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Ms. Diane Gentry Att:

Revenue Agent, ID # 203080 Room # 4511, Group # 7828

> Re: Z STREET

> > EIN: 27-1354388

Response to Letter 2382

Dear Ms. Gentry:

I am writing to respond to your Letter 2382 dated May 15, 2010 (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A), which requested additional information regarding Z STREET to complete your review of its IRS Form 1023 Application for Recognition of Exemption (the "Application").

Please find answers to your questions below:

1. Please submit copies of your website pages.

Please see the attached Exhibit A.

Please provide some specific examples of each type of public awareness activity that 2. you have conducted or plan to conduct.

Z STREET promotes its public awareness campaigns through its website, printed materials and organized events. Z STREET's public awareness activities have consisted primarily of website and printed materials. Information is posted to Z STREET's website, the websites of other organizations, and emails to Z STREET members. Such postings and blogs include: (1) updates on the activities of other organizations that support or oppose Z STREET's positions; (2) factual summaries of congressional hearings or votes; a book review; and (3) links to and re-postings of news articles and reports. Z STREET has also organized an event with a guest speaker at the University of Pennsylvania Hillel to raise awareness about and educate students about Israel and pro-Israel issues.

Please see the attached Exhibit B for additional examples of Z STREET's public awareness activities.

3. Please submit copies of your public awareness campaign materials, other than the information provided on the website which is requested in item #1 above.

Please see the attached Exhibit C for examples of public awareness campaign materials, not otherwise provided in response to Questions 1 or 2 above.

4. Please provide a representative sample of your written advocacy and lobbying materials that have been used in the past.

Z STREET has not prepared any lobbying materials to date. None of its advocacy activities have been in connection with specific Federal, state, or local legislation.

Z STREET has, however, engaged in other advocacy activities and communications for advocacy purposes other than influencing legislation, such as educating its website users, the general public, and other public officials about the activities of the United Nations and foreign governments. Examples of Z STREET written advocacy materials include: (1) encouraging the general public to fax or call members of congress who endorsed the conference conducted by another organization; (2) signing on to a joint press release encouraging Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to denounce the recent election of Iran to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; (3) issuing an action alert to encourage the public to write letters opposing economic sanctions against Israel to a United Nations official and the United States Ambassador to the United Nations; and (3) asking the general public to send thank you letters to the New York Mets for supporting a charitable fundraiser for a Jewish fund.

Please see the attached Exhibit D for examples of Z STREET's written advocacy materials and communications with the general public and other government officials for advocacy purposes other than influencing legislation.

- Please provide some specific examples of direct lobbying that you have conducted.Z STREET has not conducted any direct lobbying, as defined by the IRS, to date.
- 6. Please provide some specific examples of grassroots lobbying that you have conducted.Z STREET has not conducted any grassroots lobbying, as defined by the IRS, to date.
- 7. Please submit resumes for each of your officers/directors.

Z STREET's officers and directors do not have updated resumes. Detailed bios of each officer and director were provided with the Application and are attached hereto as Exhibit E for your ease of reference. Please advise if you have any additional questions.

8. You have listed sale of CDs for advocacy training as a source of revenue, to who are the CDs sold? What is the purpose of the CD?

Z STREET has not produced any CDs this year. The planned purpose of the CDs is to educate our membership and the public about Israel and the Middle East.

9. Please submit a sample CD.

Not applicable. Z STREET has not produced any CDs to date.

Finally, I am enclosing with this Response Z STREET's Penalties of Perjury Statement regarding the true, correct, and complete nature of all information contained in this submission, attached hereto as Exhibit E.

I sincerely hope this information is fully responsive to your request, and welcome you to contact me if I can provide any additional information that will aid in your exemption determination.

Sincerely,

Donna Johnson Bullock, Esq.

Associate

Cc: Lori Lowenthal Marcus (with enclosures)

Exhibit List:

Exhibit A-	Response to Question 1
Exhibit B-	Response to Question 2
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Exhibit D-	Response to Question 4
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EXHIBIT A

Response to Question 1

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ON Z STREET WE SAY...

Israel is the Jewish state. Now there's a revolutionary proposition. Of course, it's not revolutionary at all — the UN recognized Israel that way in 1948. The idea of a safe homeland for the Jewish people, in the land of Israel — that's Zionism. But that idea has been effectively stolen and delegitimized by people peddling fashionable politics.

And as the world grows increasingly hostile to Israel, the Jews hostile to Israel play an increasingly larger role in the public debate.

Who are those Jews? You know, the self-important intellectuals and the well-moneyed, honey-tongued groupies currently whispering into the eager ears of the White House. They label themselves "pro-peace and pro-Israel." But they don't really care about protecting Israel from the threats of terrorism and extinction.

They protect themselves from being identified with the nationalistic Jews (ah, yes, but Palestinian nationalism is a virtue and a right, according to them) by advocating a "peace process" that has never led and will never lead to peace in the Middle East. The same holds true for the non-Jews who call themselves pro-peace but are really just anti-Israel.

Z STREET, the new Zionist organization was created to solve this problem.

How will Z STREET change the terms of the debate? First, ours is the proud, full-throated advocacy of Zionism, and second, our approach is devoted to changing the terms of the public debate.

In practice, how will Z STREET do this? By firmly and unabashedly asserting our "three No's": NO negotiations with, NO appeasement of, and NO concessions to terrorists. We refuse to use the vocabulary of those who have delegitimized the Zionist idea. Words like "occupation," "West Bank," and "settlers" are weapons pointed at the heart of Zionism, not neutral instruments.

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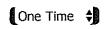
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The sooner people see that, the faster we'll all attain clarity.

Instead, Z STREET uses accurate words and historical facts currently eschewed for fear of offending: that there never was a Palestinian State and that Jews have an irrefutable centuries-long religious and historical attachment to Jerusalem, while the Arab Palestinians have none. We must say frankly that all Arab Palestinian party leaders — the moderate terrorists in neckties and the nasty ones in kaffiyehs — endorse terrorism. Not nice? What's not nice — the language or the facts? Until the terms of the debate and the strategy for changing those terms are employed, the world will continue to abuse Israel.

The time is now and Z STREET is the vehicle to sweep aside years of mind control successfully practiced by the anti-Israel crowd.

JOIN US! Lori Lowenthal Marcus Z STREET co-founder

No more appeasement, no more negotiating with terrorists, no more enabling cowards who fear offending more than they fear another Holocaust. Z STREET is for those who are willing not only to support – but to defend – Israel, the Jewish State.

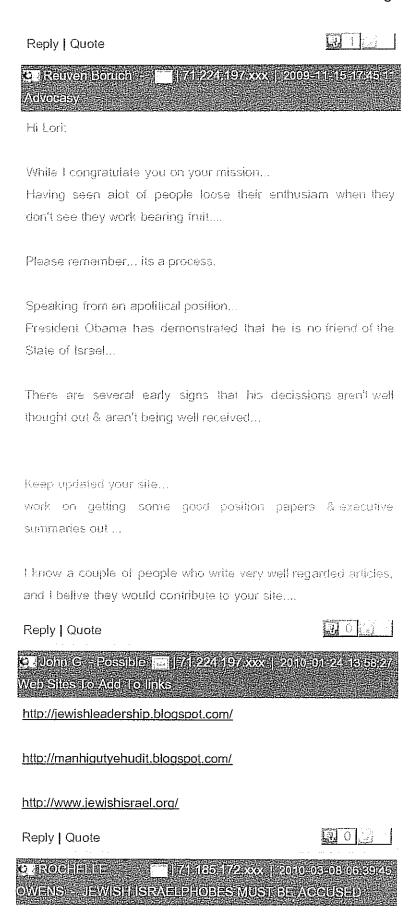
We have the strength of our convictions and are quickly moving towards strength in numbers. Our members thus far come from a dozen different countries including Argentina, Australia, Cuba, Brazil, England, Israel, Gibraltar, New Zealand, Germany, South Africa, France, Holland and Sweden. We come from more than 25 states including Kentucky, Tennessee, Washington, Texas, North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Utah, Washington, Arizona, Florida, Louisiana, Oregon, California, Virginia, Indiana, Michigan, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Nevada, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey and New York; plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

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From what I have read so far on your site, it would seem that you are fully in favor of Israel retaining full control over the area east of the national boarders, i.e. Judea & Samaria. I understand that there is a great deal of historical justification for this political position. I would like to understand the practical issues. How the small community of Israeli Jews fiving there will survive surrounded by millions of hostile Arabs?

What do you think will happen when the Arab / Muslim world and the international community begins to demand "one man one vote"?

toda & thank you

Yoram

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Hi there,

Great idea you have here. But I would like to know your position on Israel giving up more of her hand. Are you for it or against it? You might want to check out the following organization, which adamantly opposes any surrender of Jewish land to Arabs, who already have 600 times the land of tiny Israel:

http://www.jtf.org

Here's their forum:

http://www.jtf.org/e

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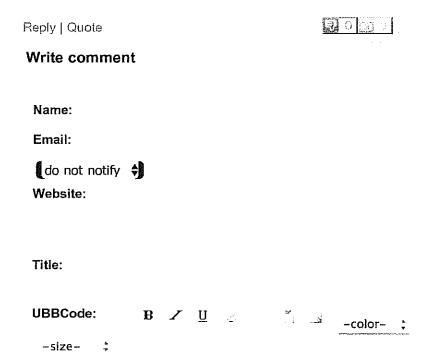
Hi Lori,

Lagree w/ Rueven Boruch that adding top notch position papers to Z Street would be very beneficial. Lalso know someone whose factual position papers would contribute to your site.

What would have the US done at the time of the Cuban or during WWII Japanese blockade?

Are the laws governing these agreements worth the paper they are written on? In my view these laws should apply to all legitimate nations including Israel, particularly because it is in a state of war with Hamas, the internationally recognized terrorist organization.

As for Turkey, as the saving goes "With friends like these, who needs enemies".



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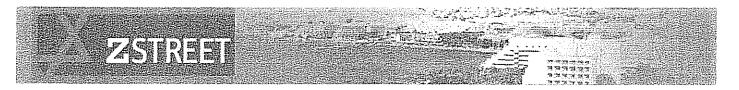
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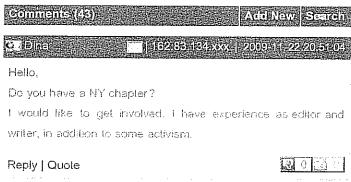
If you want to be a member of Z STREET, just let us know in a comment in the form below. Make sure to include your full name (s) (we only post the first name and first initial of the last name) and where you are located - closest city or the state or country, whichever makes the most sense. Also, let us know how you heard about Z STREET.

The annual dues is \$18, additional donations are very gratefully accepted. Please mail to:

Z STREET P.O. Box 182 Merion Station, PA 19066 OR Click on the Donations (which includes dues) icon in the far right column.

We are making a difference, recasting the mold from appeasement and apologies to strength and conviction. Help us build our base, Chazakl

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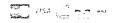
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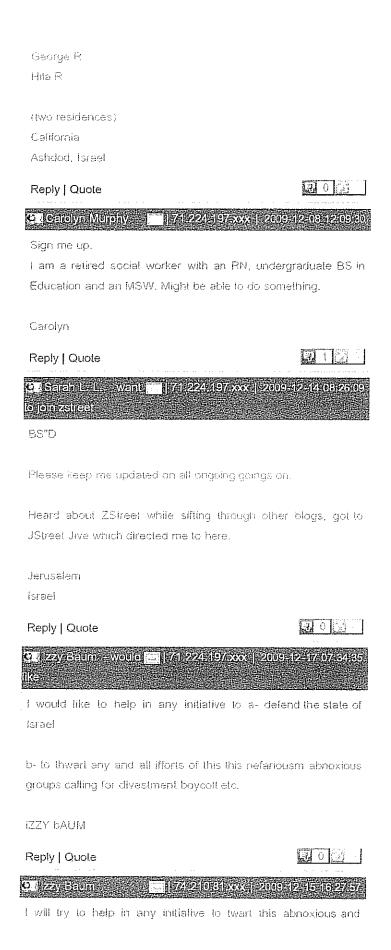
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I do not belong to any formal Jewish Organization, however, I will solicit them and try to disswade any funds from contributing to this ongoing metady of isolating Israel and the Jewish People.

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From: lademain@verizon.net

Date: December 24, 2009 12:52:15 PM PST

To: letters@nytimes.com

Cc: letters@jpost.com, letters@washpost.com Subject: SC4Z's take on Carter's semi-apology

We are the PC-free Secular Christians for Zion (PC-free SC4Z):

To make curselves clear (nod to BHO) we respond to Jimmy's "apology" to the Jews:

Jimmly Carter apologizes to Jewish community
2009-10-24 | 15:22:57 (GMT) (WiredPRNews.com - News, US
Presidential News)

The former U.S. President released an open letter offering an apology for previous remarks. Atlanta (WiredPRNews.com) – Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter recently released an open letter to the Jewish community, apologizing for possible offenses to his previous words or actions. As reported by the Associated Press (AP), Carter, who upset many Jews with a South African apartheid comparison to Israeli treatment of Arabs in a book released while he was in office, spoke of his hopes for respect and cooperation ...

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I am a SEPHARDIC JEW and I would like to join.

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It's about time someone decided there are Jews who do not think like J Street! Count me in for Z Street!

Thanks to Jerry Honigman for sending me your link! (Did you read his "Must Read?")

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please put me on your email list. Am Yisrael Chail!

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JERRY GOFFMAN (ma) 1.66.36.159.xxx | 2010-01-10 11.39:22 - WE NEED THIS KIND OF REPRESENTATION!

Finally a real Zionist org. Never apologize for being a Zionist or Jew. We have returned to our historical homeland. The Islamofacists will never win, while we have a strong IDF and a united Jewry. This org. must grow. We will be heard, and we will do what is best for our people it is the Israelis who are propping up the US dollar with their huge dollar reserve. The Israeli economy is booming. The recession has been finished at least 6 months. Be proud to be a Jew, and don't let the Jewish self haters lefties get you down. The right is might. All of greater Israeli is ours. It is the Arabs who are occupying our lands.

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Please add Canada to the list of countries. Became a member on Hov/18/09.

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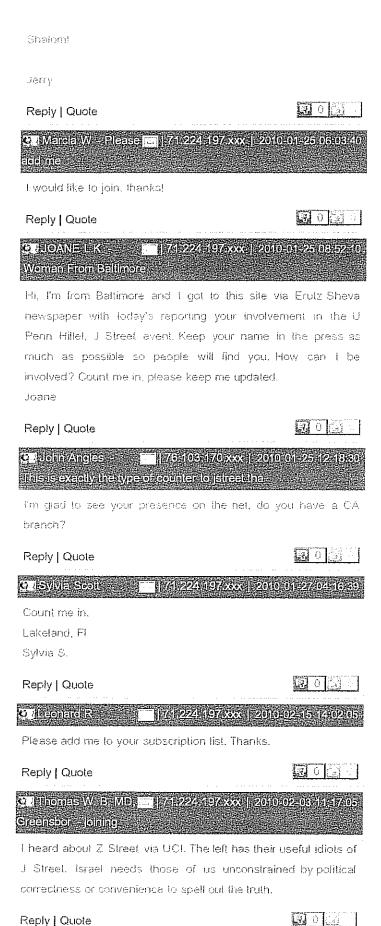


Hello!

I 'm very encourgaged to discover your website. I'm a Noahide prosepect (and also considering conversion). I'm glad to see a strong web presence for an alternative to the "J Streer" enthusiasts and attitudes of 'appeasement,' in general.

I've always considered myself a liberal, politically (a life-long liberal Democrat, for example). But when it comes to support for the Jewish Homeland, I'd have to say I'm much more in line with the strong, unwavering Zionist attitude.

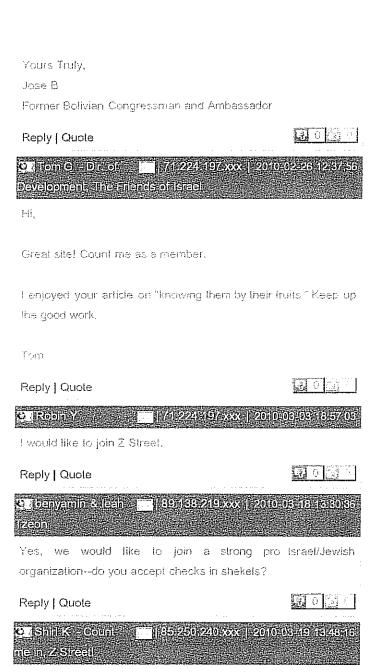
Keep up the GREAT world





Dear Z Street,

Congratulations for opening a vehicle to respond to J Street and others alike who instead of helping the Jewish people and the State of Israel are condemning our future to the will of our enemies.



