and protections in articles, letters, speeches, campus programs, and our college magazine, *The College Zionist*. The ZOA is also setting up a group with information about the Commission's campaign on Facebook, a networking Web site for college students.

The ZOA-Triggered Federal Investigation of UC Irvine Continues

The ZOA is continuing to furnish evidence and information to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in OCR's investigation of anti-Semitic harassment and intimidation at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). The investigation was triggered by a ZOA complaint filed on behalf of Jewish students, alleging that UCI's failure to remedy the problem violated federal law.

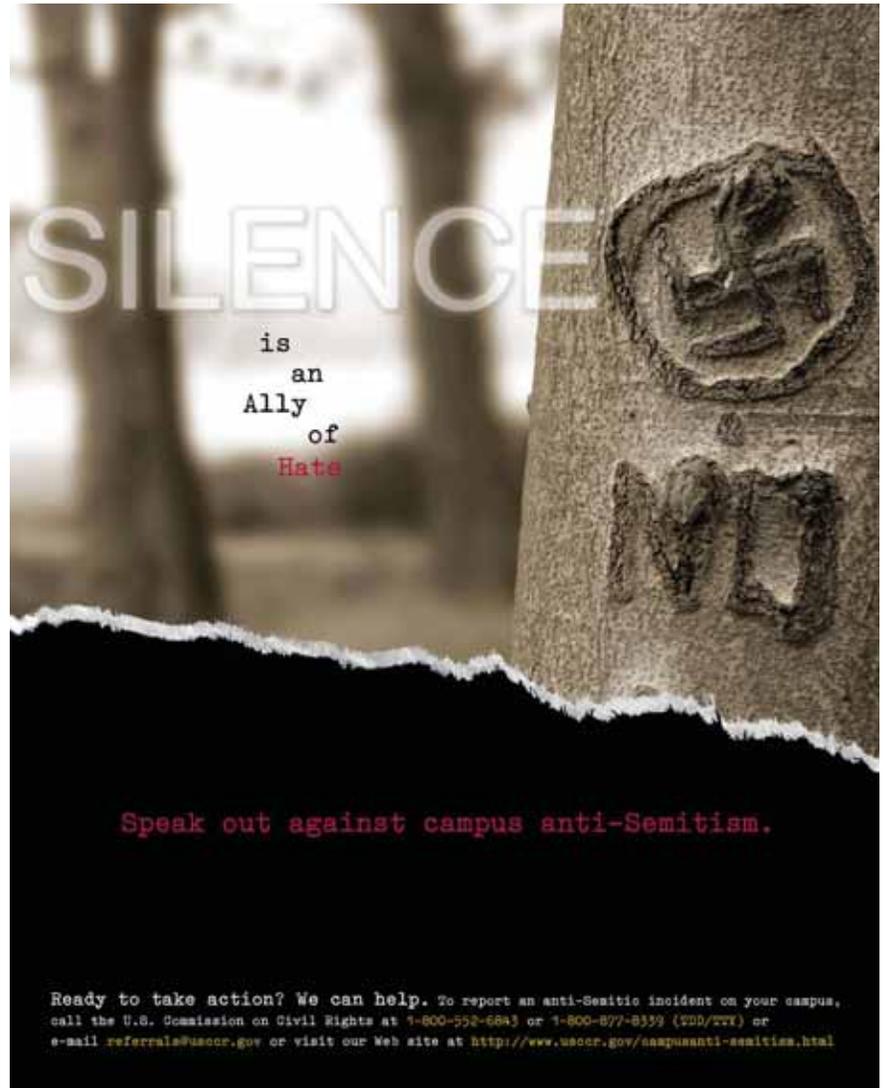
ZOA Helps Jewish Students at Pace University

New York's Pace University apologized to its Jewish community after the ZOA and others complained that the Pace administration had threatened and intimidated Hillel members into canceling a showing of the documentary, "Obsession: Radical Islam's War against the West." The complaints also led to Hillel's successful screening of the film.

"Obsession" chronicles the influence of radical Islam, and has been shown nationally. When Pace's Hillel scheduled a screening of the film, and a Muslim student group objected, the Pace administration threatened Hillel leaders with reprisals. Because of the threats, Hillel did not show the film.

