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There can be no hope of ending the Arab war against Israel unless there is a transformation of the Arab/Muslim culture that promotes hatred and violence against Israel in their schools, media, sermons, speeches and children’s camps. The Palestinian Authority must also begin to arrest terrorists, outlaw terrorist groups and stop glorifying terrorists. They must begin to show Israel on their maps, eliminate their derogatory posters about Israel, and abrogate the clauses of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas’ ruling Fatah party’s charter opposing a political solution and calling for Israel’s destruction.

Until these transformations occur, there will be no real movement toward a Palestinian state. Most nations realize that under the present circumstances, such a state would evolve into a terrorist state, increasing its ability to promote the troubling agenda of its underlying culture. Remember, Syria, Iran, and North Korea have sovereign states but do not promote peace.

I believe the United States will eventually end the $500 million in aid to and negotiations with the Palestinian Authority unless and until they make these critical changes. If these changes do not occur and terrorism continues, Israel will have no choice but to end all negotiations and launch extensive military operations against the Palestinian Arab terrorists and their cells in Gaza, Judea and Samaria.

Such Israeli anti-terror operations, the end of U.S. aid and the end of fruitless negotiations will finally make it clear to the Palestinians that terrorism and a hard-line Arab approach will gain them nothing, and that Israel is here to stay. Then, there could be movement toward a genuine conciliation.
Hundreds of Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) activists from 15 states, including dozens of students, took part in ZOA’s annual activist Mission to Washington, D.C., on June 25-26 to urge Members of Congress to support American pressure on Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas’ Fatah Party to abrogate its Constitution calling for the destruction of Israel, the use of terror and calling Zionism racism; to support legislation imposing further sanctions on Iran as pressure to end its nuclear weapons program; and to support legislation to pressure Saudi Arabia to drop all governmental and private funding for terrorism and for Wahhabi pro-terror, anti-Western mosques around the world.

During the Mission, ZOA activists met with U.S. Senators, House Members and their senior staff members, and heard addresses from former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Douglas Feith, and American Enterprise Institute Resident Scholar, Dr. Michael Ledeen. During their two days in Washington, the ZOA held almost 200 meetings with Members of Congress and their senior staff members, while 40 Congress Members (19 Democrats, 21 Republicans) attended the ZOA Mission Luncheon on Capitol Hill.

The Mission commenced with a gala dinner at the luxurious Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, where Dr. Michael Ledeen, a contributing editor to National Review who once served as Special Adviser to Secretary of State Alexander Haig, spoke about his newly published book, The Iranian Time Bomb, dealing with the burgeoning threat of the Iranian regime obtaining nuclear weapons. Dr. Ledeen, who is the author of more than a dozen books and was also a founding member of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), spoke of the apocalyptic goals of the Iranian regime and the war it has waged on America and the West for nearly three decades. He also observed that, just as the world had ignored in the 1930s Nazi threats to the West and their declared intentions to exterminate Jews, here too, the West is ignoring the plain, repeated warnings and declarations about obliterating Israel from the Iranian regime today.

In his remarks at the Dinner, ZOA National President, Morton A. Klein, spoke about the success of the ZOA in influencing the agenda of the pro-Israel community to work for greater pressure on the PA and Israel’s other enemies in the Middle East. He noted that at the recent AIPAC Policy Conference, ZOA succeeded in putting on the AIPAC action agenda the issue of getting Mahmoud Abbas to abrogate the Fatah Constitution. Mr. Klein noted that AIPAC had adopted 9 out of 14 resolutions advanced by ZOA. Mr. Klein also described in detail the history of Zionism in America, showing that American leaders supported the re-establishment of Israel from the dawn of America’s own establishment. He also spoke of the (often entirely false) claims made against the ZOA in the anti-Semitic tract of John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt on the pro-Israeli lobby. Mr. Klein also refutes with precision and facts the attack upon ZOA in a recent issue of the left-wing journal, The Nation, which criticized ZOA efforts to deal with anti-Semitism at University of California Irvine. He also argued strongly that Abbas and the PA are not interested in peace, citing the recent Fatah 43rd anniversary poster, which included a map of Israel named ‘Palestine’ and covered by a kaffiyeh (Palestinian Arab head-dress), a Kalashnikov rifle, and a photo of Yasser Arafat; the three days of mourning and PA flags flown at half-mast in honor of Palestinian terrorist chieftain and pioneer of airplane hijackings and airport massacres, George Habash; and Abbas’ own interview in the Jordanian
publication, *al-Dustur*, in which Abbas frankly admitted that he didn’t support terrorism now merely for tactical reasons but might support terrorism again if it suited Palestinian objectives.

Former Undersecretary of Defense Douglas Feith delivered a powerful and insightful address to the ZOA Mission the next afternoon. Mr. Feith, who previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Negotiations Policy and as Middle East specialist on the National Security Council, is the author of the recently-published *War and Decision: Inside the Pentagon at the Dawn of the War on Terrorism.* In his address, Mr. Feith spoke about working inside the Bush Administration at the time of the September 11, 2001 mass casualty terror attacks upon New York City and Washington, D.C. He explained the profound ramifications of those attacks, differing from past terror attacks that aimed for symbolism and spectacle but rarely mass casualties, that led the Bush Administration to target the network of Islamist terror groups seeking to carry out similar and even worse attacks upon America. The subsequent Iraq war, Mr. Feith indicated, served the purpose of preventing Saddam Hussein’s regime from developing weapons of mass destruction which he could then pass on to terror groups, many of which were based in his country. Feith pointed out that even if Saddam Hussein did not have in hand weapons of mass destruction, he had created the capacity for manufacturing them within 3-5 weeks of a decision to make them, thus disposing of the flawed argument that the absence of actual weapons of mass destruction in Saddam’s hands invalidated the case for removing his regime. Mr. Feith also signed copies of his book for delegates following his presentation.

On June 26, Mission participants attended a memorable Capitol Hill Luncheon attended by 40 Senators and Congress Members. Legislators both Democratic and Republican, 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 their advocacy on the Hill.

Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) spoke glowingly of ZOA’s work on Capitol Hill and said that this influence “didn’t just happen. It happens because of the hard work that you did.”

Rep. John Boehner (R-OH), House Republican Minority Leader, spoke of the improving situation in Iraq but cautioned that Iranian influence is still strong in the Middle East before adding that “Israel is our only true friend in the Middle East and what I and my colleagues have done is worked to improve that relationship.”

Rep. Roy Blunt (R-MO), the House Minority Whip, praised ZOA, saying, “ZOA is leading the way and AIPAC is following behind. This is the oldest organization to promote a Jewish state. Thank you for your efforts … The U.S. Congress has been and will be, with your encouragement, a pro-Israel organization.” Rep. Blunt also spoke appreciatively of a conversation he had with Mort Klein at the home of Israeli ambassador, Salai Meridor, in which Mort had broached the issue of the unchanged Fatah Constitution.

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), the Republican Ranking Member on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs stated, “I want to reaffirm that this Congress, both Republican and Democrat, stand firm on Israel’s right to exist and Israel’s right to defend itself.” She also condemned Fatah for “calling for negotiations through one side of its mouth while calling for Israel’s destruction through the other side of its mouth.”

Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-NV), reminded her audience that she herself is a ZOA member – “I will leave Mort my membership check and if I don’t he’ll find me.” Rep. Berkley thanked ZOA for honoring her last year before recounting her meeting with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at the time of last year’s Annapolis summit in which she repudiated the pressure being put on Israel. “Never did I believe we would be calling Fatah a moderate organization.”

Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY) said in praise of Mort Klein that “even when people want to attack him, he plunges forward and continues to do what’s right … Support for Israel in Congress is strong and bipartisan, and so it should be, and we have to work to keep it that way … I ask my colleagues, I want to know, when the chips are down, are you going to push Israel to make concessions that endanger it? Jerusalem is Israel’s undivided capital and the U.S. will stand firmly with its important ally. I don’t want to be even-handed – I want the United States to be squarely with our allies who share our values and concerns.”

Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC) spoke of his strong friendship for Israel.

Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA) praised ZOA for furthering the U.S.-Israeli relationship, saying, “For over a hundred years, the Zionist Organization of America has been one of the most effective voices in America.”

Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) encouraged ZOA to “continue your job educating every American and every elected official so that they recognize the importance of the relationship and the importance of maintaining that relationship.”

Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) also recalled her stay in Israel at a kibbutz and stressed that “the United States receives more from Israel than Israel receives from us. It is our greatest friend, not only in the Middle East.
region, but in the world that we have. I believe our nation is blessed if we bless Israel.”

Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Shultz (D-FL) commended ZOA on its work saying, “I can’t express to you how imperative it is that you make these trips to Washington. What is happening in Israel can only be expressed by you and is a tremendous help to us in the U.S. Congress.”

Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-NY) said that he “represents the ZOA wing of the Democratic Party.” Rep. Weiner also argued that “We cannot continue the folly of saying that we give aid [to the PA] because it’s a good thing to do … It hasn’t proved to be the case … Has the PA got a more pro-American policy, a more pro-peace policy? … we are not going to get any change in Palestinian policies until we show that we are serious and that our aid doesn’t come out of a faucet. Why also in Heavens’ name do we provide so much money to Egypt when it’s arming itself like this? We have to stop worshipping at the altar of ‘moderate’ Arab state.”

Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) spoke of the urgent need for further American-Israeli cooperation in the defense sphere.

Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL) told of the great honor of having been accompanied to Israel for the first time by leading ZOA supporter, Harvey Friedman. “If Israel finds it needs to act and attack the dictatorship in Iran, this Member of Congress will be with you.”

Rep. Allyson Schwartz (D-PA) said, “I remember when it was just you and a handful of people involved – so I want to say congratulations, Mort, in what you’ve done for building up your organization and bringing so many people onto the Hill.”

Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) said, “Appeasement does not work. You do not talk to these slime bags. America will be there to support Israel no matter, to whatever extent, to help Israel defend itself.”

Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT) said, “How can you take off the table military action in Iran and expect them to change?”

Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX) stated that “Our best friend and ally in the world since 1948 has been the state of Israel. It just bothers me that every time we give aid to Israel we have to give a similar amount of aid to Egypt – I don’t like that. I salute your determination to keep the promised land free. If Israel ever needs help, the Texans will be there and we’ll bring our own guns.”

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Among ZOA’s many recent riveting events was the address in New York by Brigadier-General Arieh Eldad, the former Senior Commander and Chief Medical Officer of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), current Member of Knesset on the National Union list, and former head of Jerusalem’s Hadassah Hospital’s Burn Unit at the height of the ongoing Palestinian terror war.

Member of Knesset Brig. Gen. ARIEH ELDAD DELIVERS BOLD MESSAGE

ARABS DO NOT RECOGNIZE JEWISH STATE.
WAR IS NOT ABOUT TERRITORY.
ISRAEL MUST USE ITS POWER TO COMBAT ENEMIES.
MK ARIEH ELDAD DELIVERS GUZZARDI DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

General Eldad delivered the ZOA’s Bob Guzzardi Distinguished Lecture to an audience of 400 at New York City’s beautiful Congregation Edmond J. Safra Synagogue, on the topic of “Israel at 60: Where Are We Now?”

Eldad reminded his audience that Yitzhak Rabin had written in his autobiography, published before he embarked on the Oslo process, that a Palestinian state can only be created on the ruins of the state of Israel. (Rabin, in his last address to the Knesset in October 1995, said that the Palestinian entity to be created would be “less than a state”). Eldad also said that his experiences had taught him that “the conflict between Jews and Arabs in the land of Israel is not a territorial conflict,” and that this fact invalidates the idea that sharing the land between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs can of itself bring a solution. Eldad revisited all the past attempts at sharing land – the 1922 excision of Transjordan, the 1937 Peel Commission plan, the 1947 UN partition plan – all of which led to 3/4 of the land given to the Arab side, without that ever being enough to placate it. Despite this, Eldad observed, Israel was persisting with efforts to square the circle, ignoring Einstein’s oft-quoted definition of insanity as consisting of repeating the same experiment while expecting different results.

Eldad proceeded to point out the disastrous results arising from the 2005 unilateral withdrawal from Gaza but pointed perhaps even more importantly to the failure of the Israeli education system and its present inability to educate the public as to its own historical, religious and legal connection to the land which accounts in large part for the Israeli public grasping at straws like unilateral retreats.

Eldad also repudiated clearly the notion that Palestinian Authority (PA) president Mahmoud Abbas is some sort of moderate who ought to be strengthened so he can fight Hamas, when in fact he “can’t even prevent a car theft in Ramallah.” Moreover, real Palestinian moderates remain unfortunately irrelevant, since they have no power or influence in Palestinian society, whereas most Muslims see Israel as a waqf, a Muslim land over which infidels like Jews may not rule. Failure to understand this has produced Israel’s policy failures, because “when you misdiagnose, you have only a very small chance to prescribe well.” Yet, when Yossi Beilin and his associates “introduced Arafat into our body and reduced the immunity of the Israelis by intoxicating them with false hopes of peace, that is when the weakness of Israel became the main characteristic of Israel that we see today.”

Regarding the demographic threat to Israel that many have pointed to as necessitating Israeli withdrawal from Judea and Samaria, Eldad debunked some of the oft-heard claims of an impending Palestinian majority, pointing out how many politically-motivated demographers, keen to push Israel toward a path of concessions, counted twice the Arabs of Jerusalem, incorrectly extrapolated population forecasts and accepted uncritically Palestinian figures that had been deliberately inflated. To applause, Eldad added, that “If we have the right to live in Tel Aviv, certainly we have the right to live in Hebron.”

Eldad continued. “I believe that Jordan is a de facto Palestinian state. I believe that if we are able to resettle the bulk of the Arab refugees and their descendents, we could solve much of the problem. In the last 60 years, your tax dollars go to UNRWA [United Nations Relief and Works Agency] which means going to incitement to kill Americans and Jews all over the world. Even in east Jerusalem, which is under the Israeli state, the schools teach the Palestinian state curriculum.”

He also noted, in response to a question, that as commander of a field hospital in Rwanda following the 1994 genocide, he had seen how one million refugees had been resettled within 9 months, whereas only the Palestinian refugees are maintained in a holding pattern for decades. He added that U.S. pressure alone could succeed in reforming UNWBA and altering its mandate to conform to that of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) which deals with, and solves, all other refugee problems.

Eldad also proposed a three-step process for dealing with the incessantly continuing rocket fire directed at Sderot, Ashkelon and other Israeli cities: first, to disconnect Gaza from Egypt by Israel retaking control of the Philadelphi Corridor, since Egypt does not fulfill its obligations under the 1979 peace treaty to prevent terrorism and infiltration from Egyptian territory. This will cost Israeli lives, but he warned there is “no way for Israel to exist in the Middle East without paying the price, because refusing to pay the price now means paying a very much higher one later; second, Israel should take over the northern buffer zone and rebuild and restore the three flourishing communities that it destroyed; and third, retake Gaza by military force and clear it of all armed Palestinian groups. Failing to do so will only increase the risks and losses over time: we are going to have katyusha missiles on Ashkelon and Kiryat Gat, then missiles that reach Dimona and Tel Aviv as well.” Eldad also noted that it is crucial for the U.S. to cut aid to Egypt if it hopes to have any change in Egypt’s policy of doing nothing to stop terrorism into Israel and failing to co-operate more generally in the war on radical Islamism.

Eldad is one who has addressed the vexing and frequently ignored possibility of Israel’s Arab population constituting a fifth column. Having read the statements and documents of Israeli Arab MKs and various Israeli Arab representative bodies, he is of the view that they really reject Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish state. Therefore, he

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Ever since the failed Oslo agreement in 1993, supporters of Israel have placed a false sense of hope with every new peace initiative that is part of a process that would weaken, dismantle, and ultimately destroy the Jewish state. The Zionist Organization of America – through Oslo, the roadmap, the withdrawal from Gaza, and Annapolis – has warned of the crime of capitulation to appeasement, and has called on Israel to stand firm in the face of threats of war, or a false peace.

Let history not blame this generation as guilty of a tragic mistake.

**There is peace only through strength and sanity.**
The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) has been strongly supportive of efforts, including that by journalist and media analyst Philippe Karsenty, to expose the broadcast by France 2 TV in September 2000 purporting to show the alleged Israeli shooting to death of a 12-year-old Palestinian boy, Muhammad al-Durah.