Thanks to Yael at the great pro-Israel Blogsite "Boker tov, Boulder",

I found Z Street, Living in Jerusalem since 2001, i'm honored to be

a supporter of Z Street. Anything I can do to help on this end, please reach out.

Am Yisrael Chail Shid

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Kol Hakavod

Please sign me up

Thank you Rabbi Lankin for pointing me in this direction.

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I would like to be a member. Pinchas Siegel, Jerusalem, Israel

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I would like to add my name to the petition. Thanks for your work.

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This is a "Political Holocaust".....save Israel...save Jerusalem. We say "Never Again" to the world!! Thank you Z Street....keep up the good work.

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Just want to say that I just found your website through one of my Jewish and/or pro-Israel websites (can't recall which right now), and am thrilled that such upfront, pro-Israel remarks and opinions are flourishing on this (and other) sites (thank G-dt). Will look forward to future notifications & communiques from Z Street. Your spirit is needed!!

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We have to be strong and work together if we want to ensure the safety of greater Israel. I heard about Z Street through the grape vine, and am looking forward to participating in future

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the world's response to the IDF's LEGAL, RATIONAL operation on the Marmara http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUG12kU8-iE "We will nev apologize for defending ourselves." YES!!! That's what Israel needs to saying, over and over. It's true and we should NEVER be ashamed of

6/1 UPDATE: VIDEO OF WEAPONS FOUND ON BOARD, INTENDED USE ON IDF

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvS9PXZ3RWM

6/1 UPDATE: NEW VIDEO OF ISRAELI SOLDIER DESCRIBING WHA TRANSPIRED ON THE LYNCH SHIP. http://www.voutube.com/watch?v=C9p5QT91QYs

All of us on Z STREET:

It is our job to share the key messages regarding the Gaza Flotilla viole everyone we know. Send on this info, pick a few facts and write letters newspapers (there will be many negative articles in the days to come-what is incorrect, provide what is correct!), tell friends and not-friends, I going. Be relentless - it's our only hope.

Included below are the facts regarding the violence that occurred; the background leading up to it, including the expressed hope of the flotilla organizers that violence would be beneficial to their public relations and of children as part of their PR campaign; ithe reasons for the blockade provision of humanitarian goods by Israel to the Gazans despite their le

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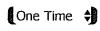
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continued terrorism against Israel; and the legal support for Israel's actions, we have the essential supporting evidence, including videos, below.

Comments? Questions? Please go to WWW.ZSTREET.ORG and leave your comments so that we all can benefit from everyone's suggestions and remarks.

- * Sunday night the IDF forces boarded an Islamist-controlled flotilla which was bound for Gaza in contravention of the blockade imposed because of the years-long practice of smuggling support for the Gazan terrorist activities directed at Israel.
- * Israel left Gaza in hopes of peace in 2005 and in return received more than 10,000 rockets and terrorist attacks.
- * The State of Israel approached the organizers of the flotilla prior to their departure and late, while at sea and invited them to dock at the Port of Ashdod for the sake of transferring their cargo to Gaza, subject to security inspection. The organizers refused.
- * "We fully intend to go to Gaza regardless of any intimidation or threats of violence against us, they are going to have to forcefully stop us," said one of the flotilla's organizers.
- * Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said this week: "If the ships reach Gaza it is a victory; if they are intercepted, it will be a victory too."
- * The extremists brought small children on board knowing that they intended to violate international maritime law.
- * Passengers on one of the six boats initiated violent clashes.
- * While boarding on of the vessels, IDF soldiers were physically attacked with live ammunition and other weapons, including knives and clubs, which had been prepared in advance. A weapon belonging to one of soldiers was snatched and, apparently, a barbarian fired on IDF forces.
- * During the course of the incident, when their lives were put in danger, IDF soldiers were compelled to employ means to disperse demonstrations, including live weapons.
- * The IDF action was authorized by the Security Cabinet, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Defense.
- * There were nine casualties amongst the flotilla barbarians, and others injured. Seven Israeli naval officers were also wounded. <u>All</u> of the injured were evacuated to hospitals.
- * Responsibility for the violence lies with the organizers and participants of the flotilla who initiated the violence.
- * The entire flotilla was designed as a media stunt and political provocation by elements that are hostile to Israel, primarily the IHH a violent, extremist group which supports terrorist organizations under the guise of humanitarian activity.******[VERY IMP. INFO ABOUT IHH BELOW]
- * There is no famine or humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
- http://picasaweb.google.com/mererhetoricblog/GazaTravelGuideShopping?
 fgl=true&pli=1# The area is under the control of Hamas, a terrorist organization
 that continues to arm itself with weapons and rockets for the purpose of
 attacking Israelis as it has done in the past. Hamas continues to hold captive
 Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier, in contravention of international law. Accordingly,
 Israel has the right to inspect all cargo entering Gaza.
- * Israel has and continues to express its desire for peace and continues to extend its hand to all those who are willing to participate in moving forwards to true peace.

VIDEOS

1. IDF Spokesperson video: The Israel Navy warns flotilla that the Gaza region is closed to maritime traffic, and invites the ships to enter Ashdod port to transfer humanitarian aid.

http://www.zstreet.org/emm/lt.php?

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2. IDF Spokesperson 2nd video taken from helicopter

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and one by the IDF Navy

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And one of the barbarians attacking the IDF soldiers with metal pipes and fists and throwing one of the soldiers off the ship.

http://www.youtube.com/idfnadesk & http://tinyurl.com/39vxnj3. (COMM. BY GPO)

4. Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs clips http://www.zstreet.org/emm/lt.php? c=17&m=17&nl=2&s=6305222cd683d56f17b971e92eb841d3&lid=56&l=-http-www.youtube.com/watch-Q-v-E-5wlWcNXzstl

CLOSE-UP FOOTAGE OF MAVI MARMARA PASSENGERS ATTACKING IDF SOLDIERS http://www.youtube.com/idfnadesk & http://tinyurl.com/39vxnj3. (COMM. BY GPO)

5. Media coverage:

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The Gaza Flotilla and the Maritime Blockade of Gaza Legal Background –

31 May 2010

- 1. A maritime blockade is in effect off the coast of Gaza. Such blockade has been imposed, as Israel is currently in a state of armed conflict with the Hamas regime that controls Gaza, which has repeatedly bombed civilian targets in Israel with weapons that have been smuggled into Gaza via the sea.
- 2. Maritime blockades are a legitimate and recognized measure under international law that may be implemented as part of an armed conflict at sea.
- 3. A blockade may be imposed at sea, including in international waters, so long as it does not bar access to the ports and coasts of neutral States.
- 4. The naval manuals of several western countries, including the US and England recognize the maritime blockade as an effective naval measure and set forth the various criteria that make a blockade valid, including the requirement of give due notice of the existence of the blockade. 5. In this vein, it should be noted that Israel publicized the existence of the blockade and the precise coordinates of such by means of the accepted international professional maritime channels. Israel also provided appropriate notification to the affected governments and to the organizers of the Gaza protest flotilla. Moreover, in real time, the ships participating in the protest flotilla were warned repeatedly that a maritime blockade is in effect.

Here, it should be noted that under customary law, knowledge of the blockade may be presumed once a blockade has been declared and appropriate notification has been granted, as above.

Under international maritime law, when a maritime blockade is in effect, no boats can enter the blockaded area. That includes both civilian and enemy vessels.

8. A State may take action to enforce a blockade. Any vessel that violates or attempts to violate a maritime blockade may be captured or even attacked under international law. The US Commander's Handbook on the Law of Naval Operations sets forth that a vessel is considered to be in attempt to breach a blockade from the time the vessel leaves its port with the intention of evading the blockade

- 9. Here we should note that the protesters indicated their clear intention to violate the blockade by means of written and oral statements. Moreover, the route of these vessels indicated their clear intention to violate the blockade in violation of international law.
- 10. Given the protesters explicit intention to violate the πaval blockade, Israel

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exercised its right under international law to enforce the blockade. It should be noted that prior to undertaking enforcement measures, explicit warnings were relayed directly to the captains of the vessels, expressing Israel's intent to exercise its right to enforce the blockade.

11. Israel had attempted to take control of the vessels participating in the flotilla by peaceful means and in an orderly fashion in order to enforce the blockade. Given the large number of vessels participating in the flotilla, an operational decision was made to undertake measures to enforce the blockade a certain distance from the area of the blockade.

12. Israeli personnel attempting to enforce the blockade were met with violence by the protesters and acted in self defense to fend off such attacks.

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****** IHH was founded in the 1992 and was <u>banned</u> by Israel in 2008 for its affiliation with Hamas and Union of the Good (IHH is a member of Union of the Good, led by Muslim Brotherhood leader Yousef Al Qaradawi who has issued fatwas calling for the killing of Americans and Jews, which was designated by the U.S.) In the late 1990's, Turkish authorities found that IHH was purchasing automatic weapons from other Islamic militant groups and arrested local officers. According to French intelligence expert Jean Louis-Bruguiere, in the mid 1990's IHH President Bulent Yildrim <u>aimed</u> to "'recruit veteran soldiers in anticipation of the coming holy war [jihad]. In particular, some men were sent into war zones in Muslim countries in order to acquire combat experience." U.S. court <u>documents</u> also reveal that IHH played "[a]n important role" in the <u>Millenium bomb plot</u>.

Judge Jean-Louis Brugiere testified in the Millenium plot that:

"The IHH is an NGO, but it was kind of a type of cover-up in order to obtain forged documents and also to obtain different forms of infiltration for Mujahideen in combat. And also to go and gather these Mujahideens. And finally, one of the last responsibilities that they had was also to be implicated or involved in weapons trafficking."

IHH has its own office in Gaza, headed by part, Mohammed Kaya, who works with Hamas. Over the past few years IHH has held rallies in Turkey in support of Hamas and its objectives. IHH transfers money to Hamas in the West Bank and Gaza, including the Islamic Charitable Society in Hebron and the Al-Tadhamun Charity Soceity in Nablus (according to a report by an Israeli Intelligence Center). In January 2009, IHH president Bulent Yildirim met with with Khaled Mashal, chairman of Hamas' political bureau in Damascus.

IHH's affilation, financial and political support for Hamas is very troubling. Hamas is a U.S. designated terrorist organization, and it is surprising that IHH has not been designated by the U.S. government. Furthermore, IHH works with U.S. groups, such as Viva Palestina (during its 3rd convoy), and now, during the current flotilla, the Free Gaza Movement. This means that U.S. based organizations are working with, receiving support, including monetary support, from an organization that is essentially an arm of a U.S. designated terrorist organization.

May 31, 2010 MUST READ Z ST Bd member Mordechai Kedar, prof. Arabic Studies at Bar-Ilan University, authoritatively explains why "The Battle isn't about Gaza, but rather, about radical Islam vs. liberal West." It really is an Islamist coalition (Turkey, Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah) attacking Israel, the Middle East domicile of the liberal Western orientations. This is the cultural-religious battle being waged world-wide, right now. This is the background you must know. And you must educate others, esp. now that Israel is being portrayed (yet again) as the one in the wrong.

May 17, 2010 MUST READ: Prof. Louis Rene Beres, an expert in nuclear weaponry, articulates the horrors that will befall, at the very least, Israel and Iran should Iran complete its rush towards nuclearization. It is nauseating to contemplate, but essential to know. Read "The Waste Land: Israel And Iran After Nuclear War."

May 10, 2010

Pipes Recipient of First Z STREET Peace Plan Prize

Z STREET awarded Daniel Pipes, the Director of the Middle East Forum and preeminent Middle East scholar, its first annual Z STREET Peace Plan Prize for his article, "My Peace Plan: an Israeli Victory." Z STREET is a staunchly pro-Israel organization.

In his article Pipes explains that throughout history, what had been intractable conflicts were resolved only when the victor caused his enemy to abandon his war goals.

"Evidence that the Arab Palestinians already know the vision Pipes has is correct is their refusal to abandon their war manifestos, despite years of failed efforts at negotiated results. They are in it for the long haul, waiting until Israel either gives up or is forced to give in by outside influences, specifically by the United Nations or the US administration," said Lori Lowenthal Marcus, president of Z STREET.

"It is time for those who want a 'safe and secure' Israel to face the reality that this conflict will end when one side or the other achieves its goal: for Arab Palestinians that is the end of the Jewish State, for Israel it is a decisive victory that ensures the safety and security of the Jewish State," continued Marcus, "Z STREET applauds Daniel Pipes for his clarity and his courage in laying out the true path to peace."

"I am grateful to be chosen as the first recipient of the Z STREET peace plan prize," said Pipes, "I also look forward to it helping awake Americans to their government's pursuing a futile path toward resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict. It's not Israeli 'risks for peace' or 'painful concessions' that will end the dispute but a Palestinian realization

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that the goal of eliminating the Jewish State cannot succeed."

Z STREET awarded Pipes its \$1000 Peace Plan Prize which will be awarded annually for realistic peace plans that are most likely to achieve a permanent Middle East peace.

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ACTION ALERT!

SIOA Rally Calls for Halt to Plans for Ground Zero Mosque

NEW YORK, May 11 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ — The human rights group Stop Islamization of America (SIOA) is hosting a rally at Ground Zero to protest the construction of a mosque at the site of the Islamic terror attack that brought down the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001. SIOA is one of America's foremost organizations defending human rights, religious liberty, and the freedom of speech against Islamic supremacist intimidation and attempts to bring elements of Sharia to the United States.

Victims of 9/11 those who lost family or friends, or who were injured on that day are especially invited to attend the rally.

The SIOA No 9/11 Mosque Rally will be at Ground Zero on June 6 at 12 noon.

Supporting groups (partial list): ACT for America (ACT Manhattan chapter); Z Street; Freedom Defense Initiative; No Mosque at Ground Zero; Faith Freedom International; Stuart Kaufman; American Bulldogs; VAST; and the Center for Security Policy.

Join SIOA's Facebook page here http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=110841015612178>

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May 10, 2010

NEVER AGAIN RALLY - April 25, 2010 New York City

The turn out was FANTASTIC - thousands came in the cold and rain. I was so proud to be a part of this event. Z STREET is definitely the correct side of the street when it comes to standing up and shouting out the truth about Israel and our right to a Jewish homeland, and our right to battle our enemies, the jihadis and all haters of Israel, and our right to meet pressure and adversity, with STRENGTH and pride.

The Z STREET message was that everyone who showed up, to speak, to hear, to participate, and all those who eagerly and with great pride followed what was happening in NYC on Sunday April 25th - WE ARE THE CONFERENCE OF

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LEADERS. Forget about the Conference of Presidents of Conferences...WE ARE IT!

And that's great because we know what is true and we know what needs to be done
and we are doing it. And Will do it. And we will succeed.

Unlike the Dhimmis on the left who think if they say "Peace Now" peace will roll on in, we are taking matters into our own hands. Instead of "Shalom Achshav," we believe in "CHAZAK ACHSHAV" - strength now! That's how we will survive, that's how we will succeed and that is how we will be sustained.

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For a detailed statement from the original organizers, click here

PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING

ATTACK ON ISRAEL'S APPROVAL OF

BUILDING HOUSES FOR JEWS IN JERUSALEM

["ANONYMOUS" or ONLY FIRST NAMES CANNOT BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF

SIGNATORIES, BUT THE COMMENTS WILL BE POSTED]]

THE TIME IS NOW

It is time to speak out, for all who believe that Jews have the same political freedom, national, civil and religious liberties as every other people to live anywhere in the world, including the right to live anywhere in Jerusalem, Judaism's eternal capital. To suggest, demand, or even submit to anything less is to support overt religious persecution.

The outrage hurled against the Jewish State by the current US administration for (1) daring to approve the building of homes for Jews in a Jewish neighborhood, two miles from the holiest site in Judaism, the Temple Mount, and for (2) daring to do so when US Vice President Joe Biden was in Israel, is grossly misplaced and is itself an affront. The public expression of this outrage is yet another means to pressure Israel's

government unfairly.

Outrage should, more appropriately, be directed at those expressing the outrage. We are especially appalled at those who claim to be supporters of Israel and yet demand that this policy of religious bigotry be enforced with threats of official shunning both diplomatically and in terms of military support.