The administration also issued a public statement to the entire campus community and posted it on the Pace Web site. It personally attacked Hillel and its president.

The ZOA's Susan Tuchman wrote to David A. Caputo, then president of Pace, asserting that Pace's "bullying" conduct violated the university's legal obligation to provide Jewish students with an environment free from harassment and intimidation. The ZOA urged the uni-



versity to remove the offensive statement from the Pace Web site, and issue a public apology to the Hillel.

After several communications, Pace acceded to both demands. Hillel's president later wrote that the ZOA's efforts "have been of tremendous help. The legal advice that was continuously provided before and after the incident went public and the legal pressure that was placed on the Pace administration have resulted in great rewards."

ZOA Spurs Coca-Cola to Address Plight of Jews Whose Property was Stolen by Egypt

The ZOA triggered important developments in the Bigio family's case against the Coca-Cola Company. The Bigios – a Jewish family that lived in Egypt and owned land and factories there since the early 1900's – had their property stolen from them in 1962 by the Egyptian government, in a campaign of anti-Semitism that caused almost one million Jews in Arab/Islamic countries to lose their homes, property and livelihoods. In 1994, Coca-Cola began using and occupying the Bigios' property, though knowing of the immoral and anti-Semitic manner in which the property had been taken from them years before. When the company refused to compensate the family, and when the Bigios' efforts to obtain justice in Egypt proved futile, the family sued Coca-Cola in the U.S.

The ZOA filed an *amicus curiae* (“friend of the court”) brief on the Bigios’ behalf, and publicly called for a boycott of Coca-Cola products until the company reached a fair settlement with the Bigios. The ZOA also planned to demonstrate at the annual meeting of Coke shareholders in April 2007, to protest the company’s actions toward the Bigios.

The day before the shareholders’ meeting, two senior Coca-Cola officials contacted ZOA National President Morton A. Klein, to see what could be done to call off the protest. Coca-Cola agreed to permit Leonard Getz, a Coca-Cola shareholder and the ZOA’s national vice president, to ask a question at the meeting about Coca-Cola’s treatment of the Bigios.

Coca-Cola also agreed that within 48 hours, its senior officials would contact the Bigios’ attorney, Nathan Lewin, to discuss the possibility of a fair and reasonable settlement with the Bigios. Until this agreement, Coca-Cola had made no such overtures and had never offered the Bigios anything to settle their claims.

With Morton Klein at his side at the shareholders’ meeting, Leonard Getz raised the Bigios’ plight. The next day, Coca-Cola officials held settlement discussions with the Bigios’ attorney, which have continued.

ZOA Submits Amicus Briefs Supporting Jewish Americans’ Request for Security Clearance

The ZOA submitted amicus briefs on behalf of a Jewish American couple who were denied a security clearance by the U.S. Department of Defense. The couple had held a security clearance before with unblemished records. They were denied a new security clearance for one reason: their ties to Israel, including children residing there, an apartment where they stayed on visits, and a small bank account for routine expenses. The couple also periodically hosted an Israeli military person in the U.S. because he needed to stay where strict dietary laws were observed.

The ZOA argued that denying a security clearance based on such ties to Israel, without evidence that the couple posed a risk to U.S. security, is anti-Semitic. It fuels the false notion that Jewish Americans have a divided loyalty problem, and cannot be trusted to choose American interests over Israeli interests.

The Appeal Board accepted the briefs, although the Board’s guidelines do not formally allow for them. Hopefully, the briefs will help lead the government to conclude that denying a security clearance based only on ties to Israel is anti-Semitic.



ONE OF SEVERAL ZOA’S MESSAGES ON DISPLAY AT THE LARGE CONCERT RALLY FOLLOWING THE ISRAEL DAY PARADE IN MANHATTAN ATTENDED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND.

ZOA’s Advocacy Mission to Capitol Hill

(continued from page 5)

- Urging Members to support a Bill to Enhance Recognition of Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel [H.R. 895], offered by Rep. Tom Reynolds (R-NY), mandating certain measures to ensure that the U.S. recognizes Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

ZOA activists also explained to their Members of Congress the reasons for ZOA’s opposition to the Saudi Arabian so-called Arab Peace Initiative and the dangers to Israel and the region that have multiplied since Israel unilaterally withdrew from Gaza.