Al-Durah's alleged death was filmed by a local Palestinian cameraman, Tala Abu Rahma, and the mere 55 seconds of selected footage from his alleged 27 minutes of filming became the basis for a story by France 2 TV's Jerusalem Bureau Chief, Charles Enderlin, who had not been present on the scene at the time. The 55 seconds of footage shows al-Durah and his father seeking cover behind a concrete barrel and cowering from an alleged hail of bullets until the boy apparently "dies" and his father is severely wounded. Abu Rahma's video showed al-Durah hiding, and then cut to footage of him lying, apparently dead, at the junction. It did not show the child being killed. Enderlin's story, which France-2 provided free of charge to the rest of the international media, led to worldwide accusations against Israel that the boy had been deliberately killed by the IDF during a 45-minute shoot-out with Palestinian Authority (PA) forces. This in turn incited a wave of hatred and terror directed against Israel, Israelis and Jews.

Yet already for years, evidence existed to show that the France 2 TV report by its Jerusalem Bureau Chief, Charles Enderlin, was a hoax. This evidence included an additional 10 seconds of film, widely distributed on the internet, showing him, following his alleged death, raising his elbow and right leg, turning his head and looking around furtively, then putting his head and elbow back in position, but leaving his leg suspended in the air (Joanna Chandler, 'A New Dreyfus Affair,' FrontPage Magazine, August 29, 2007).

However, in May of this year, a French Court of Appeals ruled in favor of overturning a lower court decision that had held Mr. Karsenty guilty of libeling France 2 TV and Enderlin when he accused them of broadcasting a staged scene and calling for the resignation of Enderlin and others responsible. The Court did so after viewing additional footage of the event that had mostly never been viewed outside France 2 and which France 2 had refused to publicly release.

This staging of a phony murder and lying about Israeli killings of Palestinians is of course nothing new for the PA. It has been demonstrated on several occasions that the PA will deliberately stage propaganda incidents involving non-existent massacres, like the one that supposedly occurred at Jenin in April 2002 in which PA officials claimed that 5,000, then 1,000, then 500 Palestinian civilians had been killed. (In fact, 52 Palestinians, at least 30 of them combatants, were killed in the heart of a civilian area in a ground battle which also claimed the lives of 23 Israeli soldiers).

It is therefore of great public interest that the truth be widely known and to this end, ZOA is supporting the call made by CRIF, the umbrella body of the French Jewish community, on French President Nicolas Sarkozy to create an independent body to launch an investigation into the matter so that the facts can be clearly delineated and set before the international public that, it is already clear, was fed a fabrication from start to finish.
ZOA’s Allegations Trigger New Federal Investigation into UCI’s Conduct

Triggered by the ZOA’s allegations, the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) notified the ZOA in April 2008, that it was opening a new investigation into anti-Semitic incidents at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). The investigation is ongoing.

Congressional Members and Presidents’ Conference Challenge Government’s Conclusions in ZOA’s Campus Anti-Semitism Case

U.S. Senators Arlen Specter (R-PA), Jon Kyl (R-AZ), and Sam Brownback (R-KS), and U.S. Representatives Brad Sherman (D-CA), Linda Sanchez (D-CA), Steven Rothman (D-NJ), Allyson Schwartz (D-PA), Robert Wexler (D-FL), and Shelley Berkley (D-NV) wrote to complain to the U.S. Secretary of Education about the decision that OCR issued in the ZOA’s case against UCI. The ZOA had alleged that UCI had failed to redress anti-Semitic harassment on campus in violation of federal law.

The senators asked, “Why did OCR take over three years to issue a decision on the complaint filed by the ZOA?” They were also troubled that “the ZOA proffered witnesses whom OCR did not interview.” The Congress Members were concerned that when “OCR concluded that it lacked jurisdiction under Title VI over many of the allegations in the ZOA’s complaint...[this reversed OCR policy, as clarified in 2004, of protecting Jews against anti-Semitism]” [emphasis in original].

20 Students Condemn UCI Chancellor’s Silence on Israel-Bashing and Anti-Semitism

Current and former UCI students condemned Chancellor Michael Drake for failing to exercise “his responsibility as an educator and university leader in response to the [campus] anti-Semitism.” His silence regarding programs like “From Auschwitz to Gaza: The Politics of Genocide,” means that “no message is sent to and no lesson is learned by those students who sponsor these programs.”

The 20 students thanked the ZOA for making UCI “more sensitive to enforcing campus policies,” and making students “more aware of their civil rights.”

ZOA Sponsors Internet Petition Opposing Muslim Anti-Semitism at UCI, Gathering Over 1000 Signatures

In May 2008, the ZOA initiated a petition condemning the anti-Semitic programs sponsored by UCI’s Muslim Student Union (MSU), and then published the petition in the Daily Pilot, an Orange County, CA paper (see page after next for a copy). The publication was timed to coincide with the MSU’s latest programs, including “Silence is Consent: Stop the Palestinian Holocaust.”

The petition has over 1000 signatures. You can sign it by visiting the ZOA’s website at www.zoa.org.

ZOA Challenges Anti-Semitism at UC Santa Cruz

In a letter to Chancellor George Blumenthal of the University of California, Santa Cruz, the ZOA called on university officials to respond to anti-Semitic hostility on the campus, expressed both inside and outside the classroom.

The ZOA urged the Chancellor to condemn two recent vandalism incidents as anti-Semitism, and to condemn, by name, future anti-Semitic speakers and programs on campus. The ZOA also urged the Chancellor to undertake an analysis of university course descriptions and materials to ensure that (1) facts were not being sacrificed to promote a particular political agenda; (2) the university provides the full range of legitimate scholarly views about Israel, Zionism and the
Middle East conflict; and (3) students are not being discouraged or intimidated into not expressing their pro-Israel views.

**ZOA Challenges Anti-Semitism and Israel-Bashing on the Internet**

When Deborah Fidel, President of the ZOA’s Pittsburgh district, discovered that the geographic resource called Google Earth was being used to promote anti-Israel propaganda, the ZOA took action. In a letter to Dr. Eric Schmidt, Chairman and Chief Executive Office of Google Inc. (with copies to Google’s Co-Founders and Presidents), the ZOA urged Google Earth to remove all of the propaganda postings.

At a minimum, information beyond geography should be part of a separate “layer” that users would specifically have to download and install in order to see. The ZOA urged Google to include a disclaimer regarding such information, making it clear that Google could not vouch for the information’s accuracy and that users should not rely on it.

**ZOA Addresses Audiences Nationwide**

In July 2008, CLJ Director Susan Tuchman addressed high-achieving middle school students chosen to participate in a leadership-development program sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, an independent non-partisan organization. Susan was a guest on the “Agents of Change: Current Events Panel.”

In June 2008, Mort Klein and Susan Tuchman spoke at an international conference on academic freedom sponsored by the American Freedom Alliance, at the University of Southern California. Mort was part of a closed door roundtable focusing on the process for influencing change in today’s academic environment. Susan spoke at a session on campus anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism and their impact on academic exchange and free inquiry. Other conference participants included syndicated radio talk show host Dennis Prager; Steve Emerson, Director of the Investigative Project and the foremost expert on domestic terrorism in the U.S.; and Daniel Pipes, Ph.D., Director of the Middle East Forum. The conference attracted scholars, government officials, activists and others.

In February 2008, Susan Tuchman spoke to a crowd of congregants and community members at Temple Bat Yehm, a major Reform synagogue in Newport Beach, CA, about the ZOA’s legal battle to protect the rights of Jewish students at UCI.
PROUD ZIONISTS FIGHT BACK

Renounce Hate At UC Irvine

Petition
To: UC Irvine

We, the undersigned, condemn this year’s “Never Again? The Palestinian Holocaust” as yet another program sponsored by UC Irvine’s Muslim Student Union that demonizes Jews, Zionism and Israel with falsehoods and misrepresentations, including the monstrous lie that Israel is perpetrating a holocaust against the Palestinian Arabs. These programs are not legitimate political discourse about the conflict in the Middle East. They are hateful, anti-Semitic, and violate UCI’s principles and values, which call for a campus environment of positive engagement and mutual respect, free from expressions of bigotry. As the United States Civil Rights Commission declared, “Anti-Semitic bigotry is no less morally deplorable when camouflaged as anti-Israelism or anti-Zionism.”