Let's be clear: The only apologies should come from those attempting to bar Jews from building homes and living in any neighborhoods in Jerusalem, and from those who think that if Jews do build in Jerusalem they should do it quietly, and hope that no one notices. We reject any such discrimination and duplicity. We say to all those who claim to support the Jewish State, including Israeli officials, not to be afraid, to say out loud: Yes! Jews can, do, and will build and live in Jerusalem, now and forever. We call on all those who reject this position to explain why an official policy of religious discrimination is acceptable when it is enforced against Jews.

It is most shocking that a US administration claiming to support a strong Israel, would allow its policies to fan the flames of Arab hatred, incitement and violence against its only free and democratic Middle Eastern ally.

IF YOU AGREE WITH THE ABOVE AND ALSO WANT TO PUBLICLY ASSERT YOUR BELIEF IN THE RIGHT OF JEWS TO LIVE ANYWHERE, ESPECIALLY IN ANY NEIGHBORHOOD IN JERUSALEM, PLEASE LEAVE A COMMENT BELOW OR EMAIL LORILOWENTHALMARCUS@ZSTREET.ORG AND YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THIS STATEMENT.

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Z STREET Charter

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- 1. Z STREET proudly asserts the right of the Jewish people to a state.
- II. Z STREET proudly reclaims the words "Zionist" and "Jewish State" as ones to wear with pride, and completely rejects their recent branding as shameful or impolite terms.
- III. Z STREET maintains that Jews have the right to live anywhere in the world, including, and especially, within all parts of Israel.
- IV. Z STREET is dedicated to maintaining and strengthening the Jewish State of Israel and firmly believes that there can be no compromises or agreements with, and no concessions to, any Terrorist Entity or any individual Terrorists.
- V. Z STREET is dedicated to rejecting and refuting the condemnation of any actions taken by Israel or Israelis that are not similarly condemned when taken by any other individuals or political entities.
- VI. Z STREET is dedicated to constantly and consistently declaring and affirming the facts which fully support the legal, moral and historical right of the Jewish State to exist in peace and security without physical or verbal assault against its sovereignty or legitimacy as well as revealing the fallacious narratives which undermine those rights. necessarily entails adamantly opposing the dismantling of and/or handing over territory to any other entity or entities.
- VII. Z STREET insists that terrorist or other threats against Israel be unequivocally condemned and that those members of the world community failing to do so be identified as supporters of a second genocide against the Jewish people.
- VIII. Z STREET declares that Israel's respect for women's. religious and other minorities' rights, provides a welcome example of civilized behavior - particularly in the Middle East - to be acknowledged and respected by all people of

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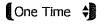
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- X. Z STREET recognizes the value of other Zionist organizations whose activities include lobbying, producing publications, sponsoring scholars, honoring generous donors and/or other important programs. Z STREET is not intended to supersede those other Zionist organizations. Z STREET is intended to serve as an alternative to many mainstream and other Jewish organizations that, to meet donors' requirements or for ideological reasons, cannot affirm the principles set out in the Z STREET Charter.
- XI. Z STREET has no need to, and will not negotiate with, nor seek to gain the approval from, any governments, Israeli or Diaspora organizations, or individuals supporting the diminution or weakening of Israel either because of ideological conviction, animosity towards a strong, Jewish State, cowardice, or the misguided belief that compromise with Terrorist Entities can lead to peace in the Middle East or global peace.
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Zionist: a person who affirms that Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people and is and must remain a Jewish State. A Zionist believes that the government of Israel must not make concessions to, or engage in negotiations with, terrorists, terrorist entities or terror-sponsoring states which either implicitly or explicitly, seek to destroy the Jewish State of Israel.

Jewish State of Israel: the Jewish homeland recognized in 1948 by a majority of the organized nations of the world, and which was subsequently enlarged as the result of defensive wars waged against it.

Terrorist Entity: A group which may include a country, that supports, either actively or passively, the use of violence in order to destroy the Jewish State of Israel.

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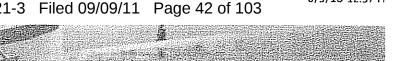
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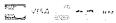
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Response to Question 2

#2 – PUBLIC AWARENESS

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Clinton's speech - and its reception - at the AIPAC conference

Posted in Faux "Pro-Israel" groups on March 21, 2010 by Lori Lowenthal Marcus

This is the transcript and the video link of the Secretary of State's speech at the AIPAC conference on March 22nd.

TRANSCRIPT

[the video, by the way, begins a few seconds later than does the one on from the State Department http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2010/03/138722.htm, which zooms in from at least a dozen rows and shows people standing and applauding before she begins speaking.]

Thank you. Thank you for that ["warm" - that's in the video, but doesn't show up in the transcript] welcome. And it is wonderful to be back at AIPAC with so many good friends. I saw a number of them backstage before coming out, and I can assure you that I received a lot of advice. (Laughter.) I know I always do when I see my friends from AIPAC. And I want to thank Lee Rosenberg for that introduction. And congratulations, Rosy; you're going to be a terrific president. (Applause.)

I also want to thank David Victor and Howard Kohr and Lonny Kaplan and J.B. Pritzker and Howard Friedman and Ester Kurz and Richard Fishman -- and I'd better stop - but all of AIPAC's directors and staff for your leadership and hard work. And I'm very pleased that you will be hearing from a good friend of mine, Congressman Jim Langevin, a great champion for Israel. And let's hear it for Jim. (Applause.)

And to all of you, all of AIPAC's members, thank you once again for your example of citizen activism. Petitioning your government, expressing your views, speaking up in the arena - this is what democracy is all about. (Applause.) And I am particularly pleased to see that there are, once again, so many young people here. (Applause.) You recognize that your future and the future of our country are bound up with the future of Israel. (Applause.) And your engagement today will help to make that future more secure.

Given the shared challenges we face, the relationship between the United States and Israel has never been more important. (Applause.) The United States has long recognized that a strong and secure Israel is vital to our own strategic interests. (Applause.) And we know that the forces that threaten Israel also threaten the United States of America. (Applause.) And therefore, we firmly believe that when we strengthen Israel's security, we strengthen America's security. (Applause.)

So from its first day, the Obama Administration has worked to promote Israel's security and long-term success. And if you ever doubt the resolve of President Obama to stay with a job, look at what we got done for the United States last night when it came to passing quality affordable healthcare for everyone. (Applause.) And we know that, as Vice President Biden said in Israel recently, to make progress in this region, there must be no gap between the United States and Israel on security. (Applause.) And let me assure you, as I have assured you on previous occasions with large groups like this and small intimate settings, for President Obama and for me, and for this entire Administration, our commitment to Israel's security and Israel's future is rock solid, unwavering, enduring, and forever. (Applause.)

And why is that? Why is that? Is it because AIPAC can put 7,500 people into a room in the Convention Center? I don't think so. Is it because some of the most active Americans in politics and who care about our government also care about Israel? That's not the explanation. Our countries and our peoples are bound together by our shared values of freedom, equality, democracy, the right to live free from fear, and our common aspirations for a future of peace, security and prosperity, where we can see our children and our children's children, should we be so lucky - and as a

future mother of the bride, I'm certainly hoping for that - (applause) - to see those children, those generations come of age in peace, with the opportunity to fulfill their own God-given potentials.

Americans honor Israel as a homeland for a people too long oppressed and a democracy that has had to defend itself at every turn, a dream nurtured for generations and made real by men and women who refused to bow to the toughest of odds. In Israel's story, we see our own. We see, in fact, the story of all people who struggle for freedom and the right to chart their own destinies.

That's why it took President Harry Truman only 11 minutes to recognize the new nation of Israel - (applause) - and ever since, our two countries have stood in solidarity. So guaranteeing Israel's security is more than a policy position for me; it is a personal commitment that will never waver. (Applause.)

Since my first visit to Israel nearly 30 years ago, I have returned many times and made many friends. I've had the privilege of working with some of Israel's great leaders and have benefited from their wise counsel. I may have even caused some of them consternation - I don't think Yitzhak Rabin ever forgave me for banishing him to the White House balcony when he wanted to smoke. (Laughter.) And over the years, I have shared your pride in seeing the desert bloom, the economy thrive, and the country flourish. But I have also seen the struggles and the sorrows. I have met with the victims of terrorism, in their hospital rooms I've held their hands, I've listened to the doctors describe how much shrapnel was left in a leg, an arm, or a head. I sat there and listened to the heart-rending words that Prime Minister Rabin's granddaughter Noa spoke at her grandfather's funeral. I went to a bombed-out pizzeria in Jerusalem. I've seen the looks on the faces of Israeli families who knew a rocket could fall at any moment.

On one of my visits, in 2002, I met a young man named Yochai Porat. He was only 26, but he was already a senior medic with MDA and he oversaw a program to train foreign volunteers as first responders in Israel. I attended the program's graduation ceremonies and I saw the pride in his face as yet another group of young people set off to do good and save lives. Yochai was also a reservist with the IDF. And a week after we met, he was killed by a sniper near a roadblock, along with other soldiers and civilians. MDA renamed the overseas volunteer program in his memory and it has continued to flourish. When I was there in 2005, I met with his family. His parents were committed to continuing to support MDA and its mission - and so was I. That's why I spent years urging the International Red Cross, introducing legislation, rounding up votes to send a message to Geneva to admit MDA as a full voting member. And finally, with your help - (applause) in 2006, we succeeded in righting that wrong. (Applause.)

As a senator from New York, I was proud to be a strong voice for Israel in the Congress and around the world. And I am proud that I can continue to be that strong voice as Secretary of State.

Last fall, I stood next to Prime Minister Netanyahu in Jerusalem and praised his government's decision to place a moratorium on new residential construction in the West Bank. And then I praised it again in Cairo and in Marrakesh and in many places far from Jerusalem to make clear that this was a first step, but it was an important first step. And yes, I underscored the longstanding American policy that does not accept the legitimacy of continued settlements. As Israel's friend, it is our responsibility to give credit when it is due and to tell the truth when it is needed.

In 2008, I told this conference that Barack Obama would be a good friend to Israel as president, that he would have a special appreciation of Israel because of his own personal history - a grandfather who fought the Nazis in Patton's Army, a great-uncle who helped liberate Buchenwald. President Obama and his family have lived the Diaspora experience. And as he told you himself, he understands that there is always a homeland at the center of our story. As a senator, he visited Israel and met families whose houses were destroyed by rockets. And as President, he has supported Israel in word and in deed.

Under President Obama's leadership, we have reinvigorated defense consultations, redoubled our efforts to ensure Israel's qualitative military edge, and provided nearly \$3 billion in annual military assistance. (Applause.) In fact, as Rosy told you - or maybe it was Howard - that assistance increased in 2010 and we have requested another increase for 2011. (Applause.) And something else I want you to know, more than 1,000 United States troops participated in the Juniper Cobra ballistic missile defense exercises last fall, the largest such drill ever held. (Applause.) President Obama has made achieving peace and recognized secure borders for Israel a top Administration priority.

The United States has also led the fight in international institutions against anti-Semitisms and efforts to challenge Israel's legitimacy. We did lead the boycott of the Durban Conference and we repeatedly voted against the deeply flawed Goldstone Report. (Applause.) This Administration will always stand up for Israel's right to defend itself. (Applause.)

And for Israel, there is no greater strategic threat than the prospect of a nuclear-armed Iran. (Applause.) Elements in Iran's government have become a menace, both to their own people and in the region. Iran's president foments anti-Semitism, denies the Holocaust, threatens to destroy Israel, even denies that 9/11 was an attack. The Iranian leadership funds and arms terrorists who have murdered Americans, Israelis, and other innocent people alike. And it has waged a campaign of intimidation and persecution against the Iranian people.

Last June, Iranians marching silently were beaten with batons. Political prisoners were rounded up and abused. Absurd and false allegations and accusations were leveled against the United States, Israel, and the West. People everywhere were horrified by the video of a young woman shot dead in the street. The Iranian leadership denies its people rights that are universal to all human beings, including the right to speak freely, to assemble without fear, the right to the equal administration of justice, to express your views without facing retribution.

In addition to threatening Israel, a nuclear-armed Iran would embolden its terrorist clientele and would spark an arms race that could destabilize the region. This is unacceptable. It is unacceptable to the United States. It is unacceptable to Israel. It is unacceptable to the region and the international community. So let me be very clear: The United States is determined to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. (Applause.)

Now, for most of the past decade, the United States, as you know, declined to engage with Iran. And Iran grew more, not less, dangerous. It built thousands of centrifuges and spurned the international community. But it faced few consequences. President Obama has been trying a different course, designed to present Iran's leaders with a clear choice. We've made extensive efforts to reengage with Iran, both through direct communication and working with other partners multilaterally, to send an unmistakable message: Uphold your international obligations. And if you do, you will reap the benefits of normal relations. If you do not, you will face increased isolation and painful consequences.

We took this course with the understanding that the very effort of seeking engagement would strengthen our hand if Iran rejected our initiative. And over the last year, Iran's leaders have been stripped of their usual excuses. The world has seen that it is Iran, not the United States, responsible for the impasse. With its secret nuclear facilities, increasing violations of its obligations under the nonproliferation regime, and an unjustified expansion of its enrichment activities, more and more nations are finally expressing deep concerns about Iran's intentions. And there is a growing international consensus on taking steps to pressure Iran's leaders to change course. Europe is in agreement. Russia, where I just returned from, has moved definitely in this direction. And although there is still work to be done, China has said it supports the dual-track approach of applying pressure if engagement does not produce results. This stronger consensus has also led to increased cooperation on stopping arms shipments and financial transactions that aid terrorists, threaten Israel, and destabilize the region.

We are now working with our partners in the United Nations on new Security Council sanctions that will show Iran's leaders that there are real consequences for their intransigence, that their choice is to live up to their international obligations. Our aim is not incremental sanctions, but sanctions that will bite. It is taking time to produce these sanctions, and we believe that time is a worthwhile investment for winning the broadest possible support for our efforts. But we will not compromise our commitment to preventing Iran from acquiring these nuclear weapons. (Applause.)

But Iran is not the only threat on the horizon. Israel today is confronting some of the toughest challenges in her history. The conflict with the Palestinians and with Israel's Arab neighbors is an obstacle to prosperity and opportunity for Israelis, Palestinians, and people across the region. But it also threatens Israel's long-term future as a secure and democratic Jewish state.

The status quo is unsustainable for all sides. It promises only more violence and unrealized aspirations. Staying on this course means continuing a conflict that carries tragic human costs. Israeli and Palestinian children alike deserve to grow up free from fear and to have that same opportunity to live up to their full God-given potential. (Applause.)

There is another path, a path that leads toward security and prosperity for Israel, the Palestinians, and all the people of the region. But it will require all parties, including Israel, to make difficult but necessary choices. Both sides must confront the reality that the status quo of the last decade has not produced long-term security or served their interests. Nor has it served the interests of the United States. It is true that heightened security measures have reduced the number of suicide bombings and given some protection and safety to those who worry every day when their child goes to school, their husband goes to work, their mother goes to market. And there is, I think, a belief among many that the status quo can be sustained. But the dynamics of demography, ideology, and technology make this impossible.

First, we cannot ignore the long-term population trends that result from the Israeli occupation. As Defense Minister Barak and others have observed, the inexorable mathematics of democracy - of demography are hastening the hour at which Israelis may have to choose between preserving their democracy and staying true to the dream of a Jewish homeland. Given this reality, a two-state solution is the only viable path for Israel to remain both a democracy and a Jewish state. (Applause.)

Second, we cannot be blind to the political implications of continued conflict. There is today truly a struggle, maybe for the first time, between those in the region who accept peace and coexistence with Israel and those who reject it and seek only continued violence. The status quo strengthens the rejectionists who claim peace is impossible, and it weakens those who would accept coexistence. That does not serve Israel's interests or our own. Those willing to negotiate need to be able to show results for their efforts. And those who preach violence must be proven wrong. All of our regional challenges - confronting the threat posed by Iran, combating violent extremism, promoting democracy and economic opportunity - become harder if the rejectionists grow in power and influence.

Conversely, a two-state solution would allow Israel's contributions to the world and to our greater humanity to get the recognition they deserve. It would also allow the Palestinians to have to govern to realize their own legitimate aspirations. And it would undermine the appeal of extremism across the region.