(L TO R) CYRUS ELIAN, OFFICER OF CECI, A GROUP COMMITTED TO ELECTORAL REFORM IN ISRAEL, PARVIZ NAZARIAN, CO-FOUNDER OF QUALCOMM AND LEADER OF THE IRANIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES AND FRIEND OF ZOA, MEET WITH ZOA NATIONAL PRESIDENT MORTON A. KLEIN.

ZOA's Kfar Silver School

A unique experimental award-winning high school in Israel



ZOA national president Morton Klein recently hosted Ziona Lahav, director general of Kfar Silver, at the ZOA national office in New York. Ms. Lahav was completing a brief visit to the United States where she was proudly promoting the many achievements of this unique experimental Israeli high school.

The school has a long history with ZOA.

Israel's Kfar Silver youth village, near Ashkelon, was established in 1956 by the Zionist Organization of America, and named for the Zionist leader Dr. Abba Silver. Rabbi Silver, a former president of the Zionist Organization of America, was active in the cause of the establishment of the State of Israel.

Located in a peaceful rural area surrounded by lawns, fields and trees, Kfar Silver is today an experimental village / high school for entrepreneurship with an enrollment of 950 students (from Ashkelon, Ashdod, Netivot, Kiryat Gat, Bnei Aish and Gan Yavne, and surrounding areas) who travel to school daily in organized buses. A large percentage of Kfar Silver's student body is comprised of new immigrants, representing 28 different countries of origin.

Over 270 of those students live in the dormitory which is considered to be one of the best in Israel. There are nearly 90 teachers and 60 support staff serving the school. Its annual budget of \$7,500,000 is earmarked for educational, social, and recreational needs as well as the operational costs of running a large institution. The all-kosher facility is also used in the summer for a summer camp experience.

As an “entrepreneurship village” Kfar Silver promises a quality education for everyone and it encourages creative thinking by providing each student with the practical tools and skills that would contribute to his/her life's goals.

A number of the school's young immigrants recently achieved international acclaim. An Ethiopian student at Kfar Silver was Israel's long-distance running champion, and he represented Israel in international meets throughout Europe. Three years ago Kfar Silver students from the former Soviet Union won awards at the European Weightlifting Championship, as well as Europe's Wrestling Championship for high-schoolers. In fact, the former coach of the USSR's national weightlifting team is now on the faculty of Kfar Silver.

All concentrations of the school are Matriculation Diploma oriented with the most highly qualified teachers who engage the students with a personal approach, and assisted by new and advanced teaching equipment. A recently developed program called “coaching” that was designed to nurture the communications skills and the listening skills of the teachers themselves has been emulated by educational institutions elsewhere.

Kfar Silver High School was awarded a prestigious prize for education from Israel's Ministry of Education in 2003, and it keeps working hard to continue earning this honorable title.



The school targets the personal development of the students, and has labored to create a climate for tolerance and mutual respect in a varied multicultural society. This is done in the framework of nurturing students towards understanding democratic, Zionist and Jewish values.

Curriculum

The school has a variety of tracks at an advanced level in the following subjects: computer science, physics, chemistry, mathematics, history, Bible, literature, English, Russian, Arabic, and Spanish. There are enrichment programs in various fields such as science, marketing and advertising, theater, music, computer sciences, sport, art, young veterinarians, a choir, a dance group, and much more.

The Different Tracks

Kfar Silver is a unique “multi-regional” school in the fields of agriculture, hi-tech, environment, and society, giving its students an exposure to all the branches with which the village is involved. The science component offers a high-level track which includes practical assignments and projects that are carried out by the students who utilize the branches of the village as a research laboratory. Another track offers studies of “The Land of Israel,” which comprises learning the history and geography of the country and includes sleepovers while on field and study trips throughout Israel. For students who excel there is an option to combine regular high school academic studies with university courses – in cooperation with Bar Ilan University. There is also a program that is coordinated with the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) for students who show exceptional ability in the sciences and languages. This program includes tutorials, enrichment and exposure to universities and hi-tech industries. Kfar Silver also has a special track for students who are new immigrants, including an *ulpan*, where they receive tutoring in Hebrew.