We call on the Muslim Student Union to renounce the rhetoric of hate and engage in civil intellectual discourse that is free from falsehoods, misrepresentations, prejudice and bigotry.

Hundreds have already signed this petition condemning hatred and bigotry on the UCI campus.

Join us in this fight.

Sign the petition at www.petitiononline.com/ucimsu01

ZOA STANDS WITH THEM
ZOA was instrumental in the introduction of H. RES. 758 by Representatives Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Shelley Berkley (D-NV). This resolution urges Palestinian Authority (PA) president Mahmoud Abbas, who is also leader of the Fatah party, to officially abrogate the 10 articles in the Fatah Constitution which call for Israel’s destruction and terrorism against Israel, oppose any political solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and label Zionism as racism. The Senate version of this resolution (S. RES. 499) was introduced by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA).

Iran’s progress to nuclear weapons continues

The ZOA supported H. Res. 362, introduced by Representatives Gary Ackerman (D-NY) and Mike Pence (R-IN) in the House, and S. Res. 580, introduced by Senators Evan Bayh (D-IN) and John Thune (R-SD) in the Senate; both resolutions declare that preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability is “vital to the national security interests of the United States and must be dealt with urgently.” The resolutions call for tougher sanctions on the Iranian Government to further isolate the regime and raise the costs of continuing to defy the international community. The resolutions note that Iran’s acquisition of a nuclear weapon would pose a grave threat to international peace and security by fundamentally altering and destabilizing the strategic balance of power in the Middle East and would severely undermine the global nuclear nonproliferation regime. The resolutions also explicitly state that nothing in them should be construed to authorize the use of force against Iran.

The ZOA has been active in supporting and building support for various sanctions legislation against Iran. Including, H.R. 2347/S. 1430, the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2007, introduced in the House by Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) and in the Senate by Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL); S. 970, introduced by Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR), which seeks to impose sanctions on Iran and countries assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program; and H.R. 1324, introduced by Jim Saxton (R-NJ), which calls for Iran’s Revolutionary Guards to be designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Previously, the ZOA helped facilitate House passage of H. RES. 21, introduced by Reps. Steven Rothman (D-NJ) and Mark Kirk (R-IL), which calls on the United Nations Security Council to “charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel.” And the ZOA played an important role in House passage of H.R. 1400, the Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007, introduced by the late Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA), which included a provision to revoke the presidential ability to waive sanctions on companies doing business with Iran.

Saudi Arabia is a major cause of terror and Wahhabi hatred

The ZOA has been instrumental, as in previous years, in pushing the Saudi Arabia Accountability Act, introduced in the House (H.R. 2976) by Representative Anthony Weiner (D-NY) and in the Senate (S. 2243) by Senators Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Ron Wyden (D-OR). This legislation is designed to hold the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia accountable for promoting jihadist violence against Israel, the United States and the West, lavishing funds on Islamist institutions disseminating hatred of Jews and other non-Muslims and for rewarding suicide bombers who murder Israelis. It does not only deal with Saudi individuals or private organizations that are terrorists, hate-mongers or donors to extreme Islamist causes, but with the official acts by the government of Saudi Arabia. The House version of this bill would require sanctions on the travel of Saudi diplomats, and limit the military equipment that this regime could purchase.

Syrian Accountability Act

The ZOA has been actively encouraging support for and passage of what remains the most robust congressional response to the Syrian regime, the Syria Accountability and Liberation Act (H.R. 2332), introduced by Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL). This act aims to strengthen existing sanctions against Syria and establish programs to support transition to a democratically-elected government. The legislation specifically targets Syria’s weapons programs by imposing new sanctions against individuals and governments that transfer goods or technology that could aid Damascus’ efforts to obtain chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons, and the means to deliver them.
“We are tired of fighting, we are tired of being courageous, we are tired of winning, we are tired of defeating our enemies, we want that we will be able to live in an entirely different environment of relations with our enemies. We want them to be our friends, our partners, our good neighbors, and I believe that this is not impossible.”

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, June 9, 2005
Israel Policy Forum

The Zionist Organization of America calls on the Israeli government to stand firm against the relentless Arab war against the Jewish state.

The lessons of history are quite clear. Appeasement is a form of surrender.

Israel must operate with the understanding that there is peace only through strength.
Does this look like a man you might reason with?

THINK AGAIN

“We should seek by all means in our power to avoid war, by analyzing possible causes, by trying to remove them, by discussion in a spirit of collaboration and good will. I cannot believe that such a program would be rejected by the people of this country, even if it does mean the establishment of personal contact with the dictators.”
Neville Chamberlain

“For too long, much of the world, including Neville Chamberlain, believed that Hitler was just a crazy short man. I don’t think we can afford to do it again.”
Israeli UN Ambassador Dan Gillerman

“Europeans who remember history understand better than most that there is no security, no safety, in the appeasement of evil.”
President Ronald Reagan, April 14, 1986

“Pacifists are among the most immoral of men. They make no distinction between aggression and defense. Therefore, pacifism is one of the greatest allies an aggressor can have!”
Patrick Henry

“An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last.”
Winston Churchill

“No man can tame a tiger into a kitten by stroking it. There can be no appeasement with ruthlessness. There can be no reasoning with an incendiary bomb.”
Franklin D Roosevelt

“Appeasers believe that if you keep on throwing steaks to a tiger, the tiger will become a vegetarian.”
Heywood Broun

“The one sure way to conciliate a tiger is to allow oneself to be devoured.”
Konrad Adenauer
Among the Congress Members who addressed the ZOA delegates were (L-R) Top Row: Thelma Drake (R-VA), Howard Coble (R-NC), Robert Wittman (R-VA), Tom Price (R-GA), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Anthony Weiner (D-NY), Doug Lamborn (R-CO), Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Allyson Schwartz (D-PA), Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL). Second Row: Christopher Shays (R-CT), Sue Myrick (R-NC), Ron Klein (D-FL), Shelley Berkley (D-NV), Joe Wilson (R-SC), Peter King (R-NY), Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Brad Sherman (D-CA), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Patrick McHenry (R-NC), Bill Shuster (R-PA).

Mort Klein decrying the lies and smears in Mearsheimer and Walt’s most recent book

Harvey Friedman (left) presenting a speaker’s award to Iran Scholar Michael Ledeen, with Morton Klein.

Presentation of an award to Douglas Feith, center, by ZOA Chairman Michael Goldblatt and President Morton A. Klein

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) with two fellow Texans: ZOA Campus Coordinator Joshua Nason, and Alan Winters

House Minority Whip Roy Blunt, (R-MO) speaking to the ZOA Mission

ZOA’s lobbyists, Joshua London and Dan Pollak, Directors of Capitol Hill Affairs, as they introduce Senators and Representatives to speak.
Dr. Jerome Kaufman, ZOA National Secretary, with Representative Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI)

Robert Guzzardi, Vice Chairman, NEC, and Dr. Robert Sklaroff

Students from ZOA’s Campus and Young Leadership group preparing to meet with their Congressmen and Senators

Douglas Feith signing copies of his latest book, War and Decision: Inside the Pentagon at the Dawn of the War on Terrorism

A question for Douglas Feith from ZOA member Linda Stulberg, with Brooklyn ZOA leader Rubin Margules in foreground

Morton A. Klein, showing House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-OH) a copy of Abbas’ new poster for Fatah – which displays a keffiyah draped over Israel, a rifle, and Arafat’s face

Douglas Feith addressing a packed hall of ZOA delegates

Rep. Michele Bachmann (MN)

ZOA Center for Law and Justice Director Susan Tuchman, Zalman Shapiro, and Deborah Fidel, Executive Director of Tri-State Region and Pittsburgh District
18 ZOA Presidents’ Zionist Work Recognized In *ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAICA*

The *Encyclopedia Judaica* is the most respected and authoritative Jewish encyclopedia in the world. Its most recent edition was published last year. The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) was proud to see that eighteen of our thirty National Presidents had their Zionist achievements recognized in these important volumes. This extensive recognition says a lot about the quality, reputation and effectiveness of the ZOA for over 100 years. The following are those mentioned with descriptions taken directly from the Encyclopedia citation.
The most famous president of the ZOA was **LOUIS BRANDEIS** (Honorary, 1918-21), the first Jewish member of the U.S. Supreme Court. Brandeis always stated that to be good Americans, we must be better Jews, to be better Jews, we must become better Zionists. Brandeis’ close relations with President Woodrow Wilson and high administrative officials played an important part in securing support for the Balfour Declaration and later for the British Mandate. In his will, the largest bequest he made was to the Zionist cause.