I was very privileged as First Lady to travel the world on behalf of our country. I went from Latin America to Southeast Asia. And during the 1990s, it was rare that people in places far from the Middle East ever mentioned the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Now, when I started traveling as Secretary of State and I went to places that were so far from the Middle East, it was the first, second, or third issue that countries raised. We cannot escape the impact of mass communications. We cannot control the images and the messages that are conveyed. We can only change the facts on the ground that refute the claims of the rejectionists and extremists, and in so doing create the circumstances for a safe, secure future for Israel. (Applause.)

And then finally, we must recognize that the ever-evolving technology of war is making it harder to guarantee Israel's security. For six decades, Israelis have guarded their borders vigilantly. But advances in rocket technology mean that Israeli families are now at risk far from those borders. Despite efforts at containment, rockets with better guidance systems, longer range, and more destructive power are spreading across the region. Hezbollah has amassed tens of thousands of rockets on Israel's northern border. Hamas has a substantial number in Gaza. And even if some of these are still crude, they all pose a serious danger, as we saw again last week.

Our message to Hamas is clear: Renounce violence, recognize Israel, and abide by previous signed agreements. (Applause.) That is the only path to participation in negotiations. They do not earn a place at any table absent those changes. (Applause.) And I will repeat today what I have said many times before: Gilad Shalit must be released immediately and returned to his family. (Applause.)

Unfortunately, neither military action nor restricting access into and out of Gaza has significantly stemmed the flow of rockets to Hamas. They appear content to add to their stockpile and grow rich off the tunnel trade, while the people of Gaza fall deeper into poverty and despair; that is also not a sustainable position for either Israelis or Palestinians.

Behind these terrorist organizations and their rockets, we see the destabilizing influence of Iran. Now, reaching a two-state solution will not end all these threats - you and I know that - (applause) - but failure to do so gives the extremist foes a pretext to spread violence, instability, and hatred.

In the face of these unforgiving dynamics of demography, ideology, and technology, it becomes impossible to entrust our hopes for Israel's future in today's status quo. These challenges cannot be ignored or wished away. Only by choosing a new path can Israel make the progress it deserves to ensure that their children are able to see a future of peace, and only by having a partner willing to participate with them will the Palestinians be able to see the same future.

Now, there is for many of us a clear goal: two states for two peoples living side by side in peace and security, with peace between Israel and Syria, and Israel and Lebanon, and normal relations between Israel and all the Arab states. (Applause.) A comprehensive peace that is real, not a slogan, that is rooted in genuine recognition of Israel's right to exist in peace and security, and that offers the best way to ensure Israel's enduring survival and well-being. That is the goal that the Obama Administration is determined to help Israel and the Palestinians achieve.

George Mitchell has worked tirelessly with the parties to prepare the ground for the resumption of direct negotiations, beginning with the proximity talks both sides have accepted. These proximity talks are a hopeful first step, and they should be serious and substantive. But ultimately, of course, it will take direct negotiations between the parties to work through all the issues and end the conflict.

The United States stands ready to play an active and sustained role in these talks, and to support the parties as they work to resolve permanent status issues including security, borders, refugees, and Jerusalem. The United States knows we cannot force a solution. We cannot ordain or command the outcome. The parties themselves must resolve their differences.

But, we believe - (applause) - we believe that through good-faith negotiations, the parties can mutually agree to an outcome which ends the conflict and reconciles the Palestinian goal of an independent and viable state based on the '67 lines, with agreed swaps, and Israel's goal of a Jewish state with secure and recognized borders that reflect subsequent developments and meet Israel's security requirements. (Applause.)

And the United States recognizes that Jerusalem - Jerusalem is a deeply, profoundly important issue for Israelis and Palestinians, for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. We believe that through good-faith negotiations the parties can mutually agree on an outcome that realizes the aspirations of both parties for Jerusalem and safeguards its status for people around the world.

But for negotiations to be successful, they must be built on a foundation of mutual trust and confidence. That is why both Israelis and Palestinians must refrain from unilateral statements and actions that undermine the process or prejudice the outcome of talks.

When a Hamas-controlled municipality glorifies violence and renames a square after a terrorist who murdered innocent Israelis, it insults the families on both sides who have lost loves ones over the years in this conflict. (Applause.) And when instigators deliberately mischaracterize the rededication of a synagogue in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem's old city and call upon their brethren to "defend" nearby Muslim holy sites from so-called "attacks," it is purely and simply an act of incitement. (Applause.) These provocations are wrong and must be condemned for needlessly inflaming tensions and imperiling prospects for a comprehensive peace.

It is our devotion to this outcome - two states for two peoples, secure and at peace - that led us to condemn the announcement of plans for new construction in East Jerusalem. This was not about wounded pride. Nor is it a judgment on the final status of Jerusalem, which is an issue to be settled at the negotiating table. This is about getting to the table, creating and protecting an atmosphere of trust around it - and staying there until the job is finally done. (Applause.)

New construction in East Jerusalem or the West Bank undermines that mutual trust and endangers the proximity talks that are the first step toward the full negotiations that both sides say want and need. And it exposes daylight between Israel and the United States that others in the region hope to exploit. It undermines America's unique ability to play a role - an essential role - in the peace process. Our credibility in this process depends in part on our willingness to praise both sides when they are courageous, and when we don't agree, to say so, and say so unequivocally.

We objected to this announcement because we are committed to Israel and its security, which we believe depends on a comprehensive peace, because we are determined to keep moving forward along a path that ensures Israel's future as a secure and democratic Jewish state living in peace with its Palestinian and Arab neighbors, and because we do not want to see the progress that has been made in any way endangered.

When Prime Minister Netanyahu and I spoke, I suggested a number of concrete steps Israel could take to improve the atmosphere and rebuild confidence. The prime minister responded with specific actions Israel is prepared to take toward this end, and we discussed a range of other mutual confidence-building measures. Senator Mitchell continued this discussion in Israel over the weekend and is meeting with President Abbas today. We are making progress. We're working hard. We are making it possible for these proximity talks to move ahead. I will be meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu later today and President Obama will meet with him tomorrow. (Applause.) We will follow up on these discussions and seek a common understanding about the most productive way forward.

Neither our commitment nor our goal has changed. The United States will encourage the parties to advance the prospects for peace. We commend the government of President Abbas and Prime Minister Fayyad for the reforms they've undertaken to strengthen law and order, and the progress that they've made in improving the quality of life in the West Bank. But we encourage them to redouble their efforts to put an end to incitement and violence, continue to ensure security and the rule of law, and ingrain a culture of peace and tolerance among Palestinians. (Applause.)

We applaud Israel's neighbors for their support of the Arab Peace Initiative and the proximity talks. But their rhetoric must now be backed up by action. (Applause.) They should make it easier to pursue negotiations and an agreement. That is their responsibility.

And we commend Prime Minister Netanyahu for embracing the vision of the two-state solution, for acting to lift roadblocks and ease movement throughout the West Bank. And we continue to expect Israel to take those concrete steps that will help turn that vision into a reality - build momentum toward a comprehensive peace by demonstrating respect for the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinians, stopping settlement activity, and addressing the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Now, from the time of David Ben-Gurion, who accepted the UN proposal to divide the land into two nations, Israel and Palestine, leaders like Begin and Rabin and Sharon and others have made difficult but clear-eyed choices to pursue peace in the name of Israel's future. It was Rabin who said, "For Israel there is no path that is without pain. But the path of peace is preferable to the path of war." And last June at Bar-Ilan University, Prime Minister Netanyahu put his country on the path to peace. President Abbas has put the Palestinians on that path as well. The challenge will be to keep moving forward, to stay on what will be a difficult course.

Peace does brings with it a future of promise and possibility. Ultimately, that is the vision that drives us and that has driven leaders of Israel going back to the very beginning - a future freed from the shackles of conflict; families no longer afraid of rockets in the night; Israelis traveling and trading freely in the region; Palestinians able to chart their own futures; former adversaries working together on issues of common concern like water, infrastructure, and development that builds broadly shared prosperity and a global strategic partnership between Israel and the United States that taps the talent and innovation of both our societies, comes up with solutions to the problems of the 21st century.

From addressing climate change and energy to hunger, poverty and disease, Israel is already on the cutting edge. Look at the spread of high-tech start-ups, the influx of venture capital, the number of Nobel laureates. Israel is already a force to be reckoned with. Imagine what its leadership could be on the world stage if the conflict were behind it. We are already working as partners. There is so much more we could achieve together.

We are entering the season of Passover. The story of Moses resonates for people of all faiths, and it teaches us many lessons, including that we must take risks, even a leap of faith, to reach the promised land. When Moses urged the Jews to follow him out of Egypt, many objected. They said it was too dangerous, too hard, too risky. And later, in the desert, some thought it would be better to return to Egypt. It was too dangerous, too hard, too risky. In fact, I think they formed a back-to-Egypt committee and tried to stir up support for that. And when they came to the very

edge of the promised land, there were still some who refused to enter because it was too dangerous, too hard, and too risky.

But Israel's history is the story of brave men and women who took risks. They did the hard thing because they believed and knew it was right. We know that this dream was championed by Herzl and others that many said was impossible. And then the pioneers - can you imagine the conversation, telling your mother and father I'm going to go to the desert and make it bloom. And people thinking, how could that ever happen? But it did. Warriors who were so gallant in battle, but then offered their adversaries a hand of peace because they thought it would make their beloved Israel stronger. Israel and the generations that have come have understood that the strongest among us is often the one who turns an enemy into a friend. Israel has shed more than its share of bitter tears. But for that dream to survive, for the state to flourish, this generation of Israelis must also take up the tradition and do what seems too dangerous, too hard, and too risky. And of this they can be absolutely sure: the United States and the American people will stand with you. We will share the risks and we will shoulder the burdens, as we face the future together.

God bless you. God bless Israel and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.) http://www.aipac.org/PC2010/webPlayer/mon_clinton10.asp

#2 – PUBLIC AWARENESS

Supporters and Haters of Israel's right to Self-Defense

Posted in Faux "Pro-Israel" groups on March 15, 2010 by Lori Lowenthal Marcus

Here is my take on the opposing demonstrations outside the Waldorf Astoria in NYC where the annual Friends of the IDF held its major fundraising dinner.

More Haters than Supporters were present outside the IDF dinner at the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday night, March 9th, but.....

OUR BEST REVENGE against the HATERS:

MORE THAN \$20 million WAS RAISED AT THE IDF DINNER!!!!

Watch an <u>interview</u> with Col. Bentzion Gruber, pictured below, (that's Eli Hertz of Myths and Facts and Chairman of CAMERA in the background, over the Col.'s right shoulder)

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a ground commander during Operation Cast Lead. He joined us at the pro-IDF rally outside of the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday evening, March 9th. Below are some photos from that evening, with more to come.

We made a copy of the flyers dropped by the IDF warning the Gazans of the impending operations, an irrefutable demonstration of the IDF's humanitarianism at the great forfeiture of the most important military tactic: the element of surprise. We included on the flyers the translation (for those who don't read Arabic).

TRANSLATION:

To the residents of the Gaza Strip:

The IDF will act against any movements and elements conducting terrorist activities against the residents of the State of Israel.

The IDF will hit and destroy any building or site containing ammunition and weapons.

As of the publication of this announcement, anyone having ammunition and/or weapons in his home is risking his life and must leave the place for the safety of his own life and that of his family.

You have been warned.

IDF Command.

The document on the left, which we had on the back of the flyer, provided detailed information about the times and methods used by the IDF to ensure civilians were warned in sufficient time to escape harm. That information is reproduced below:

To make sure these warnings reach the residents, the IDF used different measures: dropping leaflets, making phone calls, and commandeering local radio and TV stations.

The main messages include:

Calls to evacuate buildings where weapons are stored and/or where tunnels have been dug (since December 27) Instructions to move to the center of towns (as of January 3)

Instructions to residents to listen to IDF advisories and avoid interaction with terrorist elements

These messages were conveyed by several means:

1. Dropping leaflets:

On December 28, 300,000 leaflets were dropped throughout the entire Gaza Strip

On December 29, 80,000 leaflets were dropped in Rafah

On January 3, 300,000 leaflets were dropped in the entire Gaza Strip, especially in the northern and eastern parts On January 5, 300,000 leaflets were dropped in Gaza City, Khan Yunis and Rafah.

Leaflet (December 28, 2008)(see above)

2. Phone calls

On December 27, around 20,000 phone calls were made throuthout the entire Gaza Strip On December 29, around 10,000 phone calls were made to the residents of Rafah Phone Message (December 27, 2008)

. The IDF will hit and destroy any site or building containing ammunition or weapons.

As of the publication of this announcement, the life of anyone in whose home ammunition and weapons are to be found is in danger, and he must leave the place for the sake of his own safety and that of his family.

IDF Command

3. Breaking into local radio transmissions

(Radio Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Radio and Radio PFLP)

a. Specific local announcements

Radio Announcement (December 29, 2008)

To the residents of Rafah:

A military announcement -

The IDF will act against any organizations and elements carrying out terrorist activities against the residents of the State of Israel.

The IDF will hit and destroy any building or site containing ammunition, weapons or tunnels.

As of the issuing of this announcement, anyone having ammunition and/or weapons or a tunnel in his home is risking his life and must leave the place for his own safety and that of his family.

You have been warned.

IDF Command

Radio Announcement (January 3, 2009)

Military announcement

To all residents of the area

For your own safety, you are required to leave your homes immediately and move to the city centers.

IDF Command

b. Daily news bulletins (since December 27)

News Bulletin - Breakin into regular radio transmissions (January 3, 2009)

And here are pictures of the Israel supporters who showed up:

Here is Lori Lowenthal Marcus and Atlas (Pamela Geller), thrilled with the pro-Israel energy generated!

LLM of Z STREET(I) and Helen Freedman of <u>AFSI</u> (r) See Freedman's <u>report</u> about the event in the Always Israel blog.

Yossi Baumel of the Hebron Fund (r) and Rabbi Algazi (l) were also speakers at the event.

Helen Freedman of Americans for a Safe Israel (AFSI), one of the co-organizers of the event.

Roberta Dzubow, pictured at left, came up from Philadelphia to support the IDF, as did Marcus of Z STREET on the right.

That's Stephen Rubin holding the Stop the HAMAS Terrorist Occupation of Gaza sign - Steve came in from Connecticut for the event.

To the left is Marvin Belsky of Human Rights Coalition Against Radical Islam (HRCARI) and co-coordinator of the event.

Steve Feldman, executive director of the Greater Philadelphia District of the ZOA is at the far left, and next to Steve is our youngest pro-Israel demonstrator at the event - a 14 year-old from Philadelphia.

Celeste Marcus and Lori Lowenthal Marcus of Z STREET and Pamela Geller - Atlas Shrugs.

Here's the background information:

They want to shame us? Let's demonstrate our PRIDE!

Big anti-Israel demonstration outside a Friends of the IDF dinner honoring IDF Chief of General Staff Gabi Ashkenazi at the Waldorf Astoria THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 9th.

Their particular focus this year is the "horrors" of Operation Cast Lead, of which Ashkenazi was the commanding officer.

CHAZAK ACHSHAV!!

JOIN A GREAT COUNTER-PROTEST EVENT
SHOWING SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND OUR IDF
FROM 5 - 7:00 PM,

A BLOCK FROM THE WALDORF ASTORIA
ON THE WEST SIDE OF PARK AVENUE, BETWEEN 50th and 51st Streets
TUESDAY, MARCH 9th

PLUS, Z STREET IS (1) BRINGING IDF COL. BENTZION GRUBER, ONE OF THE GROUND COMMANDERS OF OPERATION CAST LEAD. HE HAS THE FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE - LET THEM TRY TO REFUTE IT! AND (2) COPIES OF THE LEAFLETS AND TEXT MESSAGES SENT TO THE GAZANS BEFORE AND DURING CAST LEAD - COMPARE THAT HUMANITY TO WHAT ISRAEL'S CRITICS DO!!

In the past, the Haters have turned out in large numbers while those in support of Israel have mostly stayed home. Come, we will have flags, banners, information, Col. Gruber, the leaflets and ENERGY.

Be a part of the groundswell in support of Israel - Z STREET, along with more than a dozen truly pro-Israel organizations and individuals will be there - add your voice, your body, and bring family and friends. Questions about logistics? Want to help? Let us know. Help make this a huge event.