The Campus

The campus is spread over about 200 *dunams* (50 acres) with an additional 1500 *dunams* for agricultural use. The campus houses an auditorium, science center, computer rooms, advanced laboratories, and medical clinic, while the campus’ sports facilities include a stadium, gym, center for wrestling and weight-lifting, swimming pool and new sport courts for basketball, soccer and volleyball. The program’s cultural activities are conducted in the library, music room, and the art room. Offering a real “home away from home”, the school has a dining room, club room, hairdressing salon, zoological garden, kennels and an aviary. The choir and dance group of Kfar Silver are truly gifted and a source of great pride. All the classes are air conditioned, not an unimportant consideration in Israel.

The Agricultural Village

Kfar Silver has a flourishing agricultural village which includes profitable green houses that are used for studies, research, and experiments. There is a computerized cattle shed, a sheep pen, dairy and a citrus plantation, as well as exotic organic plantations. It also has a garage, aviaries, and a boarding kennel for dogs. The agricultural village forms a research laboratory that is maintained by the students; students from the age of fifteen and a half and up are able to take driving lessons to acquire a driving permit for a tractor.

The Boarding School (Dormitory)

The students housed in the dormitories enjoy quality accommodations, and can use all the facilities of the campus. The administrators of Kfar Silver are proud that its warm atmosphere provides study conditions that enable every student to fulfill his/her abilities and talents.

ZOA PROTESTS SAUDI ARABIA PEACE OVERTURES AS BOGUS

WHILE SAUDI ARABIA
CONTINUES TO BE
VIEWED AS MODERATE,
ITS ACTIONS SPEAK
OTHERWISE.

Saudi Arabia, a country which lavishes funds on Islamist institutions disseminating hatred of Jews and other non-Muslims and rewards suicide bombers who murder Israelis, recently threatened Israel with war if it failed to agree to the terms of the 2002 so-called Arab Peace Initiative.

When the Saudi "Peace" Initiative calls for Israel to return to the pre-1967 borders, it means Israel retreating to the 1949 armistice lines.

It does not only mean that over 250,000 Jews are expected to be expelled from Judea & Samaria... it also means surrendering neighborhoods of Jerusalem that are home to 200,000 Jews (40% of the Jewish population of greater Jerusalem).

It means that the neighborhoods of Ramot, French Hill, Ramat Eshkol, Gilo, East Talpiot, Neve Yaakov, Pisgat Ze'ev, the Jewish Quarter, and a half dozen others will become part of a Palestinian State.

"Accept Saudi plan
or face war"

THE U.S. HAS ONLY ONE TRUE
FRIEND IN THE MIDDLES EAST –
AND IT IS NOT SAUDI ARABIA.

On Capitol Hill, in the media, and on campus,
Let Your Voice Be Heard. Join ZOA.

AROUND THE COUNTRY AND ISRAEL

Mort Klein has continued to be extremely active in many different venues and events across the country, vigorously promoting for a strong and secure Israel. He was recently the Keynote Speaker at the World Likud/World Evangelical Christian Conference in Dallas/Ft. Worth. Mort was invited for Dinner at the private residence of Israel's Ambassador to the US, Sallai Meridor, in D.C., where he met and spoke with many people, including Bill Schneider of Fox-TV and the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Richard Jones. Mort also met with a CIA official to discuss the Arab/Israeli situation.

Mort networked very effectively at the three-day AIPAC Policy Conference, and was able to raise several piercing questions at the sessions. Significantly, 8 of the 11 ZOA Resolutions introduced at the AIPAC Executive Committee meeting were passed.

Last Passover, Mort was a scholar-in-residence at the Marriott Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. He was also a scholar-in-residence at a synagogue in Yardley, PA and at the largest Orthodox synagogue in Montreal.

Mort went to Israel early this past summer, where he had meetings with many cabinet officials and Knesset members, including Benjamin Netanyahu and Ehud Barak. While in Israel, Mort attended the 50th wedding anniversary of one of ZOA's friends and the leader of the Iranian Jewish community in LA, Mr. & Mrs. Parviz Nazarian.

Mort has appeared on a number of radio shows and, as usual, we continue to be regularly quoted in newspapers and magazines from coast to coast and in Israel, aside from published letters and articles in media throughout the world.