Another great past president of the ZOA was **RABBI DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER** (1945-47). He was the rabbi of the largest Reform temple in the US, in Cleveland, Ohio. Committed to the maintenance of basic Jewish tradition, he installed a Torah in the Sanctuary’s empty ark and moved the temple’s weekly service from Sunday to Saturday. He was the founder of the Anti-Nazi League and organized a boycott of German goods in the 1930s. He was also national chairman of the UJA, Israel Bonds and Hebrew University. Together with Stephen S. Wise, he succeeded beyond expectations in mobilizing public opinion, both Jewish and non-Jewish, on behalf of the Zionist cause. His public and private eloquence resulted in the passage of Congressional resolutions favoring the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth, as well as in commitments of support enunciated in the Republican and Democratic Party platforms. The high point of his Zionist leadership came on May 8, 1947, when he presented the case for an independent Jewish state before the General Assembly of the United Nations, which passed the Partition Resolution on November 29 of that year, establishing the legal basis for the creation of the state of Israel. He returned again to the United Nations in May 1948 to announce that Israel had declared itself an independent state. It has been speculated that, had Chaim Weizmann not become the first president of Israel, Silver – widely considered one of the architects of modern Israel – might have been selected for that position. In 1950, a poll conducted by the *National Jewish Post* named him the leading figure of American Jewry. In 1952, he gave the benediction at the inauguration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**RICHARD GOTTHEIL** (1897-1904) taught Semitic languages at Columbia University and the University of Strasbourg. He was president of the Society of Biblical Literature, vice president of the American Jewish Historical Society and founded the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, originally a Zionist society.

**HENRY FRIEDENWALD** (1904-18) was an ophthalmologist, educated at Johns Hopkins University. In 1911 and 1914, he went to Palestine, where he served as a consultant for eye diseases in several Jerusalem hospitals. In 1919 he was chairman of the Zionist Commission to Palestine. In 1944 his collected and expanded work on medical writings, *The Jews and Medicine* (2 vols.), was published.

**LOUIS LIPSKY** (1921-30) was a journalist and author. He founded the *Maccabian* magazine in New York, the first English language Zionist periodical in the US. Under his leadership, the magazine exercised a powerful influence on Zionist affairs. Lipsky was a founder of the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish Agency, and the American and World Jewish Congresses.

**ROBERT SZOLD** (1930-32), a third cousin of Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah, was assistant attorney general in Puerto Rico and assistant to U.S. Solicitor General John W. Davis. In 1942 he became chairman of the budget committee of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. Szold was a member of numerous organizations devoted to the economic development of Palestine, including the Palestine Endowment Funds. The Robert Szold Institute for Applied Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is named in his honor.

**MORRIS ROTHENBERG** (1932-36) an expert in labor law, served as an arbiter in numerous labor-management disputes. He was founder and executive committee member of the Jewish Welfare Board, founder of the Joint Distribution Committee and a founder of the Jewish Agency for Palestine (1929).

**STEPHEN WISE** (1936-38), rabbi of New York’s Congregation Bnai Jeshurun, was a founder of the N.Y. Federation of Zionist Societies in 1897. He worked closely with Theodore Herzl and served as secretary of the World Zionist Movement. He spoke on behalf of Zionist aspirations in Palestine at the Versailles peace conference in 1918, was chairman of the UJA and worked closely with Weizmann and Ben Gurion.

**SOLOMON GOLDMAN** (1938-40) was widely known as an orator, communal leader, and scholar who popularized the cause of Zionism. He was co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, founder of National Hillel and served on the board of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Goldman edited a series of texts in Modern Hebrew literature and wrote *Romance of a People*, a pageant performed at the Chicago World’s Fair in 1933. He also wrote several books, including a commentary on the 613 commandments.

**LOUIS LEVINTHAL** (1941-43) was appointed judge on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. He was particularly active in the Jewish Publication Society of America, serving as chairman of its publications committee and as its president. He was chairman of the board of governors of the Hebrew University.

**ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN** (1943-45) was a Conservative rabbi and Zionist. He was born in Philadelphia. He was rabbi at New York’s oldest synagogue, Bnai Jeshurun. Goldstein was president of the Jewish National Fund of America and enjoyed a reputation as an outstanding orator and administrator. He was a founder of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and of Brandeis University, elected first president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, served as chairman of both the United Jewish and Palestine Appeals, and treasurer of the Jewish Agency. In 1961 Goldstein moved to Jerusalem and became world chairman of the Keren Hayesod - United Israel Appeal.

**EMANUEL NEUMANN** (1947-49; 1956-58) practiced law in New York City for many years while dedicating much of his life to the establishment and development of the state of Israel. Neumann edited the *Young Judean*, was founder of the Keren Hayesod in the US and served as its director and as a member of the executive committee of the United Palestine Appeal. He was also president of the...
Jewish National Fund in the US and was instrumental in winning influential political figures to Zionism.

**DANIEL FRISCH** (1949-50)’s efforts ensured that the ZOA, the Jewish Agency, and the World Confederation of Zionists reached an agreement for financing various projects in Israel. A collection of his essays, sketches, and letters was published as *On The Road To Zion* (1950).

**IRVING MILLER** (1952-54), a rabbi who held posts that included secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress, and chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

**MAX NUSSBAUM** (1962-65) served as a rabbi in Berlin until 1940. He was appointed rabbi of Temple Israel in Hollywood, California. As the charismatic rabbi of a high-profile congregation in the center of the movie industry, Nussbaum conducted numerous celebrity weddings (including that of Elizabeth Taylor and Eddie Fisher) and funerals (Samuel Goldwyn, Al Jolson, Edward G. Robinson, and more). He was one of the first West Coast rabbis to hold the highest offices of major national Jewish organizations. Nussbaum was an active supporter of the civil rights movement; Martin Luther King shared the pulpit with him at one memorable Temple Israel service.

**JACQUES TORCZYNER** (1965-70) was president of the World Union of General Zionists. A renowned orator and writer, he has written extensively on problems connected with Zionist ideology and the future of American Jewry.

**RABBI DR. JOSEPH STERNSTEIN** (1974-78) was also a lawyer who also was national president of the JNF. He wrote extensively on Jewish and Zionist affairs.

**MORTON KLEIN** – Klein revived a moribund Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) in the 1990s and made it one of the most outspoken organizations on the American Jewish scene. Klein has upset the pro-Israel lobby groups he has challenged with his own aggressive lobbying on Capitol Hill. However, he has also made ZOA one of the most visible Jewish organizations in the United States; his crusade to change U.S. policy on American victims of Palestinian terrorism is widely credited as a success.

Klein was born in Gunzburg, Germany, in a displaced persons camp; his family immigrated to the U.S. in 1950 and settled in Philadelphia. In a varied career, he worked as a government economist on health policy issues, and a biostatistician for the Linus Pauling Institute of Science and Medicine.

Klein was an opponent of the Oslo Agreement. In 1994, Klein organized opposition to the appointment of former Time magazine columnist Strobe Talbott as Deputy Under Secretary of State because of what the new ZOA leader felt were the anti-Israel views expressed in some Talbott columns. Two years later Klein led an opposition to scholar John Roth as first director of the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies for very similar reasons.

Early in his tenure, Klein also challenged the domination of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) for lobbying Congress for pro-Israel causes, objecting to AIPAC’s support for the Oslo agreement. Also in 1994, Klein created a Peace Accord Monitoring Group in Congress to focus on Yasser Arafat’s violations of the Oslo Accords.

Klein was particularly effective in highlighting the number of Americans killed by Palestinian terrorists, pressing for a more active State Department role in investigating and prosecuting such crimes and legislation spotlighting the issue.