#2 - PUBLIC AWARENESS

By their fruits ye shall know them

Posted in Faux "Pro-Israel" groups on February 18, 2010 by Lori Lowenthal Marcus

February 19, 2010 by Lori Lowenthal Marcus

Several news stories recently covered what was cast as a diplomatic faux pas by Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon. The implication was that Ayalon should apologize for not meeting with visiting members of congress for what, it was suggested, was an act of hostility towards their host, J Street, an organization whose pro-Israel bona fides he has questioned.

While traveling in Israel, Congressman William Delahunt (D-Mass.), on behalf of himself and four other congressional members, harshly criticized the Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister, Danny Ayalon, who declined to meet with them if they were accompanied by the trip organizers. Delahunt was angered by the Israeli official's app arent suggestion that the delegation "would even consider traveling to the region with groups" that "[Ayalon] inaccurately described as anti-Israel."

But it appears that the ones who should apologize are those hosts - the pro-Palestinian group J Street and the overtly anti-Israel Churches for Middle East Peace. They need to apologize to the Israeli government, to all Israelis and to the members of their congressional mission. They need to do that for inviting members of the US congress to sit down and chat with an Arab official who only days before publicly praised an Arab Palestinian terrorist for trying to murder an Israeli, and who congratulated the parents of the attempted murderer on their son becoming a martyr.

They should also be embarrassed by their hysterical response - no doubt instigated and manipulated by J Street - to the fact that they "had" to meet with Deputy Prime Minister Dan Meridor instead of Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon. The Prime Minister outranks the Foreign Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister outranks the Deputy Foreign Minister. Does it really make sense to complain about meeting with a higher ranking official?

Many people realize that J Street is not, as it claims to be, pro-Israel. But the other group which cosponsored the trip and with which J Street has a well-established and at times inter-connecting relationship, Churches for Middle East Peace, does not describe itself as pro-Israel — and with good reason.

Yet CMEP does tout itself, as J Street does also, as "pro-peace." So guess what CMEP considers evidence of being "pro-peace"? In the 2009 CMEP conference document, all 10 points of their "2009 PRO-PEACE HILL HIGHLIGHTS" have to do with support and aid to the Arab Palestinians. The only mention of a "pro-peace" US government action having to do with Israelis is the "well-coordinated attack" by congressional leaders on Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and his policies.

Stop the settlements, stop Jews from building in parts of Jerusalem, eliminate all checkpoints, open the borders to Gaza, stop destroying the Gazan tunnels systems, say J Street and CMEP, and then the Israelis and all the Middle East terrorists will skip down the yellow brick road to peace.

But there is still another reason J Street should apologize to Israelis, to true lovers of Israel, and to their guest congressional delegation members. The trip itinerary, apparently arranged by J Street, included a visit on Tueday, February 16, with Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad.

Two days earlier it was revealed that Fayyad visited the parents of Faiz Faraj. Faraj was killed after charging a group of Israelis in Hebron and stabbing one of them.

During his "condolence" visit Fayyad "denounced in extremely harsh terms the actions of the 'occupation forces," which he claimed were part of the "ongoing campaign to suppress the non-violent protests of residents," according to the official Palestinian newspaper (translation by Palestinian Media Watch).

It is time to recognize that J Street travels in a parallel universe in which they see nothing wrong in having a diplomacy meeting with an Arab official who just described stabbing an Israeli to be an act of non-violence, and to honoring that "non-violent" stabbers' parents f or their wonderful son. In that universe, apparently, it makes sense for J Street to call itself pro-Israel. And in that universe, J Street's buddy organization which shares the same alternate universe vocabulary - Churches for Middle East Peace - calls itself that with a straight face.

Lori Lowenthal Marcus is the co-founder and president of the Zionist organization Z STREET.

#2 - PUBLIC AWARENESS

Today the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly for H.R. 867 condemning the UN Goldstone Report. Here is the essence of that Resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) considers the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict" to be

irredeemably biased and unworthy of further consideration or legitimacy;

- (2) supports the Administration's efforts to combat anti-Israel bias at the United Nations, its characterization of the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict" as "unbalanced, one-sided and basically unacceptable", and its opposition to the resolution on the report;
- (3) calls on the President and the Secretary of

State to continue to strongly and unequivocally oppose any endorsement of the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict" in multilateral fora, including through leading opposition to any United Nations General Assembly resolution and through vetoing, if necessary, any United Nations Security Council resolution that endorses the contents of this report, seeks to act upon the recommendations contained in this report, or calls on any other international body to take further action regarding this report;

- (4) calls on the President and the Secretary of State to strongly and unequivocally oppose any further consideration of the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict" and any other measures stemming from this report in multilateral fora; and
- (5) reaffirms its support for the democratic, Jewish State of Israel, for Israel's security and right to self-defense, and, specifically, for Israel's right to defend its citizens from violent militant groups and their state sponsors.

And here are the ones who did not vote for it, either voting against it, voting present, or not voting:

— NAYS 36—

Baird

Baldwin

Blumenauer

Boustany

Capps

Carson (IN)

Clarke

Clay

Davis (KY)

Dingell

Doggett

Edwards (MD)

Ellison

Filner

Grijalva

Hinchey

Johnson, E. B.

Kilpatrick (MI)

Kucinich

Lee (CA)

Lynch

McCollum

McDermott

McGovern

Miller, George

Moran (VA)

Olver

Pastor (AZ)

Paul

Price (NC)

Rahall

Snyder

Stark

Waters

Watt

Woolsey

— ANSWERED "PRESENT" 22—

Becerra

Cooper

Dahlkemper

DeFazio

Delahunt

Duncan

Eshoo

Farr

Heinrich

Hirono

Honda

Johnson (GA)

Jones

Kaptur

Loebsack

Lofgren, Zoe

Luján

Obey

Speier

Tierney

Welch

Wu

— NOT VOTING 30 —

Abercrombie

Ackerman

Bachmann

Barrett (SC)

Boucher

Brady (PA)

Capuano

Conyers

Davis (AL)

Davis (TN)

Deal (GA)

Gordon (TN)

Gutierrez

Hall (NY)

Holt

Meeks (NY)

Murphy, Patrick

Nunes

Pallone

Pascrell

Payne

Pingree (ME)

Price (GA)

Sánchez, Linda T.

Sires

Souder

Stupak

Towns

Velázquez

Wamp

SEE THE COMPLETE BOOK REVIEW BELOW. There needs to be a critical mass of letters for the NYT to run any. Let's get in as many as possible. Please pass this on.

Here is the letter I sent to books@nytimes.com

Patrick Cockburn (co-editor of the vilely anti-Israel *Counterpunch*, not noted in his review bio) wrote a fawning review of Joe Sacco's "Footnotes in Gaza." (Dec. 24, 2009) This reviewer makes clear that although he may have read the book, he either did not read anything about its author or simply chose to ignore whatever facts did not fit his own aggressively anti-Israel agenda.

In the Haaretz newspaper interview published just two days before Cockburn's claim that the author combined his art "with investigative reporting of the highest quality," the Joe Sacco says quite frankly that he "doesn't believe in journalistic objectivity" and that he is purposefully trying to balance what he sees as the "United States pro-Israel bias." Finally, Sacco said he places himself into his books because he wants his readers to see and feel what he does. Not exactly the stuff of "investigative reporting" of any quality.

I'll leave it to the historians to take apart the factual inaccuracies in the book itself. That the New York Times chose a verifiably anti-Israel propagandist to review a book pillorying Israel is shameful enough.

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'They Planted Hatred in Our Hearts"

By PATRICK COCKBURN

Published: December 24, 2009

Joe Sacco's gripping, important book about two long-forgotten mass killings of Palestinians in Gaza stands out as one of the few contemporary works on the Israeli-Palestinian struggle likely to outlive the era in which they were written.

FOOTNOTES IN GAZA

Written and illustrated by Joe Sacco 418 pp. Metropolitan Books/Henry Holt & Company. \$29.95 Related

Sacco will find readers for "Footnotes in Gaza" far into the future because of the unique format and style of his comic-book narrative. He stands alone as a reporter-cartoonist because his ability to tell a story through his art is combined with investigative reporting of the highest quality.

His subject in this case is two massacres that happened more than half a century ago, stirred up little international attention and were forgotten outside the immediate circle of the victims. The killings took place during the Suez crisis of 1956, when the Israeli Army swept into the Gaza Strip, the great majority of whose inhabitants were Palestinian refugees. According to figures from the United Nations, 275 Palestinians were killed in the town of Khan Younis at the southern end of the strip on Nov. 3, and 111 died in Rafah, a few miles away on the Egyptian border, during a Nov. 12 operation by Israeli troops. Israel insisted that the Palestinians were killed when Israeli forces were still facing armed resistance. The Palestinians said all resistance had ceased by then.

Sacco makes the excellent point that such episodes are among the true building blocks of history. In this case, accounts of what happened were slow to seep out and were overshadowed by fresh developments in the Suez crisis. Sacco, whose reputation as a reporter-cartoonist was established with "Palestine" and "Safe Area Gorazde," has rescued them from obscurity because they are "like innumerable historical tragedies over the ages that barely rate

footnote status in the broad sweep of history — even though . . . they often contain the seeds of the grief and anger that shape present-day events."

Governments and the news media alike forget that atrocities live on in the memory of those most immediately affected. Sacco records Abed El-Aziz El-Rantisi — a leader of Hamas (later killed by an Israeli missile), who in 1956 was 9 and living in Khan Younis — describing how his uncle was killed: "It left a wound in my heart that can never heal," he says. "I'm telling you a story and I am almost crying. . . . They planted hatred in our hearts."

The vividness and pace of Sacco's drawings, combined with a highly informed and intelligent verbal narrative, work extremely well in telling the story. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine how any other form of journalism could make these events so interesting. Many newspaper or television reporters understand that the roots of today's crises lie in obscure, unpublicized events. But they also recognize that their news editors are most interested in what is new and are likely to dismiss diversions into history as journalistic self-indulgence liable to bore and confuse the audience.

In fact, "Footnotes in Gaza" springs from this editorial bias against history. In the spring of 2001, Sacco and Chris-Hedges (formerly a foreign correspondent of The New York Times) were reporting for Harper's Magazine about Palestinians in Khan Younis during the early months of the second Palestinian intifada. They believed the 1956 killings helped explain the violence almost 50 years later. Perhaps predictably, however, the paragraphs about the old massacre were cut.

American editors weren't the only people who found their delving into history beside the point. When Sacco returned to Gaza to search for witnesses and survivors in 2002 and 2003, with Israeli forces still occupying the area, young Palestinians could not understand his interest in past events when there was so much contemporary violence.

Sacco's pursuit of Palestinian and Israeli eyewitnesses as well as Israeli and United Nations documentation is relentless and impressive. He details the lives of those who help him, notably his fixer Abed, and brings to life two eras of the Gaza Strip, its towns packed with refugees in the early 1950s as they are today.

It was an atmosphere filled with hate. Few Israeli leaders showed any empathy for the Palestinian tragedy. But early in 1956, the Israeli chief of staff Moshe Dayan made a famous speech at the funeral of an Israeli commander killed on the border with Gaza. What, Dayan wondered, explained the Palestinians' "terrible hatred of us"? Then he answered his own question: "For eight years now they have sat in the refugee camps of Gaza, and have watched how, before their very eyes, we have turned their lands and villages, where they and their forefathers previously dwelled, into our home." He added that Israelis needed to be "ready and armed, tough and harsh."

What this meant in practice became clear as Israeli troops took over Gaza six months later. The killings in Khan Younis were relatively straightforward, according to eyewitnesses and a few survivors. The men of the town were told to line up in the main square and were then systematically shot so their bodies lay in a long row. Some who stayed in their homes were killed there.

The episode in Rafah was more complicated and took place over the course of a day, when people were summoned to a school so the Israelis could determine if they were guerrillas or soldiers. Here there were many more survivors than in Khan Younis; they describe how some were shot on their way to the school and others beaten to death with batons as they entered the school courtyard. The Israeli Army did order two officers to conduct an inquiry into the "Rafah incident," as a top-secret communiqué called it. (The same communiqué said 40 to 60 people were killed and 20 injured.) Sacco's researcher found no report in military archives.

Gaza has changed radically since Sacco did his research. In 2005, Israel unilaterally dismantled Jewish settlements and withdrew its military forces, although it remained in tight control of Gaza's borders. In 2007, Hamas seized control, and in 2008-9 the enclave came under devastating Israeli attack. In this bewildering torrent of events, Sacco's investigation into the 50-year-old killings is one of the surest guides to the hatred with which Palestinians and Israelis confront one another.

Patrick Cockburn is the author of "Muqtada: Muqtada Al-Sadr, the Shia Revival, and the Struggle for Iraq."

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J Street Meets Stop Sign at University of Pennsylvania

by Avi Yellin

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(Israelnationalnews.com) J Street, the Washington lobby with strong connections to the Obama administration, held an event at the University of Pennsylvania on Thursday evening, February 4th, amidst local and nation-wide controversy over the group's "pro-Israel" credentials. The organization, which advocates strong American pressure to force an Israeli surrender of Judea and Samaria as well as the forced expulsion of all Jewish residents from these lands, created a stir in the Jewish media and blogsphere for two weeks with the planned visit of director Jeremy Ben-Ami to the University's Hillel building.

Z Street, a local pro-Israel organization initially attempted to pressure the University to withdraw its invitation to J Street's Ben-Ami but when Hillel responded with claims that it was merely renting space to the powerful Washington lobby, Z Street settled for a room in the Hillel building to hold a simultaneous pro-Israel event. The group brought Mitchell Bard, who attracted most of the students concerned with events in the Middle East, and left J Street an audience comprised mainly of elderly Jews from the Philadelphia area.

Roz Rothstein of the California based pro-Israel StandWithUs organization, traveled to Pennsylvania to attend the J Street event and confronted Ben-Ami with her concerns about his activities. "For me, there were several unanswered questions," she told Israel National News following the event. "First, how does J Street justify pressuring the democratically elected government of another country to change its policies through lobbying elected officials in the United States? Second, how can people living in the safety of the United States make policy decisions for another country, possibly endangering its citizens? I tried to find out what Ben-Ami thought. I asked him the questions that were on my mind but did not get answers."

Brian Finkel, founding president of the University of Pennsylvania's Zionist Freedom Alliance chapter, organized student activists to stand by the entrance to J Street's event handing out flyers revealing information about the influential Washington lobby, including the massive donations it accepts from people with clear and public anti-Israel agendas. In an interview with Israel National News, Finkel said that for two weeks he and fellow Zionist students coordinated with other organizations – including Z Street, Americans For a Safe Israel and the Zionist Organization of America – to plan an appropriate response to J Street's visit to their campus.

"J Street asked Hillel staff for permission to use the main auditorium in the Penn Hillel building for a local launch and national webcast to its followers. Permission was granted, but without any consultation with Hillel students. This unilateral action by Hillel staff was met with tremendous anger and frustration from students, whose voices and opinions were entirely ignored in the process. ZFA decided to give those students a voice."

Finkel, who previously served as Hillel's Israel chair, described J Street as "an extremist Washington group that lobbies the United States government to impose policies on Israel." On Wednesday evening, Finkel brought Dan Pollak, Director of Government Relations for the ZOA in Washington, to speak about why J Street poses a danger to the State of Israel. The event drew students and Philadelphia community members alike, prompting a lively debate about J Street's true motives.

During the period that the Z Street sponsored Mitchell Bard event attracted students away from Ben-Ami's presentation, the ZFA distributed flyers explaining why the school's pro-Israel students were opposed to – and ashamed of – J Street's presence at their Hillel. The flyers included many anti-Israel statements made by J Street leaders and showcased how J Street seeks to undermine Israel's sovereignty and security by imposing its political agenda on an independent state. Several members of J Street unsuccessfully attempted to prevent the distribution of the ZFA flyers. After handing out all of their material and speaking to the local media, the Zionist students entered the event but were prevented from asking questions.

ZFA told Israel National News that their protest was not only directed at J Street but also at the Hillel staff who, in their view, pushes an extremist political agenda. In recent years the Penn Hillel has brought fringe groups to campus such as Rabbis for Human Rights and Breaking the Silence, each of whom receive generous funding from European governments hostile to the Jewish state.

"Its time for us to take back our Hillel and give students a voice again," Finkel said. "Hillel exists so that Jewish students can have a safe haven on campus. It is hard enough to advocate for Israel on campus without your own Hillel giving space to dangerous and manipulative anti-Israel groups like J Street. Israel is an independent state with its own government and leaders. The people of Israel can and do make their own choices. What right do American extremists like J Street have to impose their will on a foreign country?"