SAN DIEGO

San Diego ZOA hosted a lecture by Prof. Paul Eidelberg, Bar Ilan Univ. President, and Founder of the Foundation for Constitutional Democracy, revealing problems within Israel resulting from a lack of sufficient checks and balances, and insufficient Jewish orientation. They also held a successful membership drive event featuring actor and West Coast President Ed Ames, at which Harold Samuels, West Coast Director, and Cyrus Somekhian, San Diego Board Member, also gave presentations.

PHILADELPHIA

The Greater Philadelphia District proudly sent a contingent of 30 members to ZOA's Washington Mission, and note that since the Mission, some of their representatives became co-sponsors of bills the ZOA was lobbying.

Philadelphia's weekly radio show "The ZOA Middle East Report" had guests including: Daniel Pipes; Dan Diker; Morris Amitay; Dr. Motti Friedman of the Herzl Museum; Nitsana Darshan-Leitner; Ambassador Zalman Shoval; Raphaella Segal, deputy mayor of Kedumim in Shomron. Most shows highlight the plight of Sderot and nearby towns with weekly guests from that missile-ravaged area.

Philadelphia President Lori Lowenthal Marcus has been showcasing "Obsession" throughout the region, and has also been published recently in *IsraPundit*. Executive Director Steve Feldman had articles published in *FrontPage Magazine*, *IsraPundit* and *The Bulletin* (Philadelphia). He has also spoken to area organizations. And, many notable Philadelphia ZOA'ers have succeeded in publishing letters to the editor in local newspapers.

PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh District sends a hearty Shalom to all, and reports they are working hard to rebuild the chapter to its past level of high activity. Recently, they hosted Susan Tuchman, Esq., of the ZOA's Center for Law and Justice, for a riveting talk about the ZOA's role in the struggle to defend on-campus pro-Israel students from intimidation, harassment and discrimination by using the federal Civil Rights Act. Pittsburgh ZOA's campus liaison is now armed and ready for the fight. The district is also hosting a table at street fairs in the heart of the Jewish community to drum up membership, educate passers-by about the dangers of supporting Fatah and to circulate petitions supporting ZOA's chosen lobbying efforts in Washington. Several more important projects are in the works, so the new Pittsburgh Executive Director Deborah Fidel encourages all to contact her to get involved! (email Pittsburgh@zoa.org)

SAN FRANCISCO / NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Northern California ZOA has been focusing on its membership drives these days. In addition, their Annual Meeting on November 11th featuring Keynote speaker Prof. Daniel Pipes of the Middle East forum provided a venue for launching an aggressive publicity campaign to attract new members and publicize the ZOA's positions.

MICHIGAN

Michigan has been a particularly active region, with several lectures including Brigitte Gabriele (Lebanese Christian author of *Why They Hate*, and founder of American Congress for Truth); Melanie Phillips (author of *Londonistan*); Zev Chafets (author of *Made in Heaven: Why American Jews and Christian Evangelicals Need Each Other*); Pastor Glen Plummer of the Fellowship for Israel and Black America; Dr. Tawfik Hamid (author of *The Roots of Jihad*); Ms. Caroline Glick (syndicated columnist for *Jerusalem Post*, and recipient of ZOA's Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism in the MidEast).

Other events, too numerous to mention, included sponsorship of a Jewish Film Festival, and a Walk to publicize Israel Independence Day. And, last but certainly not least, Dr. Jerry Kaufman, ZOA's National Secretary, continues to publish the *Zionist Information Newsletter* (ZINS), with a local Michigan circulation of 1600 bimonthly, as well as its circulation to all members of Congress.

LOS ANGELES

ZOA presented former Knesset member, Uzi Landau, who spoke at several venues. Other speakers included M. K. Aryeh Eldad, M.D., Rabbi Elie Sadan, founder and Director of the Yeshiva Military Academy of Israel and Ari Bussel, a local lay leader who reported on his recent visit to Sderot during missile attacks. Pastor Greg Stevens, California co-Director for CUFI, was also on the agenda.