After President George W. Bush put U.S. policy behind the creation of a Palestinian state in 2002, Klein’s ZOA began a vigorous campaign of documenting Yasser Arafat’s violation of the conditions the president had set for statehood.

While most major Jewish and pro-Israel groups supported Israel’s withdrawal from Gaza under Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Klein and ZOA waged an extensive campaign against the unilateral action in Israel and in the United States.

ZOA opened a Washington office in 1996 and a division for campus activities in 2001. The group also created a Center for Law and Justice, which uses the courts to force implementation of pro-Israel provisions in the law.
April 14, 2008

Morton A. Klein
EOA News Release
Jewish Organisation of America
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Dear Mr. Klein,

I have just finished reading your wonderful EOA News Release of April 11th rebutting the criticism of reform Rabbi Yoffie to myself and Christians United For Israel.

There are simply no words to thank you for your support. It is critical that CUFI has some support from the Jewish Community to send the signal to America’s Christians that all the Jewish people are not hostile to our efforts on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people.

Your remarks were brilliant and your words were as clear as the kiss of sunshine on sparkling water. The words of Solomon come to mind... “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pitchers of silver.”

Your News Release came the day before my 68th Birthday. I did not receive a better birthday gift than your rebuttal to Rabbi Yoffie. Blessings to you and to those you love.

Most Sincerely,

[Signature]

Patton R. Hagee
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Harvey Friedman is a man of sturdy ideals. He has been married 57 years to his wife, Gloria, and lives in Miami. Across the decades, he has never wavered in his passionate interest in and concern for Israel. He joined the National ZOA Board in 1994.

Born in Minneapolis 77 years ago, Friedman has always been firmly and proudly attached to his Jewishness.

His love of Israel led him to a senior role in AIPAC, where he was vice-president of the organization. In that capacity, Friedman would find himself on Capitol Hill once a month, where got to know a large number of legislators, including getting on first name terms with some 40 to 50 senators, many of whom he accompanied on visits to Israel over the years.

However, Friedman’s involvement with AIPAC came to an abrupt end in 1993. On a visit to Israel, Friedman had argued about Israel’s concessionary policy with then-Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin in a meeting attended by U.S. senators and congressmen. Friedman had repudiated Beilin’s view that Israel must withdraw or else confer citizenship on Palestinians, arguing that the Palestinians in Judea and Samaria were already Jordanian citizens. Following that meeting, Friedman was approached at Ben Gurion Airport by the then-Attorney General, Elyakim Rubinstein, who told him “You’re famous.” When asked why, Rubinstein replied, “Aren’t you Harvey Friedman, vice-president of AIPAC?” Friedman confirmed that he was, whereupon Rubinstein explained that following their meeting, Beilin had called a press conference falsely claiming that Friedman had advocated the forcible return of all Palestinians to Jordan. On returning to the States, Friedman publicly denounced Beilin to journalist Larry Cohler as a liar. AIPAC’s then president, Steven Grossman, told Friedman he would have to fire him for calling Beilin a liar. “Well, that was my third choice” avers Friedman, who had used two other choice, picturesque but unprintable epithets to describe Beilin which Cohler had been unwilling to repeat in print.

Friedman’s leaving AIPAC became ZOA’s gain. He met Mort Klein and became involved with the work of ZOA. “Mort took a sinking ship, and transformed it into a bastion of rock-solid pro-Israel advocacy. He did it all, without committees.” Friedman’s Capitol Hill connections from his AIPAC days served ZOA well in its fledgling lobbying efforts. “We accomplished some good things.”

Friedman explains that ZOA’s major accomplishment in which he was involved was to set up a congressional Palestinian monitoring group on Capitol Hill to scrutinize Palestinian Authority (PA) compliance with the terms of its signed commitments under the Oslo agreements. “We in ZOA all knew that the PA weren’t going to adhere to anything, but we wanted a congressional committee to monitor it. I went to Washington with Mort to meet with 15 senators I was friendly with and we managed to sign up about 12 or 13 senators to be on this group. Mort was impressed by this access we had been able to achieve. We ultimately had 60 Members of Congress join.”

For his part, Friedman is unstinting in his praise of Klein and ZOA. “ZOA is the only – the only – major Jewish organization in my opinion that is worth a damn. Mort has suffered terrible treatment at the hands of other American Jewish organizations. He’s been vilified, slighted, crucified and yet, you know, he has been right on every single major issue he has ever opened up his mouth about. All his detractors have been wrong. The guy is certainly a prophet. As I told a congressman the other day at the ZOA Mission in Washington, D.C., he’s G-d’s gift to the Jewish people. I consider him a dear, dear friend. We are certainly soul brothers. Whatever the issue has been – Oslo, the Golan, Gaza – Mort has been correct. All those pygmies who have vilified him have been wrong. ZOA has had a tremendous impact on the Congress – I can see that by what Members of Congress tell us. They listen to him and respect him.”

“Mort sometimes gets very down, because of the way things go. It’s my role to boost him up, because he’s really an irreplaceable asset to the Jewish people. I think most people in ZOA understand that, but I don’t think most know the extent to which he is

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“...there is no security, no safety, in the appeasement of evil.”
President Ronald Reagan, April 14, 1986

ZOA calls for a war against global terror.
Because too many have fallen in vain.
The ZOA Campus Activism Network arranged a ZOA student leadership mission to Israel during the winter vacation as well as several national speaking tours at universities across the country during the spring semester of 2008. The campus department also piloted an educational speakers series for college student leaders in New York and in Maryland, called the Zionist Leadership Council.

**Zionist Leadership Council**
The Zionist Leadership Council is a new initiative in which student leaders are selected to meet weekly for a semester and hear from experts in the field of Israel advocacy and Jewish history. The students also have discussions about Israel advocacy and the challenges that they face on their campuses. The program was piloted at University of Maryland and in New York, with student participants from Baruch College, Columbia University, Hunter College, New York University, Queens College, Touro College, and Yeshiva University. Students learned about legal issues related to the Arab-Israeli conflict, tools for effective Israel advocacy, how to combat anti-Semitism on campus, Israel’s record on human rights, lobbying for Israel on Capitol Hill, and more.

**The Jewish Journey from Ethiopia to Israel**
In honor of Black History Month, the ZOA brought two Jewish Ethiopian Israeli speakers to universities in February. The speakers talked about Israel’s role in absorbing thousands of immigrants into Israeli society, Israel's humanitarian efforts on behalf of Ethiopian Jews, and the experiences of the Ethiopian Jewish community in Israel’s diverse society. They each told stories of their personal journeys to Israel on Operation Moses and Operation Solomon. The programs took place at Baruch College, Columbia University, Cornell University, Hunter College, New York University, Pace University, Rutgers University, Temple University, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Maryland, and University of Pennsylvania.

**Krav Maga Expert Teaches Self-Defense Techniques**
Moshe Katz of Israel, a 4th degree black belt, gave Krav Maga lessons to thousands of students on over twenty college campuses. While demonstrating techniques, Katz discussed the importance of self-defense and gave examples of events in Jewish history in which leaders employed Krav Maga.

**Jewish History Through Israeli Folk Dance**
The ZOA initiated a program which combines a dance class with a lesson on Jewish immigration to Israel. The History of Jewish Immigration to Israel through Israeli Folk Dance took place this spring at Baruch College, George Washington University, and New York University.

**Arab Dissident Nonie Darwish Lectures**
The ZOA organized a speaking tour for Nonie Darwish, author of Now They Call Me Infidel: Why I Renounced Jihad for America, Israel and the War on Terror. Darwish, born and raised as a Muslim in Egypt and Gaza, is a riveting speaker who attracts hundreds of students, faculty, and community members at each lecture she delivers. This spring, the ZOA worked with student leaders to arrange for Darwish to speak at American University, Bryn Mawr College, Indiana University, University of Maryland, University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore College, and Temple University.

**Israeli Photojournalist Portrays Life in Sderot**
The campus department arranged a national speaking tour for Noam Bedein, director of the Sderot Media Center, at universities, high schools, and middle schools. Bedein, a photojournalist from Sderot, presented an insider’s view of life in Sderot, and he screened live footage of rocket attacks launched on the civilians in Sderot. Bedein spoke about the experiences of Sderot residents at twenty-six university and high school campuses across the country, reaching thousands of students.