Michael Oren, Israel's ambassador the United States, refused J Street's invitation to speak at their annual conference several months ago, arguing that the organization's activities are harmful to the Jewish state.

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SENT TO Z ST MEMBERS

I am so excited to tell you about the Z STREET move (kind of like the E Street Shuffle, except it isn't).

After several months of ferblunging around with a blog, Z STREET HAS finally moved to its own website!

WWW.ZSTREET.ORG.

This new website, designed and maintained by Expert Data Systems (owned by an Israeli, naturally!), is far more user-friendly and much more flexible than the blog.

How will the website differ from the blog? First of all, it is far more user friendly in all kinds of ways. The conversations will be threaded. Articles will be archived. We will have rotating polls. In just a few clicks you'll be able to share the site with friends. And much more. AND of course you will also be able to follow what Z STREET is doing and how you can participate.

- The biggest, most exciting difference is that we are the exclusive home of a brand new blog called ALWAYS ISRAEL.

This blog covers the constellation of issues relating to Israel, written by leading experts (and friends of mine), such as Prof. Louis Rene Beres writing on International Law, Amb. Yoram Ettinger writing about Middle East Politics, Lenny Ben-David writing about US-Israel relations, Helen Freedman writing about Media Use and Abuse, Yisrael Medad writing from the Yesha Perspective, Rabbi Pesach Lerner writing about American Jews and Israel, and *me* - I'll be writing in rotation about several topics including the faux "pro-Israel" groups and about anti-Zionism. We will also regularly include articles on the Israeli economy, on terrorism and on Israel's global contributions. New articles will be added constantly, so you should keep checking in. THE BLOG GATEWAY IS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SCREEN, LABELLED "Blog: ALWAYS ISRAEL"

Following our launch we will be adding lots of other helpful information. We will not only have constant Action Alerts, but we will have all of the necessary contact information for members of the US government, for the media outlets, and for the members of Knesset. On our site you will find out about True Zionist events taking place all over the US and beyond, and also information about upcoming events that need to be countered by all of us. Short points that should be made on all the important hot issues will also be found on Z STREET. And we'll have a sharp e-newsletter coming your way soon. This way we won't lose touch with you and you'll really feel connected with the organization. The site will by dynamic both because it is so exciting, but also because we want your input - tell us when you know something is happening, tell us how we can make our webhome even better, become more involved with the re-worked and re-energized Z STREET.

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At the J Street meeting

By Lori Lowenthal Marcus

The Washington conference of the new organization "J Street" took place on October 25-28. It was a fascinating but scary cultural experience.

For three days I watched hundreds of intensely pious people sitting under an awning that reads "pro-Israel, pro-peace." But by far the dearest hopes of the folks on J Street were for the well-being, and especially the sovereignty, of a people whose leadership has stated repeatedly that its goal is to destroy Israel and murder Jews.

I saw two overarching themes defining this conference: one, Iran is not a problem we care about; and two, a Palestinian State must be created now (What do we want? A Palestinian State! When do we want it? Now!), and both the Israelis and the Palestinians are so dysfunctional that only the Obama administration can achieve it. Palestine Now! was the battle cry of the conference, but the utter lack of concern regarding the Iranian threat is the real proof that J Street is not at its essence pro-Israel.

First, a fact: although it is difficult to get Israelis to agree on anything, there is one issue on which there is near unanimity among them: Iran presents an imminent and devastating threat to the existence of the State of Israel. It is the single biggest security concern amongst nearly all Israelis of every political and religious stream.

The J-Conference organizers devoted only one of the thirty-two sessions to the issue of Iran, and that session focused solely on the success of diplomacy. The speakers and the moderator of that session were aggressively antianything-other-than-diplomacy, so there was nothing for audience members to consider as a legitimate alternative.

But most disturbing was the nearly complete silence about Iran *other* than by Israeli speakers and a few American politicians who, presumably, assumed a "pro-Israel" gathering would want reassurances on the topic. Those politicians were wrong.

In other words, the overwhelming majority of those who came to the J Street conference understood the code words "pro-Israel" to have no bearing on what Israelis might find most important to their security. The threat of Iran to Israel simply plays no role in the narrative that motivated so many hundreds of people to identify with and join the J Street team.

Think of it: an oil-rich nation near Israel pursues nuclear power, refuses to eschew nuclear weapons, denies the Holocaust from the podium of the United Nations, and threatens to wipe Israel off the map -- and the enormous audience the J Street leadership claims as its own, an organization calling itself "pro-Israel, pro-peace," doesn't really give a hoot.

This was too hard even for Obama political appointees to grasp. U.S. National Security Advisor General James Jones, in his keynote address attended by nearly all conference participants, did mention Iran as a threat to Israel. Jones assured the sandwiched-in crowd that the United States stands with Israel in facing Iran.

But there was little audience response. A far different reaction -- rapturous applause -- met nearly every mention of alleviating Palestinian suffering and the "Palestine Now!" mantra.

I heard one or two mentions of Iran by non-Israeli "experts." Each time it was discussed in the context of that country's hostility to Israel being "neutralized" by the immediate creation of a Palestinian State.

The link between Iran and the posthaste demand for a Palestinian State, the lectures went, was that taking that bold step would not only quell unrest amongst Palestinians and Israelis, but it would also stabilize the entire Middle East and end global terrorism.

A straight-up articulation of this Palestine Now! equals Global Peace theme was by Salam al-Marayati, a source of acrimonious controversy in advance of the conference. (Al-Marayati had immediately pointed to Israel as the likely source of the attacks on the World Trade Center.) At J Street, Al-Marayati informed his audience that the absence of a Palestinian State is a major source of the current violence in Pakistan, and that it is *the* central issue "critical to the hearts and minds" of all 1.5 billion Muslims worldwide.

But it was not only controversy-generating Muslims who were intoxicated by the desire for a Palestinian State. Former Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs Shlomo Ben-Ami explained that it is only President Obama who can achieve this because "there is no chance whatever to reach settlement by ourselves; it is entirely out of the question." This is because both Israel and the Palestinians have such "dysfunctional political systems."

Several other Israelis who were once members of Israeli governments, or who are aligned with former (but not current) leaders pushed the presto Palestine line. Virtually every one of them was heavily invested in the Oslo Accords and the Geneva Initiatives, both peace plans that literally blew up. Of course, to the extent the failures of these "peace" efforts were acknowledged at all, their failures were attributed to Israel's not having capitulated far and fast enough. Like the food in the Jewish resort described long ago: it tasted terrible and the portions were too small.

The desperation driving some of the rhetoric worked itself out in the form of veiled threats. Ron Pundak, whose ink is on both the Oslo Accords and the Geneva Initiative, and who is currently the Director General of the Peres Center for Peace, was practically frenzied.

Pundak went beyond merely promoting Palestine Now! as a sure way to soothe the Iranians and bring regional peace — he said "the only real answer to the Iranian threat is peace with the Palestinians." Pundak claimed that if such a state is not created immediately, Arabs will live in ghettos in situations even worse, possibly, than those of blacks in South Africa during the eighties and nineties.

Many anecdotes have been reported about the conference, but I believe these two themes offer an important insight. How does J Street's claim of "pro-Israel" square with being deaf to the threat Iran poses to Israel's security, and what does it mean for a group to be so utterly invested in Palestine Now! that the participation of the parties and even the peace process itself is jettisoned? Could it be that these themes are complementary? The immediate creation of a Palestinian State will mean the end of Israel, and therefore Iran will not pose a problem.

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<u>J Street - mostly aging hippies-without-a-cause at the J Street Local roll-out,</u> <u>Feb. 4th</u>

Posted in Faux "Pro-Israel" groups on February 13, 2010 by Lori Lowenthal Marcus

The opening act for the J Street Local roll-out.

Note that the folks who came to embrace the J Street ideology (aside from those who went solely to challenge the speaker), are not the hip, youthful cohort Ben-Ami kept suggesting were the residents of J Street in all his interviews and media events.

J Street deceives others in order to falsely represent and promote itself.

The New Wing of the "pro-Israel, pro-Peace" Lobby Comes to Town

[Scroll down for pictures from the Feb. 4, 2010 Z Street event and above are the pictures from the J Street event.] The Weekly Standard by Lori Lowenthal Marcus February 10, 2010 9:10 AM

The "new," "progressive" voice of the "pro-peace and pro-Israel" lobby known as J Street has had its "pro-Israel" label questioned by many observers, and even some of its own have shed that label. J Street has now also revealed it doesn't keep its word to trusting Jewish organizations.

On Thursday, February 4, 2010, J Street launched a new "grassroots" division—J Steet Local—with event at the University of Pennsylvania, which was webcast to twenty other locations.

The event involved a deception by J Street leadership on the local Hillel and the surrounding Jewish community. When it was discovered that J Street planned to have its new division roll-out from the Penn Hillel, many Israel supporters were concerned that the outside world would assume that Hillel had endorsed J Street, especially because J Street would be webcasting live from there to cities across the country. Not to worry, said J Street to the local Hillel leadership: We promise not to mention that we're using your facility, and to make clear in our written and oral statements that Hillel does not endorse us. That condition was agreed upon—it was "of just a promise, it was an agreement"—according to Rabbi Howard Alpert, the executive director of all the Philadelphia area Hillels. On the strength of that essential agreement, Hillel went ahead and rented J Street its space.

And then? J Street's Ben -Ami said exactly what he'd promised not to say—thathe was speaking "here at Penn Hillel"—and failed toay a word about what he'd promised solemnly to make clear: that Hillel does not endorse J Street or its message.

In short, J Street manipulated the Hillel of Greater Philadelphia (of which I am a board member) into leasing to them space in the Hillel building for their J Street Local launch by entering into a firm agreement, and then ignoring that agreement to Hillel's detriment. J Street's deception made Hillel's carefully planned and extensive pre-event efforts to soothe concerned donors, students, and others that there was no—and that it would be made very clear that there was no—conection between Hillel and J Street.

Within hours of the event J Street sent out thousands of releases and emails urging everyone who was not present at the launch to go to its website and watch the video. The video of Ben-Ami's remarks is still up on his website, and the text—that is, the pre-diffed statement, not an extemporaneous slip—sihere. You can see for yourself. (After remonstrations by the HGP executive director, after thousands of emails and press releases were sent out without the agreed-upon disclaimer, days later a terse note went up in the site under the video box that Hillel had not endorsed the speech. But "Penn Hillel" is still in the video and in the transcript of Ben-Ami's speech.)

Now we know: J Street will deceive and damage the central organization representing Jewish life on college campuses in order to falsely represent and promote itself. Perhaps the rest of J Street's exaggerations and misrepresentations fall under the rubric of clever marketing. Lying, manipulation and damaging Hillel's reputati on should be beyond the pale.

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Z STREET on J Street, Day 2. Oct. 27, 2009

Today class, we learned that it is imperative, it absolutely must, must, must happen that a Palestinian state be created in two years, no, scratch that, tomorrow. In fact, this gathering of J Streetlings are speeding up the plans so fast that I'm afraid I may be rapidly aging as I sit here. First the idea was J Street is "pro peace" and "pro-Israel." Then we learned that the whole pro-Israel part can be jettisoned if we can gain more adherents to the "presto Palestiners," the ones who want not only to create a state called Palestine for a people they call Palestinians, but they want to do it now. And during just the course of the last 40+ hours the timeframe literally went from indefinite, to two years, to NOW.

In fact, the whole peace process idea is outre'. Chaim Ramon, former "Disengagement" cheerleader and vice premier under Olmert (yes, he of tongue thrust fame, but why is it that these "progressives" only care about sexual harassment when it is rightwingers who are doing the harassment? yecchhh.) told the crowd at the "Why 2 States? Why Now?" gathering that the whole peace process thing should not get in the way of removing more Jews from the land.

Two more points for now, one important and one truly repulsive. The more important one is that the consensus here, at least amongst the presenters at this conference, is that it is the job of the Community Organizer in Chief to impose a solution on the "dysfunctional" parties (oow, yes, it is okay here not only to call Netanyahu dysfunctional, but for those who are not still stuck on the progressive scale at only a reading of 5, i.e. those who are still calling Abbas a true peace partner, the more advanced ones are comfortable calling him dysfunctional. Or at least the PA political process is.)

So, here comes the march of the progressive hegemons, willing to use the power of the great and mighty United States, the super-duper power, to impose its view of what is best on the Israelis and the Palestinians, and to do so with teeth. Sanctions, the crowd eagerly asked? We'll have to see where that conversation goes.

But perhaps the presenter who won the prize for most abnoxious Master of the Cerebral Universe is Bernard Avishai. I can't do his portrait justice right now, but let me just say that he was the ONLY presenter who rejected the description of what everyone claims makes it worth the sacrifices Israel must make, is so that Israel remains Jewish and democratic (because let's not forget about the demography bogeyman.) Nope, Avishai started to say that phrase and, quite deliberately, rephrased it as a "democratic state with a Jewish character." Great. Now Israel is expected to make sacrifices like removing parts of its limbs for...RYE BREAD? He was practically spitting about Israel's intentional efforts to stifle "economic development in Palestine." Apparently for Avishai, Israel is truly the source of all evil in the Middle East.

Lots to write about the divergence between how J Street is being promoted by its leadership, and the direction the J Streetlings are taking it – they are rushing past

Oh, and one kind of amusing note. As I traveled down the escalators this morning I heard several women complaining that most of the panels were all men. Apparently that was quite a topic on the sidelines because during one presentation one of the questioners called the panelists on it. So, same old, same old. Even the progressives are controlled by white males. But I did see plenty of women in the audiences. And there were more women than men wearing kippot. And more women than men with long gray ponytails. And I saw one participant wearing a rainbow kippa and a keffiya – she certainly was special.

more analysis over the next few days......Lori Lowenthal Marcus, finally back home on Z STREET.

Here I am at the J Street Conference – it is now midday and although my head is spinning and there is so much to weave together, I'll give you just some of the highlights:

Impressions from opening night:

- This new alliance of progressive Jewish Americans are here to tell you that they are the annointed ones who will bring peace to the Holy Land if only the world will shut up and let them work their magic. Never mind that the magic is never defined beyond "two states for two people," and that the goal is to "remold Israel into a state of social justice, a state where people do right" and where everyone will "model core Jewish values" of "peace and outstretched arms to our neighbors."

Hmmm. Well, those are core humanist values, perhaps core progressive values, and values that many Jews hold dear, but those are not the core Jewish values. And that's the biggest problem with this whole J Street charade of representing the "New Jewish" response to the conflict in the Middle East. Unless New Jewish means "not Jewish" in the same way that some people refer to the New Israel Fund as the "No Israel Fund." There is nothing inherently and solely Jewish about the J Street approach. A perfect example of this was offered by Daniel Sokatch who is, not coincidentally, the new president of the New Israel Fund, a pea in the pod along J Street.

Here's the shorthand for the issue, and later I will go into detail about how this theme plays out over and over again at this gathering.

Perhaps the best known biblical quotation, at least amongst non-observant Jews, and the one focused on by Sokatch, is "Justice, Justice Shalt Thou Pursue." Deut. 16:20. This is the very core of Judaism, he explained to those gathered in the Washington D.C. Grand Hyatt at the kick-off of the J Street conference. But, perhaps unknown to Sokatch (maybe because all the lithographs and needlepoints only include these words), the phrase continues "so that you shall inherit the land." Yes, that really is a core value of Judaism, and the land is Israel.

The ultimate inability to differentiate between what these New Jews want to call Jewish values and what are actually the core values of Judaism, is offensive. To say the least.

A few little tidbits from today's sessions:

Hamas and Hezbollah must be included in the so-called Arab Peace Plan – a comprehensive regional plan that Israel must have forced on it by the wise Americans united under the Community Organizer in Chief. And what will Israel get out of committing itself to a peace process not only with the Arab Palestinians, but one that also includes all of the other Arab countries in the region? Yes, you heard it here (well, actually I heard it here, but I'm telling you), what Israel has to gain is: 'THE FULL AND COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAEL IN THE MIDDLE EAST." Alvaro de Soto, the Former Chief Middle East Envoy for the United Nations.

From grotesque to repulsive: In a panel on How Jews, Christians and Muslims Can Work Together For Peace, the moderator, Ron Young (co-founder National Interreligious Leadership Initiative for Peace) made two simply astounding comments. First, in his opening anecdote (they all start with anecdotes, not a bad strategy, except when it is a bad anecdote) Young said that he had just seen a film at Theater J called "Pangs of the Messiah." He told us he wants to make a follow-up film called, "Please Messiah, Stay Home." No joke. Just a few moments later Young mentioned evangelical Christians, specifically Rev. Hagee, who Young said, "leads a group called 'Christians United to Take Israel to Hell." This panel couldn't quite keep straight whether religion should be used to lead to a peaceful resolution or if it is religion that is the problem. Interesting panel. Actually, not really.

