



Subsidized Speakers List, Compiled 2/4/09

Aish HaTorah – Hasbara Fellowships:

Ephraim Choban - Ephraim is a soldier in Aish's Hesder Yeshiva in Jerusalem. Ephraim was in Gaza as a soldier during the recent activities that happened there. We are bringing him to campuses to speak about what happened. He wrote a fantastic article:

http://www.aish.com/jewishissues/israeldiary/My_Gaza_War_Diary.asp

Tentative dates: February 15-March 1. Cost: Hotel and transportation

Khaled Abu Toameh - Khaled Abu Toameh is an award-winning, independent Israeli-Arab journalist who has been covering Palestinian issues in the West Bank and Gaza for over two decades. He began his journalism career as a writer for an official PLO newspaper while attending Hebrew University. He now writes for the Jerusalem Post, and works frequently with NBC and TV-2 Denmark television. Mr. Toameh speaks out against the lack of free speech and press within the PA controlled areas and its effect on the foreign press' coverage on Israel, as well as the biased opinions in foreign press coverage. As a veteran journalist, he has knowledge of the behind-the-scenes action within the PA and other Palestinian organizations.

Dates: February 25-March 5. Cost: Varies, but highly subsidized

Hasbara Fellowships Staff - Hasbara Fellowships campus coordinators are available to come to campus and speak on a number of topics, including how to deal with anti-Israel speakers and propaganda, the recent war in Gaza, answering difficult questions about Israel, and effective communication. For a full list of topics, click [here](#).

Dates: Flexible. Cost: Free

Please contact Natalie Menaged at director@israelactivism.com or 646-365-0030 if you are interested in any of the above speakers.

American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE):

Visiting Israel Scholars – bios available upon request

Dates: TBD. Cost: Various honorarium costs, travel and lodging

Please contact Amy Goldstein at goldpublicaffairs@gmail.com or (646) 228-6884 if you are interested in a Visiting Israel Scholar.

American Jewish Committee (AJC)

David A. Harris has been the Executive Director of AJC since 1990. He is one of the foremost American advocates for Israel's political and diplomatic standing. He was also centrally involved in the Soviet Jewry movement and in the rescue of the Ethiopian Jewish community in the early 1980s. He has been invited to speak at some of the world's most prestigious forums and has been honored several times by many governments. Mr. Harris is the author of seven books, hundreds of articles, op-eds, letters, and reviews in leading newspapers and magazines. He has a regular spot on the CBS Radio Network and a blog on international issues at the Jerusalem Post.

Kenneth Stern is AJC's specialist on antisemitism and extremism. An attorney and award-winning author, Stern is a nationally-recognized expert on hate and hate groups and has been instrumental in developing a new academic discipline, Hate Studies, to analyze the evolution of hate and ways to counter its spread. Stern was an invited presenter at the White House conference on hate crimes, has testified before Congress, has argued before the United States Supreme Court, and is frequently interviewed by the media.

Dates (for both speakers): TBD. Cost: Travel expenses

Please contact [Laura Bertilotti](mailto:Laura.Bertilotti@ajc.org) at BertilottiL@ajc.org if you are interested in any of the above speakers.

The David Project:

Ilan Berman – Vice President for Policy, American Foreign Policy Council. Lecture topics: Iran, Russia, Middle East Politics, Terrorism, International law, Proliferation and Nuclear Weapons

Shoshana Bryen – Senior Director for Security Policy, Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA). Lecture topics: US-Israel Security Cooperation, US Defense Policy, Middle East Security Issues, Israeli Security Policy

Avi Jorisch – President, Palisades West Incorporated. Lecture topics: Hizbollah, Terrorist-Owned Media and Terrorist Use of Propaganda, Terrorism Finance, Arab-Israeli Conflict, Radical Islam.