Bennett Zimmerman, who leads the American-Israel Demographic Research Group, reported at the Los Angeles Regional Board's bi-monthly meeting on the findings of a three-year study which found that since the Jewish birthrate exceeds that of the Arabs and Aliyah has increased dramatically, Israel could absorb the West Bank and not be outnumbered by the Arab population. The Arab census figure was inflated by 1.3 Million, had been stagnant for 10 years and falsely reported. Raphaella Segal, a founder and Assistant Mayor of Kedumim, noted that 80% of second generation settlers remain in Kedumim.

Some of the highlights of the ZOA's Campus Activism Network organized activities on campuses across the country:



ZOA STUDENT LEADERS AND STAFF ADVOCATING ON CAPITOL HILL

THE JEWISH JOURNEY FROM ETHIOPIA TO ISRAEL

In honor of Black History Month, the ZOA brought two Ethiopian Israeli speakers to several campuses, including New York University, Cornell University, Rutgers University, the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Baruch College, Hunter College, Pace University, and the University of Maryland-College Park. The speakers talked about Israel's role in absorbing thousands of immigrants into Israeli society, Israel's humanitarian efforts, and the experiences of the Ethiopian Jewish community in Israel's diverse society.

KRAV MAGA – ISRAELI MARTIAL ARTS

The ZOA Campus Department brought Israeli martial arts expert Moshe Katz to Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr, Yeshiva University, the University of Maryland-College Park, and Hunter College, and successfully interspersed his demonstrations of *krav maga* with pro-Israel information.

ZOA CAMPUS COORDINATORS

ZOA Campus Coordinator Rachel Glaser represented the ZOA at the Israel Opportunities Fair at the University of Pennsylvania and served on a panel of Jewish professionals at Swarthmore College. She also led several sessions at a weekend college student *shabbaton* in Richmond, Virginia where she lectured on effective advocacy in working with diverse student groups. Rachel also distributed pro-Israel flyers at "Israel Apartheid Week" in New York City in February.

ZOA Campus Coordinator Dalia Lockspeiser led a session on human rights at a regional pro-Israel conference at the University of Michigan and also led a session for over 50 Midwestern college students. Dalia also participated at the Israel on Campus Coalition conference at Rutgers University, and attended the US Commission on Civil Rights meeting where the Commission launched its campaign to educate students about campus anti-Semitism and students' rights. ZOA's Susan Tuchman, Director of the Center for Law and Justice, also attended the meeting in Washington, DC.

NONIE DARWISH SPEAKING TOUR

The ZOA organized a speaking tour by Nonie Darwish, who visited several campuses including the University of Pennsylvania, Indiana University, Swarthmore College, Temple University, Bryn Mawr, and the University of Maryland-College Park. Darwish, born and raised as a Muslim in Egypt and Gaza, who speaks extensively for major media outlets, is the author of *Now They Call Me Infidel: Why I Renounced Jihad for America, Israel, and the War on Terror*. Her lectures drew hundreds of students, faculty, and community members.

OTHER ZOA SPEAKERS

The ZOA co-sponsored an appearance by journalist Khaled Abu Toameh at Baruch College. Toameh spoke to over 40 students and staff members

about his life as a Palestinian Arab-Israeli journalist, writing for the BBC and *The Jerusalem Post*. In his lecture, Toameh attributed the brunt of responsibility for the present situation of the Palestinian Arabs to Arafat's corrupt leadership, and also blamed those governments that donated money to the Palestinian Authority for failing to monitor how the funds were allocated.

Dr. Phyllis Chesler spoke at UCLA. Dr. Chesler, Emerita Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies, is a noted psychotherapist, and expert courtroom witness who has appeared on many radio and television programs. She has lived in Kabul, Afghanistan, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Manhattan, and is the author of twelve books and hundreds of articles. The UCLA student newspaper reported on this event, which was co-sponsored by the ZOA.

WRISTBANDS FOR KIDNAPPED IDF SOLDIER

The Campus Activism Network distributed over 2,000 wristbands with the names of three kidnapped Israeli soldiers — Ehud Goldwasser, Eldad Regev, and Gilad Schalit — in order to raise awareness of their plight. This project was a follow-up to the 10,000 postcards that the ZOA printed for students and community members to send to the UN and to the Red Cross on their behalf.