On to more sessions: Maybe "Iran: Is Diplomacy Working?" or "Palestinian Economic Development: Path to Peace or Diversion?" No joke. They're trying to fool the Arab Palestinians into forgetting about their oppression through the wicked wiles of economic development. I think I'll have to check that out.

EMAIL TO Z ST members:

EU: E.Jerusalem for Arabs, contiguous "Palestine" and Israel doesn't have to be Jewish

THE ISSUE:

The EU officially adopted and today issued a statement of its conclusions that utterly embraces the Arab Palestinian narrative that they are entitled to a contiguous state comprised of all of Gaza, Judea, Samaria and East Jerusalem; that the Israelis are to blame for the devastated Gazan economy and must immediately stop all closures there and all checkpoints intended to protect Israel everywhere; the security barrier and annexation of East Jerusalem are illegal under international law; AND there is no need for Israel to be recognized as a Jewish state as part of the peace process.

For the full EU statement, the Government of Israel's response and that of Mayor Barkat of Jerusalem, a detailed summary and an **action plan**, please go to the Z STREET website, <u>WWW.ZSTREET.ORG</u> and let's mount our defense!

Lori Lowenthal Marcus

Z STREET co-founder

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Email to Z ST members Subject: Z STREET federation initiative

This is being sent to folks who offered to help with our Z ST effort to persuade Jewish federations in North America to pass resolutions pledging not to use donors' funds for programs co-sponsored by organizations or individuals who advocate for the Boycott of, Divestment from companies doing business in Israel, and/or Sanctions against Israel.

First, thank you so very much. This step is really fairly conservative by our lights. However, it is one that could have an enormous impact in our struggle against the enemies of Israel who are ubiquitous on campuses and, increasingly, within the larger "progressive" communities.

I am attaching here the proposed resolution with a one-pager briefly describing what it is and why it is a good thing for federations to adopt. As soon as I get some additional feedback I will also send you the article that I've written about it.

Please do not take any public steps yet with this project. We need to at least wait until after this holiday weekend, because so many folks are still on vacation and we want attention to be paid to this. I'll let you know when we are ready to take a coordinated step. But please discuss the idea with people whom you think might be sympathetic and also helpful in terms of having some sway or contacts in your federation.

If people are interested I think it might be useful to have a conference call or two so that we could coordinate and share ideas and obstacles - if any - that we encounter. Let me know your thoughts on that.

I have bcc'ed everyone but am happy to have you all in touch with each other by email, also. Just tell me if you'd like me to put you in the Cc line or the Bcc line in future correspondence.

Thank you again,

Lori

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 17, 2009

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US "PEACE GROUP" DEMANDS ISRAEL EMBRACE RACIST PLANS

The Israeli refusal to implement a "no homes for Jews" plan has incensed the false peace groups such as Americans for Peace Now. That group wants Israel to bar the building of homes for Jews in Gilo, a southern neighborhood of Jerusalem currently home to more than 33,000.

The so-called peace group is outraged that Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, refuses to tell Jews (but not Arabs) that they can't build homes in a neighborhood in which they have lived for more than 35 years. Netanyahu explained "that Gilo is an integral part of Jerusalem, the capital of Israel." Building in Jerusalem, as is the case in most civilized places in the world, does not require approval based on race or religion.

Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat also said he refused to impose a religious-based ban on construction. Barkat explained that construction in Jerusalem will continue "in every part of the city for Arab and Jews alike."

The new Zionist organization Z STREET condemns the racist demands of Americans for Peace Now and are appalled at the criticism aimed at Israel's refusal to embrace a racist restriction, while failing to focus on the core issues of Arab Palestinian incitement and support for terrorism.

"The racism displayed by Americans for Peace Now is multi-layered," said Lori Lowenthal Marcus, co-founder of Z STREET. "One, the group embraces a racist 'no homes for Jews' building policy, but two, virtually every other nation in the world, including Israel, permits non-nationals to reside there. It sounds as though Americans for Peace Now are promoting the idea that no Jews should be permitted to live in the Palestinian state APN seeks so desperately to create."

A public review of the Gilo building plan is expected to be approved by the Jerusalem Regional Planning Committee within the week.

Tell Israeli leaders you support their resolve to withstand the pressure:

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Response to Question 4

#4 – WRITTEN ADVOCACY

Prominent Women Leaders Press Hillary Clinton to Denounce Election of Iran to U.N. Women's Rights Commission

Posted by <u>Zand-Bon</u> on May 5th, 2010 and filed under <u>News</u>, <u>PLANET IRAN NEWS FOCUS</u>, <u>Photos</u>, <u>Rotating Photos</u>, <u>Sections</u>, <u>Women & Minors</u>. You can follow any responses to this entry through the <u>RSS 2.0</u>. You can leave a response or trackback to this entry

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New York and Washington, May 5, 2010 — International human rights and women's rights leaders, attorneys, scholars, columnists, Iranian human rights activists, media figures, women in the arts, and other prominent women have joined a nationwide campaign to urge Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to denounce the recent election of Iran to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

In an Open Letter to Secretary Clinton released today (text below) the leaders expressed their profound concern that Iran was "elected by acclamation" to the women's rights seat. Election by acclamation may occur when no United Nations member state requests an open vote. The signatories, citing reports by the U.S. State Department and international human rights organizations of the Iranian regime's record of barbaric human rights violations, are seeking answers from Secretary Clinton regarding the failure of the U.S. either to request or require an open vote on Iran's election to the Commission.

The full text and a partial list of signatories to the letter follows, and more signatories' names will be released this week.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON: DENOUNCE ELECTION OF IRAN TO U.N. WOMEN'S RIGHTS COMMISSION

May 5, 2010

Dear Secretary Clinton:

We write as women leaders from across America and from organizations concerned with women's human rights representing oppressed women and minorities.

We call on you, Secretary Clinton, to denounce Iran's election to a four-year seat on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women as an appointment that shocks the conscience of civilized societies.

We also wish to express our utter astonishment that Iran was "elected by acclamation," which means that none of the United Nations' member states – including the United States of America – requested or required an open vote on Iran's election to the Commission. Why did the United States fail to request an open vote?

In 1995, to an audience of the Fourth World Conference on Women, you declared: "It is time for us to say here in Beijing, and the world to hear, that it is no longer acceptable to discuss women's rights as separate from human rights." You added: "If there is one message that echoes forth from this conference, let it be that human rights are women's rights and women's rights are human rights, once and for all."

http://www.nytimes.com/1995/09/06/world/hillary-clinton-in-china-details-abuse-of-women.html?pagewanted=1

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney of New York said she "believed that you spoke from personal conviction."

Therefore, we are puzzled and deeply troubled that, as Secretary, you have remained silent regarding human rights abuses under the brutal Islamic Republic of Iran regime.

The government of Iran is the perpetrator of well-known, well-documented and shocking human rights abuses against women. There are sickening and horrific videos, websites, documented reports of gang rapes, stonings, mutilations, hangings, beatings, burnings and other barbaric acts of violence, intimidation, and humiliation against the women of Iran. Political dissidents, gays, non-Muslim minorities, apostates, and infidels are also targeted in widespread human rights violations and gruesome attacks — all these atrocities are egregious violations of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Two hundred and fourteen Iranian activists recently wrote to U.N. member states to oppose Iran's election to the U.N.'s Commission on the Status of Women. Their letter states: "Iran's discriminatory laws demonstrate that the Islamic Republic does not believe in gender equality...Women lack the ability to choose their husbands, have no independent right to education after marriage, no right to divorce, no right to child custody, have no protection from violent treatment in public spaces, are restricted by quotas for women's admission at universities, and are arrested, beaten, and imprisoned for peacefully seeking change of such laws."

Click here for more on Iran's human rights record.

he U.S. Department of State's 2009 report on Iran's human rights clearly states the egregious violations of Iran in this area:

· The government's poor human rights record degenerated during the year [2009], particularly after the disputed June presidential elections. The government severely limited citizens' right to peacefully change their government through free and fair elections. The government executed numerous persons for criminal convictions as juveniles and after unfair trials. Security forces were implicated in custodial deaths and the killings of election protesters and committed other acts of politically motivated violence, including torture, beatings, and rape. The government administered severe officially sanctioned punishments, including death by stoning, amputation, and flogging. Vigilante groups with ties to the government committed acts of violence. Prison conditions remained poor. Security forces arbitrarily arrested and detained individuals, often holding them incommunicado. Authorities held political prisoners and intensified a crackdown against women's rights reformers, ethnic minority rights activists, student activists, and religious minorities. There was a lack of judicial independence and of fair public trials. The government severely restricted the right to privacy and civil liberties, including freedoms of speech and the press, assembly, association, and movement; it placed severe restrictions on freedom of religion. Official corruption and a lack of government transparency persisted. Violence and legal and societal discrimination against women, ethnic and religious minorities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons; trafficking in persons; and incitement to anti-Semitism remained problems. The government severely restricted workers' rights, including the right to organize and bargain collectively, and arrested numerous union organizers. Child labor remained a serious problem. On November 20, for the seventh consecutive year, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution on Iran expressing concern about the country's "serious, ongoing, and recurring human rights violations." (emphasis added)

• Source: http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2009/nea/136068.htm

The Commission's mandate is to review and report on women's human rights and monitor progress toward improving women's human rights. Clearly, the election of Iran to such a Commission is an appalling example of hypocrisy. We await your public and clear condemnation of this outrageously sexist and insensitive decision by the U.N.

Signatories (partial list):

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- Karen Khan, attorney, Women's Freedom Movement of Pakistan
- Judith Apter Klinghoffer, History News Network
- Andrea Lafferty, Traditional Values Coalition
- Barbara Ledeen, Women United: Code Red

- Janet Levy, Women Against Shariah
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- · Sheryl Longin, Pajamas Media
- Lori Lowenthal Marcus, Founder and President, Z Street
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Women United invites women across America to sign onto this statement.

To become a signatory, please contact (212) 726-1124 or <u>actionalliance1@yahoo.com</u>. An updated list and copy of this letter can be viewed at http://wucr.wordpress.com/

#4 - WRITTEN ADVOCACY

TAKE ACTION - WRITE THE METS (no kidding!)

Nov. 5, 2009

Dear Friends of Israel,

You have a perfect opportunity to show your support of Israel, support for the Jewish people, and to thank the New York Mets (sounds strange, but it's true!) for standing up against intimidation by defamers of Israel, posing as "civil and human rights" activists.

Left-wing internet activists have whipped up their followers to barrage the Mets players and leaders with demands that they cancel a pro-Israel event to be held at Citi Field on November 21st. That union of haters includes those who actively encourage boycotts of and divestment from Israel, ardent supporters of Yasir Arafat, and public figures who claimed Jewish "money" pushed the US into the war in Iraq.

BUT THE METS HAVE STOOD UP TO THOSE THREATS! Let's send them letters thanking them, let's show that we won't be intimidated and let'sgo to the event affirming our ties to and support for Hebron, and let's share this information with everyone we know! WRITE THE METS:

Say THANK YOU for rejecting the hate-monger organizations' request to cancel the fundraiser for the Jewish Community of Hebron. By standing with the Hebron Fund you are standing with the Jewish Community and with Israel. Thank you for stepping up to the plate and hitting a home run for truth and the Jewish people!

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To participate at The Hebron Fund Dinner—
THE HEBRON FUND ANNUAL DINNER
Saturday Evening, November 21, 2009 Caesar's Club at
Citi Field, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, New York
Join us in paying tribute to the heroic Jewish Community of Hebron
and to our dedicated honorees:
Reception & Buffet Dinner Couvert \$300 per person RSVP Free Parking
For DINNER Information & Registration go to: www.hebronfund.com

We need to be vigilant, keep your eyes open, keep us informed of important issues.

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HERE IS THEIR LETTER:

Activists to the NY Mets: 'Racism ain't amazin'! Strike out the Hebron Fund!' by ADAM HOROWITZ on NOVEMBER 4, 2009 ·

From Adalah-NY:

New York, NY, November 4, 2009 - Eleven organizations from the US, Palestine and Israel have called on baseball's New York Mets to cancel a November 21st dinner at the Caesars Club at Citi Field for the Brooklyn-based Hebron Fund. The dinner is a fundraiser for Israeli settlers in the Israeli-occupied West Bank City of Hebron. In a letter sent to the Mets on November 3rd, the groups said, "The New York Mets will be facilitating activities that directly violate international law and the Obama administration's call for a freeze in settlement construction, and that actively promote racial discrimination, and the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from their homes in Hebron." Seven hundred Israeli settlers, living amidst 150,000 Palestinians in Hebron, are expanding their hold on the historic old city by driving out the Palestinian residents. The groups added that "It would be a tragic irony for an event funding Israeli settlers' violent actions and discriminatory policies against Palestinians to be held at Caesars Club which, according to the Mets, "sits directly on top of the Jackie Robinson Rotunda," which was named "in honor of Jackie Robinson, the... great American who broke baseball's color barrier." The Mets and Major League Baseball promote Robinson's legacy, including Robinson's value of "Justice: Treating all people fairly, no matter who they are." Mets owner Fred Wilpon has explained in the past that, as a 16 year-old, meeting Jackie Robinson was an experience that never left him. "As a kid, a nothing, he treated me with all of that dignity that he treated everyone else in his life."

On the Hebron Fund webpage, clicking on the symbol which says "Give to Hebron" leads to adonations page on the website for the Jewish Community of Hebron which says, among other things, "keep Hebron Jewish for the Jewish people." In a report on Hebron, the Israeli human rights organizations B'Tselem and ACRI have labeled the demands of Hebron's settlers as "racist." Hebron settlement leader Moshe Levinger, praised in a Hebron Fund dinner video, has been quoted saying, "The Arabs know to behave like good boys around us." Hebron Fund Executive Director Yossi Baumol also made very derogatory comments about Arabs in a 2007 interview.

The signers of the letter include Adalah-NY, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Brooklyn For Peace, Coalition of Women for Peace (Israel), CODEPINK Women for Peace, Gush Shalom (Israel), Jews Against the Occupation-NYC, Jewish Voice for Peace, Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions National Committee (Palestine), US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, and WESPAC Foundation. The letter was coed and sent to Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Middle East Envoy George Mitchell, who has a history of involvement with Major League Baseball, and Rachel Robinson, Jackie Robinson's wife.

The letter explains that reviewing last year's and this year's Hebron Fund dinner shows that some dinner honorees support violence and terrorizing Palestinians. In 1990, Noam Arnon, who is to be honored at the dinner, called three Israelis who were convicted of killing three Arabs and maiming two Palestinian mayors in car bombings "heroes." In a video on the Hebron Fund

website, 2008 dinner honoree Myrna Zisman pays tribute to Hebron settler Yifat Alkoby. Alkoby became famous worldwide in 2006 when she was videotaped in Hebron terrorizing and calling a Palestinian woman and girl "whores" who were caged inside their own home as protection from settler attacks. In another video featuring 2008 dinner honorees, three children who appear to be the honorees' children are briefly shown holding guns and smiling.

All Israeli settlements violate international law, according to a broad international consensus. The Hebron Fund's dinner invitation says, "Join us in support of Hebron and in protest of today's building freeze in Judea and Samaria [the West Bank]." In a September, 2008 radio interview, the Hebron Fund's Yossi Baumol explained, "There are real facts on the ground that are created by people helping the Hebron Fund and coming to our dinners."

Washington Post columnist David Ignatius recently highlighted the Hebron Fund and noted that, "critics of Israeli settlements question why American taxpayers are supporting indirectly, through the exempt contributions, a process that the government condemns. A search of IRS records identified 28 U.S. charitable groups that made a total of \$33.4 million in tax-exempt contributions to settlements and related organizations between 2004 and 2007." The Hebron Fund has been the subject of complaints to the I.R.S. regarding its tax-exempt status. The complaints request investigations of allegations that it raises funds for the development of illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank. The Israeli organization Gush Shalom recently urged the National Lawyers Guild, an American organization, to encourage American tax authorities to strip US non-profits that support Israeli settlements of their tax-exempt status.