Asaf Romirowsky – Manager of Israel and Middle East Affairs, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. Lecture topics: The New Anti-Semitism, Middle East Studies on College Campuses, UNRWA and the Palestinian Refugee Problem, Israeli-Palestinian Relations, American Foreign Policy in the Middle East

Jonathan Schanzer – Director of Policy, Jewish Policy Center. Lecture topics: Palestinian Civil War and the Hamas/Fatah Split, Terrorism Financing, Palestinian Terrorism, Radical Islam, Arab-Israeli Conflict

Gina Waldman – Chair, Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa (JIMENA). Lecture topics: Life of Women in Islamic Lands, Jewish Refugees from the Middle East, Growing up Jewish in a Muslim Society, A Libyan Jewish Woman's Message to the Arab World

Dates (for all of the above speakers): TBD. Cost: \$1000 honorarium and travel expenses

David Project Educators – various locations around the country

Dates: Vary. Cost: Minimal (travel)

Please contact Aviva Roland at ar@davidproject.org or 617-428-0012 if you are interested in any of the above speakers.

Israel on Campus Coalition:

Traveling Israel Scholars – please refer to our [website](#) for bios and location

Dates: TBD. Cost: \$250 + programming expenses

Please contact Andrea Sorin at asorin@israelcc.org or 202-449-6583 if you are interested in hosting a Traveling scholar.

Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA):

Community Shlichim – located across the country, bios available upon request

Naomi Freedman and Liran Avisar – NYC

Shirah Ozery – Chicago

Daniel Tuksar – Boston

John Levey and Shalom Ashkenazi – LA

Rosie Seigal – Miami

Neil Glickman – Rockville, MD and Philadelphia

Adi Farjon – San Francisco

Dates: Flexible. Cost: Minimal

Please contact Naomi Freedman at naomif@jafi.org or 212-339-6079 if you are interested in a community shaliach.

Jewish National Fund (JNF):

Raanan Gissin – Dr. Gissin is the Senior Advisor to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. In recent years he has become one of Israel's leading spokesmen for the foreign press and the international community on security and strategic issues and the peace process. His distinguished career with the Israel Defense Forces began in 1979 with his position as a Strategic Analyst in the planning branch. At that time, he was involved in the planning and implementation of the Sinai withdrawal. During most of the 1980s, which included the war in Lebanon and the "Intifada" in the territories he served as IDF spokesman. Also in 1991, he served as special advisor to the Israeli Delegation at the Madrid Peace Conference and the subsequent negotiations with Arab and Palestinian delegations in Washington D.C. After retiring from active duty in 1993, Dr. Gissin initiated and organized the Pension 200 Conference in Israel with senior Israeli economic leaders and top fund executives and investors from the United States. In 1996, he was appointed spokesperson of the newly created Ministry of National Infrastructures, headed by Ariel Sharon.

Dates: TBD. Cost: Travel

JNF Speakers' Bureau – many JNF staff and lay-leaders are able to visit campuses in their region. Please contact JNF for further details.

Please contact Rebecca Kahn at rkahn@jnf.org or 212-879-9305 x248 if you are interested in any of the above speakers.

Simon Wiesenthal Center Campus Outreach:

Rabbi Aaron Hier – bio available upon request

Dates: TBD. Costs: Minimal travel

Please contact Rabbi Hier directly at iact@wiesenthal.com if you are interested in having him speak.

StandWithUs:

Jacob Shrybman grew up in Young Judea, the Zionist Youth Movement of Hadassah. After spending his gap year on Young Judea's year course program Jacob began college at the University of Michigan. Upset with the image of Israel portrayed on his campus Jacob got involved in pro-Israel activism by serving as the political chair for one of America's largest pro-Israel student groups. Jacob, a Middle Eastern Studies major, spent a semester studying in Cairo, Egypt. Following his dream, after graduating with a bachelor's degree in Middle Eastern North African Studies and Hebrew Jewish Cultural Studies from the University of Michigan, Jacob made aliyah. Now Jacob is advocating for Israel internationally through the voice of Sderot. Jacob's work has been published on various internet news sources and by scholars such as Daniel Pipes and Jonathan Schanzer. As the Advocacy Director of the Sderot Media Center, Jacob has participated in a Pre-Election Debate at this year's annual Jerusalem Conference where he was interviewed on the Israeli news channel Arutz Sheva.