ZOA BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL TRIP PARTICIPANTS ENJOY THE LAND OF ISRAEL

ZOA-MAYANOT TAGLIT BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL TRIP

The ZOA organized an advocacy track on the Birthright Israel program for over 50 students this summer.

While touring the country, participants from universities around the country learned about Israeli history, campus advocacy, and the Israeli political situation.

AMERICANS WHO SERVED IN THE IDF

The ZOA organized a program about joining the Israel Defense Forces featuring two American rabbinical students who served in the IDF. The event took place at Hunter College. The speakers discussed their experiences as Israeli soldiers.

THE X-RAY PROJECT /

SURVIVOR OF ISLAMIC TERRORIST ATTACK PROGRAM

The X-Ray Project, a photography exhibit that uses actual X-rays and CT-scans from the two largest hospitals in Jerusalem to explore the effects of terrorism on civilian populations, displayed the devastating harm wrought by Arab terrorists while also making the point that terrorism does not discriminate: the victims' genders, ages, and religions are unknown to the assailants. The ZOA co-sponsored the X-Ray Project at Johns Hopkins University, Goucher College, and the University of Maryland-Baltimore College.

Sarri Singer, a survivor of an Arab suicide bombing in Israel, spoke on behalf of the ZOA in conjunction with the X-Ray Project. Singer addressed Jewish and non-Jewish students about her personal story of tragedy, survival, and triumph.

PRO-ISRAEL ARAB LECTURES IN MICHIGAN

Dr. Tawfik Hamid, born in Egypt to a secular Muslim family, lectured the Michigan ZOA chapter, at the University of Michigan, and Wayne State University. Hamid, who once belonged to an extremist Islamic group, has become a physician and an Islamic scholar, and now speaks about Islamic theology and the need for reformation. At the University of Michigan, various leaders from the College Republicans, student government, and two pro-Israel clubs attended the lecture. Hamid has been the target of Islamic extremists who were formerly his friends, and his life has been threatened.

MORT KLEIN AND RABBI RISKIN AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

On April 16, ZOA National President Morton Klein was part of a panel discussion at Yeshiva University – *The Future Directions of Religious Zionism in America and Israel*. Also participating on the panel was Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chief rabbi of Efrat and founder of Ohr Torah Stone Institutions.

Klein and Rabbi Riskin discussed the nature of the Jewish attachment to Israel, the centrality of the Land of Israel in Jewish culture and religion, and the need to avoid a repetition of the disastrous Israeli withdrawal from Gaza.

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

The ZOA marched in the Salute to Israel Parade under the theme “My Eyes Look Toward Zion: A Safe and Secure Jerusalem.” Forty students marched as part of the ZOA group that walked down Fifth Avenue to publicly support the State of Israel. Wearing ZOA t-shirts, they handed out ZOA materials and postcards to assist the kidnapped soldiers. The group was met with great applause as they marched before a crowd of scores of thousands of Israel’s supporters.

ZOA WELCOMES NEW CAMPUS STAFF

Sharona Getz, graduate of George Washington University, spent her college years as a proactive advocate for Israel, planning and organizing events. Sharona was a participant in the ZOA’s winter advocacy leadership mission to Israel and on the Hasbara Fellowships mission to Israel, and staffed Hasbara Fellowships Israel trips in the summer of 2004 and winter of 2006. An Israel Project fellow and intern during the summer and fall of 2004, she studied abroad at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and was presented the ICC of Greater Washington Award for Outstanding Leadership and an award from Hasbara for her years of activism on campus. Sharona joined the ZOA as an East Coast Campus Coordinator.

Nick Israel graduated from the University of Michigan with a focus in Russian and Eastern European Studies and Political Science. He was actively involved in numerous Zionist advocacy organizations throughout his academic career and is a Hamagshimim and Hasbara fellow. An avid runner who recently competed in the Boston Marathon, Nick also has studied Hebrew at the University of Haifa and conducted research in the Balkans, Romania, Moldova and Ukraine. Nick currently serves as the ZOA’s Midwest Campus Coordinator.

David B. Greenberg attended Queens College via the Macaulay Honors College program, graduating summa cum laude in 2007 with majors in History, Jewish Studies, and Political Science. David had interned at the ZOA and served as a leader of the pro-Israel campus community, including the ZOA chapter on his campus. David’s letters to the editor on the Arab–Israeli conflict have been published in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Jewish Week*, *The Washington Times*, *The Jerusalem Post*, and other media. David is the ZOA campus department’s Research Analyst.