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List is updated as legislators (wisely) remove their names. AND A GROWING # ARE DOING SO!!

URGENT:

Please send a fax or make a phone call (or, last choice, send an email) to your elected official if on the list below. The members of congress on this list are endorsing the J Street conference by lending their good name to an organization which claims to be "pro-peace and pro-Israel," but is nothing of the kind.

Here is my letter. ******	Please produce your own version – it can be as few as $3-5$ lines long.
Sen/Rep.	,

The relatively new organization J Street, is currently using what it boasts is your endorsement to promote itself as a mainstream vehicle for positive change in the Middle East. But the policies being promoted by J Street are not, as it claims, "pro-peace and, pro-Israel." In fact, the J Street conference with which your name is linked features a speaker who blamed Israel for 9/11, and a "poet" who equates the US with the Nazi regime.

Here are details of the conference J Street claims you support.

Muslim Public Affairs Council leader Salam al-Marayati will deliver a lecture at the J Street conference being held October 25 – 28th. Al-Marayati publicly claimed that Israel attacked the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and he has also publicly praised Hezbollah, a group on the official U.S. terrorist list. Is this a "pro-peace" or "pro-Israel" organization?

The J Street conference will also feature Josh Healey, whose "poetry" equates the US with Hitler and his Final Solution plans. He says "Guantanamo is Aushwitz," and he also compared what happened to Anne Frank to the tragedy of Matthew Shepard. Anne Frank died because of official Nazi government policy; Shepard died at the hands of malevolent individuals who were *prosecuted* by the US government. J Street seeks effectively endless "negotiations" over Iran's development of nuclear weapons, and refuses to identify a time when that tactic should be replaced with, as US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has called for, "crippling sanctions." Iran poses a direct and immediate threat to Israel and only later, but most assuredly, one to the US.

J Street also wants Jews banned from living in certain parts of Jerusalem, a policy that would be in flagrant violation of the Civil Rights laws if imposed in the United States.

Over the past week nearly a dozen US elected officials*, when provided with the information above, have removed their names from the list of those endorsing J Street and its October conference.

Your good name is your most important asset; don't let that be damaged by an association with J Street's wrong-headed policies.

 Last week the following members of congress withdrew their names from the host committee for the J Street Conference Gala: The Honorable Chuck Schumer (NY)

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#4 WRITTEN ADVOCACY

UN calls for eco. sanctions against Israel Z ST ACTION ALERT

Once again a vituperative Israel-hater is given a bully pulpit (he's the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 - yes, that's actually the name of his position) for inciting world hatred against Israel. This time the UN official - Richard Falk, a Princeton professor, and a Jew (at least by chance, probably not by choice) is calling for economic sanctions unless Israel removes any efforts to protect itself from Gazans dedicated to its destruction.

How bad is Falk? He was barred from entering Israel a year ago - when Ehud Olmert was PM, not the current "hardliner" - because he compared Israelis to Nazis, saying the Gaza "closure" was the same as the Warsaw Ghetto.

And yes, he also hates the US. During his tenure with the UN Human Rights Council he called for a fresh investigation into the 9/11 attacks in order to examine the possible role that "neocons" may have played in the attacks. And it isn't only the neocons he points his finger at - Falk also wrote a laudatory introduction to a book claiming that George Bush and other "elites" in the US administration very likely played a role in the 9/11 attacks. Furthermore, when publicly asked at a UN session to state whether he ever made the statements 'that no plane hit the Pentagon,' and that 'the World Trade Center was brought down by a controlled demolition'? Falk did not respond.

WHAT TO DO? We don't think there is much point complaining to the UN, as he is their point man on these issues. What you CAN do is be prepared to write letters to papers that present his latest attacks on Israel and set them straight on Falk's record. Tell your friends about it. Send this information around so that people who don't already "get it" can see what a farce the UN is and how blatant is its anti-Israel animus.

AND write to the US Ambassador to the UN, telling her to exercise good moral judgment and denounce Falk's bias and inflammatory attacks. Of course, she's not likely to share our position, but the more she hears from interested citizens perhaps the more she will at least be careful about how she comports herself. Here's her contact info:

Ambassador Susan Rice Permanent Mission to the United Nations 799 UN Plaza New York, NY 10017-3505 (212)415-4000; fax: (212)415-4443

E-mail: usa@un.int

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UN EXPERT REPEATS CALL FOR THREAT OF SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL OVER GAZA BLOCKADE New York, Dec 29 2009 4:05PM

The United Nations independent expert on Palestinian rights has again called for a threat of economic sanctions against Israel to force it to lift its blockade of Gaza, which is preventing the return to a normal life for 1.5 million residents after the devastating Israeli offensive a year ago.

"Obviously Israel does not respond to language of diplomacy, which has encouraged the lifting of the blockade and so what I am suggesting is that it has to be reinforced by a threat of adverse economic consequences for Israel," Richard Falk, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, <"http://www.unmultimedia.org/radio/english/detail/88150.html">told UN Radio.

"That probably is something that is politically unlikely to happen, but unless it happens, it really does suggest that the United States and the Quartet and the EU [European Union] don't take these calls for lifting the blockade very seriously and are unaffected by Israel's continuing defiance of those calls," he said, referring to the diplomatic Quartet of the UN, EU, Russia and US, which have been calling for a two-state solution to the Middle East conflict.

The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (<"http://www.un.org/unrwa/english.html">UNRWA), the main UN body tending to the needs of some 4 million Palestinian refugees, said today Gaza had been "bombed back, not to the Stone Age, but to the mud age," because UNRWA was reduced to building houses out of mud after the 22-day offensive Israel said it launched to end rocket attacks against it.

"The Israeli blockade has meant that almost no reconstruction materials have been allowed to move into Gaza even though 60,000 homes were either damaged or completely destroyed. So we in UNRWA have been saying 'let's lift this senseless

"We are the United Nations and we always hope that diplomacy will prevail, and it will prevail above the rationale of warfare. But if you look at what is going on in Gaza, and if you look at the continued blockade and the fact that that blockade is radicalizing a population there, then one has to have one's doubts."

In a statement last week, Mr. Falk stressed that the "unlawful blockade" was in its third year, with insufficient food and medicine reaching Gazans, producing further deterioration of the mental and physical health of the entire civilian population.

Building materials necessary to repair the damage could not enter Gaza, and he blamed the blockade for continued breakdowns of the electricity and sanitation systems due to the Israeli refusal to let spare parts needed for repair get through the crossings.

Mr. Falk also deplored the wall being built on the borders between Gaza and Egypt.

"I'm very distressed by that, because it is both an expression of complicity on the part of the government of Egypt and the United States, which apparently is assisting through its corps of engineers with the construction of this underground steel impenetrable wall that's designed to interfere with the tunnels that have been bringing some food and material relief to the Gaza population," he told UN Radio.

"And of course, the underground tunnel complex itself is an expression of the desperation created in Gaza as a result of this blockade that's going on now for two and a half years, something that no people since the end of World War II have experienced in such a severe and continuing form."

As a Special Rapporteur, Mr. Falk serves in an independent and unpaid capacity and reports to the Geneva-based UN Human Rights Council.

In a new policy brief, the UN Conference on Trade and Development

(<"http://www.unctad.org/Templates/StartPage.asp?intItemID=2068">UNCTAD), entrusted with promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy, reported that more than 80 per cent of Gaza's population are now impoverished; 43 per cent unemployed; and 75 per cent lack food security. "In view of the eroded productive base, poverty is likely to widen and deepen unless reconstruction begins in earnest and without further delay," it warned.

For more details go to UN News Centre at http://www.un.org/news

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EXHIBIT E

Response to Question 7

Resumes of Z STREET Officers and Directors

Lori Lowenthal Marcus, President and Secretary, has been a grass roots activist, a Middle East news radio show co-host, and a journalist whose work has been published in local, national and international media outlets. Marcus is a member of many organizations devoted to Israel activities, and is on the board of directors of several of them. She was a founding board member of MediaCentral, a unique organization that works with foreign journalists in Israel to improve the accuracy of their Middle East reporting. She is also the past president of the Philadelphia area Zionist Organization of America. In addition to her writing and on-air interviews and commentary, Marcus frequently speaks to groups about the current situation in the Middle East.

Marcus earned a J.D. from Harvard University, a Masters in Law and Social Policy and a Masters in Policy and Program Development from Bryn Mawr College, and a B.A. in American Studies, magna cum laude, from Brandeis University. Prior to her Israel activism Marcus was a litigator in a major Philadelphia law firm with a First Amendment law practice. She has taught at area law schools and graduate schools.

Allyson Rowen Taylor, Board Member, was one of the original co-founders in 2001 of the Israel advocay organization "Standwithus." She was with the organization for four years, taking it to the college campuses and speaking for them until 2009. As Associate Director for the American Jewish Congress West Coast Region, she was responsible for college campus outreach. When the office closed its campus division, Taylor worked for the Center for Security Policy.

Taylor has spoken at the British Board of Deputies in London and the Magenta Conference in Amsterdam for the OSCE. She currently speaks about Shariah terrorism, and anti-Israel activities and has received several awards for her work on behalf of Israel.

Taylor is a co-founder of Z STREET.

Adrienne A. Price, Treasurer, has been a leader in Jewish educational initiatives and Jewish organizational life, including as a Wexner Fellow, as the founding chair of the Center for Adult Jewish Learning, which includes the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School of Westchester, and by serving on the Board of Governors of the American Jewish Committee.

In 1978 Price received three degrees simultaneously from the University of Pennsylvania: a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School, a B.A. in Political Science from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and an M.A. in Public Policy from the Graduate Faculty (Fels Institute). She also earned an M.M. in Finance, Accounting and Management Policy from the Kellog Graduate School of Business at Northwestern University. She was a vice president in the Investment Banking Department of Goldman, Sachs & Co., and prior to that was associated with Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. and E.F. Hutton and Company in their Investment Banking Departments. For the past 15 years Price was the managing member of a private real estate company and a private investor after that company was sold.

Jeffrey Wiesenfeld, Board Member, is a money manager and principal of Berstein Investment Research and Managent. He is a Trustee of the Board of the City University of New York and is on the board of the United Nations Development Corporation. Previously, Wiesenfeld was the New York City Regional Director of the Empire State Development Corporation and prior to that he served as the New York Metropolitan Region executive assistant to the Governor of New York and played many other roles in New York politics. Wiesenfeld began his career in the foreign counterintelligence division of the FBI. Wiesenfeld attended Queens College, where he also pursued graduate studies.

Richard A. Baehr, Board Member, is the co-founder and chief political correspondent for the American Thinker. He is a visiting fellow at the Jewish Policy Center and a frequent commentator on Middle East affairs at universities, civic groups and synagogues across the country. Baehr is the president of Richard A. Baehr & Associates, a health care consulting company in Chicago, and is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Kenyon College.

Sarah Stern, Board Member is a well-known Israel advocate who works with both the US and Israeli governments on issues relating to Israel. She has provided expert testimony on the issue of anti-Semitism on college campuses, and has written articles that have appeared in national and international publications.

The D.C.-based Middle East policy think tank Emet was founded and is headed by Sarah Stern. Emet is devoted to opposing obstacles to the peace process and also seeks to illuminate the dangers of Islamic fundamentalism not only to Israel but also to the United States. Emet works with Muslims who have renounced Islam in order to further this goal.

Yisrael Medad, Board Member, lives in Israel. He is currently the Director of Educational Resources and Content of the Menachem Begin Heritage Centre. Medad has lived in Israel since 1970, and served in the IDF. In addition to serving in assistant positions to Members of Knesset and Deputy Minister for Science, Medad has lectured and written about Israel's social and political history. Yisrael Medad is an expert on the history and development of Israel's settlement policy.

Jerry Gordon, Board Member, is a former Army Intelligence officer who served during the Vietnam era. Gordon has published widely on such topics as terrorism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, Homeland Security and Sharia. He has been a frequent guest discussing Middle East issues on radio in both the U.S. and Canada and is currently a senior editor at the New English Review, an Anglo-American monthly on-line publication featuring commentary on contemporary political and cultural issues. He is a graduate of both Boston and Columbia Universities.

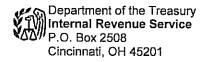
Gordon has been interviewed on many talk radio interview programs in both the U.S. and Canada. He is a frequent co-host on WEBY 1330AM in Pensacola, Florida regarding Middle East Affairs, Islamic Terrorism, Intelligence, and Counterterrorism. WEBY1330AM 25,000 Watts AM signal covers four states along the Gulf Coast.

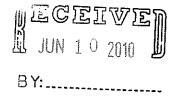
Gordon was head of a major cross-border investment banking practice in New York for BMO Capital - a subsidiary of the Bank of Montreal.

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EXHIBIT F

Penalties of Perjury Statement





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Notice Date: February 25, 2010

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Status Update

Information about the Application Process

Our initial screening of your application indicated that your case should be assigned to an Exempt Organizations specialist for technical review. We assign applications to specialists in the order we receive them.

Exempt Organizations specialists are able to approve some applications without further development. If we are able to conclude that no additional information is necessary to resolve your case, you will receive a determination letter stating that you are exempt from Federal income tax. If additional information or changes are necessary, the Exempt Organizations specialist will call or write you.

If we determine that you qualify for exemption upon receipt of the additional information, you will receive a determination letter stating that you are exempt from Federal income tax. If we conclude that you do not qualify for exemption, we will send you a letter telling you why we believe you do not qualify for exemption and will include a complete explanation of your appeal rights.

IRS does not issue "tax exempt numbers" or "tax exempt certificates" indicating that you are exempt from state or local sales or income taxes. If you need exemption from these taxes, contact your state or local tax offices.

When We Will Contact You

Unfortunately, we are experiencing delays in working applications that require further development. Please click on the "Where Is My Exemption Application?" link on our webpage, www.irs.gov/eo for submission dates of applications currently being assigned. If you are unable to locate this information or need further assistance, please call our toll free number shown above Monday through Friday. When communicating with us, please refer to the employer identification number and document locator number shown above.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and appreciate your continuing patience.

Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 2508 - Room 4511 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201

Date: May 15, 2010

Z Street % Laura Solomon Laura Solomon Esq. & Assoc. 300 East Lancaster Ave, Ste. 106A Wynnewood, PA 19096 Department of the Treasury MAY 2 4 2010

BY:

Employer Identification Number:

27-1354388

Person to Contact - Group #:

Diane Gentry - 7828

ID# 203080

Contact Telephone Numbers:

513-263-3683

Phone

513-263-4590

Fax

Response Due Date:

June 7, 2010

Dear Sir or Madam:

We need more information before we can complete our consideration of your application for exemption. Please provide the information requested on the enclosure by the response due date shown above. Your response must be signed by an authorized person or an officer whose name is listed on your application. Also, the information you submit should be accompanied by the following declaration:

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for the information, and such facts are true, correct, and complete.

To facilitate processing of your application, please attach a copy of this letter to your response. This will enable us to quickly and accurately associate the additional documents with your case file.

If we do not hear from you within that time, we will assume you no longer want us to consider your application for exemption and will close your case. As a result, the Internal Revenue Service will treat you as a taxable entity. If we receive the information after the response due date, we may ask you to send us a new application.

In addition, if you do not respond to the information request by the due date, we will conclude that you have not taken all reasonable steps to complete your application for exemption. Under Code section 7428(b)(2), you must show that you have taken all the reasonable steps to obtain your exemption letter under IRS procedures in a timely manner and exhausted your administrative remedies before you can pursue a declaratory judgment. Accordingly, if you fail to timely provide the information we need to enable us to act on your application, you may lose your rights to a declaratory judgment under Code section 7428.

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If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Diane Gentry

Exempt Organizations Specialist

Enclosure: Information Request

cc: Donna Johnson Bullock

Laura Solomon

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Additional Information Requested:

- 1. Please submit copies of your website pages.
- 2. Please provide some specific examples of each type of public awareness activity that you have conducted or plan to conduct.
- 3. Please submit copies of your public awareness campaign materials, other than the information provided on the website which is requested in item #1 above.
- 4. Please provide a representative sample of your written advocacy and lobbying materials that have been used in the past.
- 5. Please provide some specific examples of direct lobbying that you have conducted.
- 6. Please provide some specific examples of grassroots lobbying that you have conducted.
- 7. Please submit resumes for each of your officers/directors.
- You have listed sale of CDs for advocacy training as a source of revenue, to who are the CDs sold? What is the purpose of the CD?
- 9. Please submit a sample CD.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING YOUR CASE TO:

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