**Survivor of Arab Terrorist Attack Lectures**
Sarri Singer, a survivor of an Arab suicide bombing in Israel, spoke at Princeton University, University of Maryland-College Park, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Johns Hopkins University, and Goucher College. Singer told her personal story of tragedy, survival, and triumph. At the University of Maryland, Singer spoke in conjunction with 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. The ZOA student chapter brought the exhibit to campus to display the devastating harm on individuals caused by Arab terrorist attacks.

**Jump for Israel**
ZOA Campus Coordinator Sharona Whisler organized a multi-campus program in which students from American University, George Washington University, University of Maryland, and George Mason University raised money for the IDF by skydiving. The ZOA also arranged for students to assemble care packages for Israeli soldiers at Baruch College and Cornell University.
The only thing that separates them is seventy years.

While propagating Holocaust denial, Iran sponsors international terrorism and champions an Islamic obsession that calls for the elimination of the Jewish people.

You see, there’s really nothing new about anti-Semitism.
New left-wing group features ZOA in film clip

JStreet is a new left-wing Washington lobby group which believes that the path to Arab/Israeli peace lies in an intensification of the failed concessionary policies of the past 15 years. In fact, its positions are at the extreme left of the political spectrum, including a continuation of negotiations and concessions to Mahmoud Abbas’ terror-supporting Palestinian Authority (PA), engaging Hamas, and promoting diplomatic solutions over the heads of even this most dovish of Israeli governments and the Israeli public, which, polls show, no longer supports concessions to the PA even in return for a formal peace agreement.

Unsurprisingly, JStreet is already popular with Palestinian apologists and Arab diplomats, who hope that it will provide a strong countervailing influence to the pro-Israel groups. JStreet has also made a point of targeting for criticism, not opponents of Israel, but Jewish and Christian supporters of Israel with whom it disagrees. JStreet opened its advertising campaign earlier this year with a video that actually commenced with a scene of ZOA National President Morton A. Klein delivering a speech from last year’s ZOA Dinner. Later in the video clip, Mort is shown in the center of eight talking heads, including John Bolton, Dick Cheney, John Hagee, William Kristol and Newt Gingrich, as the sort of people JStreet opposes and seeks to discredit.

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**HEARD AT ZOA**

**Ambassador Dan Gillerman**

Dan Gillerman, who has served as Israel’s Ambassador to the United Nations since January 1, 2003, before recently stepping down from that position, addressed the ZOA National Board via conference call. Regarding Iran, he discussed the importance but difficulty in getting sanctions to work, stating Israel was ready to go it alone, if necessary. As to Gaza, he stated Egypt wants nothing to do with it. Egypt must be forceful on closing the border and ensuring that weapons are not smuggled. Israel wants Egypt to patrol the area against attackers.

**Dr. Andrew Bostom**

Dr. Andrew Bostom is a world renowned expert on Islam, and author of The Legacy of Islamic Anti-Semitism: from Sacred Texts to Solemn History, as well as other published works and articles. Dr. Bostom addressed the ZOA National Board via conference call, and debunked the widely-held falsehood which asserts that Muslim hatred of the Jewish people is only a 20th century phenomenon, arising out of Arab-Israeli conflict. Dr. Bostom told of passages in the Koran that are virulently anti-Semitic, such as, “spreaders of war and corruption” and “most hostile of the men are the Jews.” Muslims in succeeding generations suppressed the Jews, forcing them into ghettos and launching pogroms over the centuries. Dr. Bostom asserted that the Muslim masses are much more anti-Semitic than anti-Christian. Jews are put into a “special” category. He also pointed out that there is an ongoing process of communication to foster better understanding between Jews and most denominations of Christians; this process is lacking between Jews and Islamists.

**Consul-General Asaf Shariv**

In March 2008, Asaf Shariv, the Israeli Consul-General in New York, addressed a Board meeting of the ZOA. Among the issues that he raised in his talk were the difficulties that confront Israel in the media. Shariv, who prior to his appointment served as Director of Media and Public Affairs to Prime Ministers Ehud Olmert and Ariel Sharon, said that Israel has long been transformed into Goliath in the world media. Dealing with security issues becomes harder in this environment, such as the rocket bombardment of the southern part of the country from Gaza, which started in April 2001 and continues unabated to this day. Shariv said also that Israel lost the Lebanon war in the media, despite its various tactical military successes. He concluded that any military strategy to defeat our enemies in this environment would have to be carefully planned.
Commemorating Israel’s 60th anniversary, Mort Klein spoke at the Great Neck synagogue, in Great Neck, NY, to a combined audience from two Reform, two Conservative, and two Orthodox shuls. He also spoke at the major conservative synagogue in New Rochelle, NY initiated by the Westchester Chapter of the ZOA.

Mort was the keynote speaker for the Christians United for Israel (CUFI) “night to honor Israel” event in Rochester, NY. Two thousand Christian activists and one hundred pastors were in attendance at a magnificent church there. CUFI is the group formed by nationally known pastor John Hagee. The Rochester daily newspaper covered ZOA and the speech. The Director of Media Relations of the New York Office of the Israeli Consulate also spoke. Mort was invited also to give the CUFI Keynote Address for their next major “night to honor Israel” in Pennsylvania.

At the invitation of our Board member Irwin Hochberg, who teaches at Marymount College, Mort presented a lecture there on the ‘Arab War Against Israel.’ He also lectured at a luncheon sponsored by the Michigan ZOA at the Holocaust museum in Detroit. Mark Segel, President of the Michigan ZOA chapter, introduced Mort; a long article appeared in the Detroit Jewish News detailing and even agreeing with the talk.

Mort spoke at a CUFI event in New York in front of 150 pastors from around the country, the event held in the offices of the Israeli Consul General in New York. Those in the audience included Rev. John Hagee; Michael Little, head of Pat Robertson’s Christian Broadcast Network; Paula White, nationally known minister who has a national daily TV program; Minister Rice Brooks, who has a ministry with tens of thousands of members; Bishop Carlton Brown of Harlem, New York of the Bethel Gospel Assembly; Rabbi Shlomo Riskin of Efrat, Israel; Offer Gat, CEO of El Al Airlines; Pastor Daniel Mueller of Christers Kathedrale in Germany, who is a pioneer in strengthening Jewish-Christian relations in Europe; Dr. Gerald Meister, Israel-Christian Affairs Advisor to Israel’s Foreign Ministry; and singer Pat Boone and his wife Shirley.

Moreover, Mort spoke at B’nai Zion, a synagogue in St. Louis, Missouri; at the invitation of Dartmouth Hillel, he gave the Israel 60th anniversary speech at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. The arrangements were facilitated by ZOA’s Department of Campus Activities.

Mort appeared on the Laura Ingraham National Radio Show, the Bob Grant New York Radio Show, Tom Marr Baltimore Radio Show, as well as radio shows in Philadelphia, Detroit, Florida, and Chicago.

Mort will be debating Israel Bashir Dr. Joel Kovel, a psychiatrist and Distinguished Professor at Bard College, at a Unitarian church in New York. He has asked Executive Director David Brog of CUFI to ask their Board to publicly support the moving of the US Embassy to Jerusalem, support ending concessions to the Palestinian Authority, oppose establishment of a Palestinian Arab State, and support ZOA’s resolution in the US House & Senate to demand that PA’s Mahmoud Abbas abrogate his anti-Israel, pro-terror Fatah Charter.

Appearing everywhere, Mort has even been on al-Jazeera several times, and interviewed recently for a documentary they are doing on the “Jewish & Christian Pro-Israel.”

Prolific in his defense of a strong Israel, Mort Klein has had articles and letters in the Jerusalem Post, Washington Times, New Republic, Wall Street Journal and many Jewish papers.

ZOA LA co-sponsored a public lecture by Professor Arieh Eldad, MK, who spoke of the challenges facing Israel at its 60th anniversary. For Israel’s 60th Independence Day Festival at Woodley Park, ZOA had its own booth, at which ZOA material, including wrist bands and event listings were distributed to thousands of participants. ZOA National President Morton A. Klein and MK General Effie Eitam, who is a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committees, both delivered captivating addresses to ZOA LA’s June Board meeting. Islam scholar and author Dr. Andy Bostom delivered a ZOA-sponsored lecture discussing his newly published book, Jihad and Islamic Anti-Semitism: Conjoined Threats to Life, Liberty, and Human Dignity at Temple Ner Maarav in Encino.