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DANIEL MANDEL, PHD



Anative of Sydney, Australia, and someone transfixed with a love of history since his earliest years, Daniel Mandel followed his passion to become a historian. Coming from a religious Zionist family raised in Australia and New Zealand and having lived briefly in his youth and again after graduating from school in Israel, Zionism has never been far away for him. Already as an undergraduate, campus anti-Zionist radicalism led him into Jewish student affairs and his first letter to the editor was to his student newspaper, rebutting a previous one by the local PLO mouthpiece.

Mandel joined the *Review* magazine (Melbourne) in 1998, a pro-Israeli monthly published by the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, where he was Associate Editor for five years. During this time, he wrote numerous op-eds for every major Australian newspaper, became a frequent Middle East commentator on Australian television and radio, co-authored submissions and testified before Australian governmental subcommittees. He also presented his own radio program, the 'Middle East Report,' for 14 years on Melbourne radio. His interviewees included former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens, former Prime Minister Ehud Barak, East Timorese Foreign Minister and Nobel Laureate (and now President) Jose Ramos Horta, historian and columnist Paul Johnson, pre-eminent Middle East historian Eli Kedourie, as well as former Australian Prime Ministers, Malcolm Fraser and Bob Hawke.

After studying European history in his undergraduate years, Mandel

undertook his doctoral studies at Australia's premier university, Melbourne University, within its Department of History (Australia's largest) where his supervisor was Professor Stuart Macintyre, soon to be Visiting Professor of Australian Studies at Harvard. Mandel was also invited to teach within the Department, which he did for two years and where he is still a Fellow.

Mandel came to his thesis subject – the UN decision to partition British-controlled Palestine – almost by accident. "I discovered that Herbert Vere Evatt, an Australian statesman and later UN General Assembly president, had played a major role in the passage of the UN resolution to partition Palestine. I delved into what little was written of the subject by two or three predecessors, who disagreed on his role. I then decided to examine Evatt's own private papers and the Australian, American, British, Israeli and UN archives to uncover the truth. To cut a long story short, I found Evatt's role in the passage of partition to have been vital."

Mandel subsequently turned his PhD into a book, *H.V. Evatt and the Establishment of Israel: The Undercover Zionist* (London: Routledge, 2004). The distinguished British author, David Pryce-Jones, has written that the book reveals "the fascinating and vital role of personality in the shadowy art of international diplomacy" while Suzanne Gershowitz of the American Enterprise Institute described it as a "a useful contribution to the history of Israel's founding."

In 2003, Mandel came to Philadelphia to become Associate Director of Daniel Pipes' Middle East Forum, where he worked extensively in its many research initiatives, also publishing widely in the American press, speaking for the Forum in several states and commenting in the American and overseas media on Middle Eastern affairs.

In 2005, he joined the ZOA as Director of its Center for Middle East Policy, the ZOA's research arm, where he is responsible for evaluating U.S. Middle East policy and where he works closely with National President Morton Klein on formulating ZOA's approach to myriad issues.

Mandel has published widely in scholarly journals in Australia, Britain and the U.S., including *Australian Historical Studies*, *Middle Eastern Studies* and *the Middle East Quarterly*. His op-eds have appeared in a variety of American publications, including *Baltimore Sun*, *Boston Globe*, *FrontPage Magazine*, *Muslim World Today*, *National Review*, *New York Post*, *Philadelphia Daily News* and *Washington Times*. Mandel has traveled widely on four continents, a passion he shares with his wife, Grace. They now have a son, Laurence, who turned one in June.

Mandel is pleased that the ZOA has not allowed sentimentality and ever-elusive peace proposals to dominate its thinking about Israel's struggle to survive and flourish as a Jewish state. "Without doubt, ZOA's perspective might at times seem gloomy to some, but that is preferable to pursuing false dawns and endorsing fashionable platitudes that turn out to have been misconceived and worthless. In the end, two things count: being right and effectively influencing affairs for the better. How many other American Jewish organizations can say that they warned about dealing with Arafat from the start?"

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