Dates: Month of March leading up to Pesach. Cost: \$850 for honorarium (negotiable); StandWithUs is covering travel costs.

Please contact Dani Klein at swueast@gmail.com or (212) 398-2524 if you are interested in the above speaker.

Union of Progressive Zionists (UPZ):

B'tselem, an Israel Human Rights Organization, endeavors to document and educate the Israeli public and policymakers about human rights violations in the Occupied Territories, combat the phenomenon of denial prevalent among the Israeli public, and help create a human rights culture in Israel. B'tselem recently opened a Washington office and is excited to bring their message to American campuses. The exact topic to be discussed depends on the time that they have to speak, the 'hot' topic of the day, the expected audience, etc., but some possibilities include: Media as an Activist Tool, National Security vs. Human Rights, Human Rights of the Palestinians (general overview), Accountability, Restrictions on Movement, Settlements, Administrative Punishment, the Separation Barrier and Torture.

Dates: TBD. Cost: travel and accommodations from NYC (no honorarium)

Please contact Andrew Meyerson at andrew@upzshalom.org or 212.206.9909 if you are interested in a speaker from B'tselem.

Zionist Organization of America (ZOA):

Morton Klein is the National President of the ZOA, and was recently named by *The Forward* as one of the top five Jewish leaders in the US. He has testified before the US Congress and the Israeli Knesset, and more than 300 of his articles and letters have been published in major publications. Topics include: Israel and the Arabs: Is Peace Possible?; The Arab War Against Israel: What's Next?; Jerusalem: Whose City Is It?; Lessons of the Holocaust Applied to Today's Mideast.

Dates: TBD. Cost: \$300 honorarium plus travel expenses

Dr. Daniel Mandel is the Director of the ZOA Center for Middle East Policy and a Fellow in History at Melbourne University (Australia). Dr. Mandel presented "The Middle East Report" on Melbourne radio FPR for over a decade, and has been a frequent commentator on foreign affairs. He is also the author of *H.V. Evatt and the Establishment of Israel: The Undercover Zionist*. Topics include: U.S. Policy towards Israel and the Palestinian Authority; Anti-Americanism, Anti-Zionism; The Retreat from Gaza and its Political Aftermath.

Dates: TBD. Cost: \$300 honorarium plus travel expenses

Zion Uness was born in 1977 in Ethiopia, and immigrated to Israel at the age of 7. He served in the infantry of the IDF and subsequently received a degree in occupational therapy from the University of Haifa. Since that time he has worked to improve Ethiopian-Israeli education and community life, and has spoken widely at Jewish community centers, film festivals and universities about Ethiopian Jewry. Topics include: Operation Moses; My Journey; The Story of Ethiopian Immigrants to Israel.

Dates: TBD. Cost: \$300 honorarium plus travel expenses

Robert Friedman is the co-founder and editor of the Israel Info Center, a grassroots advocacy group in New York. Robert directed and produced *More Precious Than Pearls*, an award-winning documentary film about faith after the Holocaust, and his essays and letters on Israel and other issues have appeared in many publications including *The New York Times* and *New York Magazine*. Robert works in commercial real estate finance and venture capital for Israeli technology and other growth companies. Topics include: Understanding & Countering the Defamation of Israel: 5 Principles of Effective Advocacy; Blissful Ignorance: Why Some Progressives Misread the Middle East Conflict; Hypocrisy and Double Standards: Why the Extreme Left Bashes Israel; Islamists & the New Global Anti-Semitism: A Marriage Made in Hell; Love is Stronger than Hate: A Message of Hope to the Arab World.

Dates: TBD. Cost: \$500 honorarium plus travel expenses

Please contact ZOA Campus Staff at campus@zoa.org or 212-481-1500 if you are interested in any of the above speakers.