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Mort appeared on the Laura Ingraham National Radio Show, the Bob Grant New York Radio Show, Tom Marr Baltimore Radio Show, as well as radio shows in Philadelphia, Detroit, Florida, and Chicago.

Mort will be debating Israel Bashir Dr. Joel Kovel, a psychiatrist and Distinguished Professor at Bard College, at a Unitarian church in Manhattan. He has asked Executive Director David Brog of CUFI to ask their Board to publicly support the moving of the US Embassy to Jerusalem, support ending concessions to the Palestinian Authority, oppose establishment of a Palestinian Arab State, and support ZOA’s resolution in the US House & Senate to demand that PA’s Mahmoud Abbas abrogate his anti-Israel, pro-terror Fatah Charter.

Appearing everywhere, Mort has even been on al-Jazeera several times, and interviewed recently for a documentary they are doing on the “Jewish & Christian Pro-Israel.”

Prolific in his defense of a strong Israel, Mort Klein has had articles and letters in the Jerusalem Post, Washington Times, New Republic, Wall Street Journal and many Jewish papers.

David Yerushalmi, head of the Mapping Sharia Project in America (www.mappingsharia.us), spoke on ‘Sharia, Sedition and the First Amendment,’ a subject in which he has specialized since the 9/11 terror attacks. ZOA National President Morton A Klein spoke on May 1 on ‘Lessons of the Holocaust applied to the Arab War on Israel’ which highlighted the Arab demonization of Israel as the root of the war, not territories. Mort’s address, attended by over 120 people, was the subject of a full page editorial in the Detroit Jewish News (May 15) entitled ‘Palestinian Conspiracy’. On June 1, Rep. Thaddeus McCotter spoke on the House Anti-Terrorism/Jihad Caucus, which educates fellow lawmakers and Americans about militant Islam’s long-term threat. On June 26, Islam scholar Dr. Andrew Bostom spoke on his new book, The Legacy of Islamic Anti-Semitism: From Sacred Texts to Solemn History. Dr. Bostom discussed the basis of Islamic anti-Semitism in foundational Muslim texts and practices and refuted the misconception that Arab anti-Semitism is purely a modern European import. On July 28, Jole Gilbert presented his documentary ‘Farewell Israel: Bush, Iran and the revolt of Islam,’ which reaches the unavoidable conclusion that Western and Israeli misunderstanding of Islam is leading to a coming war with devastating consequences for the West and Israel.

The Pittsburgh District is keeping active, with letters to the editor and an op-ed in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, as well as establishing a blog, and a growing email list, currently in the thousands. Our president also debated the head of the Pittsburgh Middle East Peace Forum, exposing the myth of Mahmoud Abbas and Fatah’s moderation. We are planning the first ever ZOA Christian Leadership Mission to Israel.

In June, ZOA national vice president Dr. Michael Franzblau set up a ZOA table at the Israel in the Gardens Festival. ZOA volunteers Yuri Katz, Shani Bocian, Lisa Cohen, and Magali Cohen distributed ZOA materials to hundreds of people, signed them up for the ZOA SF chapter, and gave away balloons that read ‘ZOA.’ One attendee who described the event on a website wrote that ZOA had “one of the most popular booths.”
In July, David Dalin and John Rothmann, authors of *Icon of Evil: Hitler’s Mufti and the Rise of Radical Islam*, lectured at Congregation Kol Emeth in Palo Alto. The ZOA and the Israel Action Committee of Kol Emeth organized the event.

**Philadelphia**

The Greater Philadelphia District weekly radio show, ‘The ZOA Middle East Report,’ which has been heard by people in more than 30 countries, was featured in the daily, *The Philadelphia Bulletin*. It continues to draw high-level guests, including Academy Award winning actor Jon Voight, who spoke about his visit to Sderot and Professor Yehezkel Dror, who served on Israel’s Winograd Commission. Other guests included historian Michael Oren; Dr. Andre Oboler of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs; Islamic scholar Dr. Walid Phares; *Jerusalem Post* editor David Horovitz; and French journalist Philippe Karsenty, who exposed the lies in the al-Durah Affair … A large ZOA contingent marched this year in Philadelphia’s Israel Independence Day Parade, wearing T-shirts with the slogan: ‘Celebrate Israel: The Jewish Homeland since 1272 BCE, the Jewish State since 1948’… … This June, 24 members from the Greater Philadelphia District participated in the ZOA’s Annual Lobbying Mission in Washington D.C. … In July, a special meeting was convened to discuss the ongoing plight of the residents of Sderot and other areas hit by terrorists rockets fired from Gaza … The District’s members have published numerous articles and letters to the editor in diverse publications, including the *Philadelphia Bulletin*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Jewish Exponent*, *American Thinker* and *Front Page Magazine*.

**ZOA-Israel Office**

Directed by Jeff Daube, ZOA-Israel has been quite active on the home front.

The Israel office developed the ‘Americans Vote Israel’ (AVI) campaign literature and forms, including design of on-line AVI registration. Daube represented ZOA at weekly meetings of three citizens’ groups embarking on new grassroots political involvement, reform and activism, and opened a ZOA-Israel branch office in Nativ Ha’asara – a community that abuts Gaza and has absorbed many Kassam attacks. As Israel’s ZOA rep, he traveled weekly to Nativ Ha’asara to prepare new the ZOA branch office and hosted its official opening by greeting visitors including foreign diplomats, Israeli leaders, and international and domestic media. ZOA-Israel hosted and provided a guided tour of the Gaza border area to South African Members of Parliament and Embassy officials at the Nativ Ha’asara ZOA office.

The Israel office conducted a lobbying event at the Knesset, met with MK Gilad Erdan and MK Gidon Sa’ar of the Likud, and met with MK Effie Eitam of the National Unity faction.

In propagating a policy that calls for a strong and secure Israel, Daube met with Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Senator Ben Nelson, former Governors Christine Todd Whitman, Tom Ridge and Bill Owens, discussing the ZOA talking points and US arms designated for the PA in Hamas’ possession.

Additionally, the new Israel office arranged for a meeting between residents of Nir Am, a community hit by 750 Kassams, and the above legislators; met with former Ambassador Ehud Danoch re ZOA role and Knesset presence; set up and manned a ZOA table at Hebrew University Campus Activism Day; and attended Bar Ilan University BESA Center conference, “Whither American Zionism.”
Profile: Harvey Friedman (continued from page 22)

a real hero. He brought ZOA back to the edge of Jewish policy-making and his detractors can’t ignore him anymore because he’s been too right for too long.”

Friedman is a passionate fisherman, having made twenty-two fishing expeditions in Alaska. He has taken many senators on fishing expeditions in different parts of the globe, although due propriety dictates that he not mention which ones, but confides that one of them caught one of the largest fish he had ever seen – a 387 pound Marlin.

He reads voraciously and walks two miles every day. His wife Gloria is also active: for ten years, she was involved five days a week on a voluntary basis with the Alexander Muss High School in Israel, which offers an 8 week program for American and English-speaking Jewish kids. “It’s the greatest program that any Jewish kid can go on. It makes Jews out of kids, gives them an experience they can never forget.” As for reflecting on his life and marriage, Friedman only says, “We travel, enjoy life to the utmost. We really have been blessed.”

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sees the solution lying in every Israeli citizen taking an oath of loyalty to the Jewish democratic state: whoever does not would lose the right to vote: “They will be residents, not citizens.”

For the Knesset to deal with this, however, there must first be electoral reform so that Knesset members become answerable to the public and constituencies, not just party whips: at present, Israelis vote only for party lists, not individual candidates, who represent no electoral district to whose constituency they are accountable. This impedes scrutiny of the conduct of individual MKs and thus reduces accountability to the electorate. It would also be necessary to have judicial reform, especially of the appointment process for judges to the Supreme Court. At present, Eldad noted, the judges are not appointed by the Knesset, but by a panel in which unelected judges and lawyers are the majority. This serves to perpetuate the stranglehold on the court by radical, left-wing activist judges.

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