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Old-New Israel, a Modern Miracle Despite Ongoing Threats, and the Eternal Center of the Jewish People

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Israel, the Jewish people's miraculously reborn state, faces many serious and concerning current issues. Nevertheless, it is good from time to time to stand back from the periodic crises in order to appreciate the modern democratic polity's resilient, ongoing strength and truly remarkable achievements.

That Israel confronts many cascading and reinforcing threats is self-evident. From the rapidly deteriorating "Arab Spring" affecting its already-unstable neighborhood, to the Palestinians' unilateral campaign for UN state recognition under the aegis of the "moderate" Mahmoud Abbas, to the world-wide UN-led "delegitimation" campaign, not to mention a resurgent Islamist Turkey with "Ottoman" pretensions, Israel must juggle, and overcome, multiple existential threats.

The Islamist resurgence throughout the region (Muslim Brothers, Salafists, Wahhabites) has already had multiple effects: the post-Mubarak imperiling of the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace accords, resumed Hamas rocket attacks from Gaza in the South, the dangerous destabilization of the minority Alawite regime in Syria, and renewed Iranian-backed Hezbollah threats from Lebanese soil. And most serious of all is the imminent nuclear threat issuing from a clearly genocidal Shi'ite Iran, essentially unopposed by a weakened Obama-led United States and an appeasement-oriented "international community".

Nevertheless, as this current issue of ISRAFAX amply demonstrates, Israel is a flourishing Jewish democracy, whose resilient and resourceful people have forged a modern, "first-world" state, a creative, dynamic society, and an IDF which is one of the world's great militaries.

Israel, a global leader in high-tech innovation, start-ups and medical research, boasts a remarkably resilient economy attracting major foreign investment capital. Culturally, tiny Israel's universities are world-class, book-sales per capita are extraordinary, the film industry flourishes, and the Jewish society wins, especially in relation to population, an extraordinary number of Nobel prizes.

Despite the extremely heavy burden of defense expenditures imposed by having to face ever-hostile neighbors, which mandates one of the highest per-capita tax rates in the world, Jewish Israel is today a shining example of a flourishing Western, democratic state and a vigorous civil society.

Remarkably, and despite constant internal and external security threats, Israel not only among the region's polities, but on a world-wide scale—is an exemplar of the human values enshrined in the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Its large Muslim and Christian minorities enjoy freedoms unknown in the surrounding despotic regimes. Its Parliamentary democracy and vigorous Knesset party-political life, as well as its proliferation of extra-Parliamentary NGOs and citizens' organizations, more than holds its own with longstanding European and "Anglo-Saxon" democracies.

Here, it is important to note that much of reborn Israel's success is owed to its Judaic foundations. Respect for the individual and for due-process is built into the religious vision of the *Tanakh*, the Jewish people's Bible, reinforced by the checks on monarchical power enshrined in Hebraic injunctions against idolatry, the Prophetic books' invention of speaking truth to power, and the Talmudic tradition's emphasis on rational, critical dialectics and the questioning of authorities.

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The Lights That Never Dim!

BARUCH COHEN

In honor of Pearl and Jack Rothenberg

Hannukah, which literally means "dedication," tells the story of the *Maccabees* who fought for Jewish beliefs, values and traditions. Hannukah is a Jewish story of commitment, vitality, hope and justice.

Judah Hamaccabe and his fighters built high walls and strong towers around Mount Zion, so that the gentiles would never again come and destroy them, as they have done before. (Macabees 1)

The message of Hannukah is clear to anyone who reads the Biblical books of the *Maccabees*. Only by following the lessons of our history could we rekindle the Hannukah spirit of our tradition and give the Jewish people the strength to be a light unto the nations.

While celebrating Hannukah 5772, we remember the *heroes and heroines* of the Warsaw Ghetto who *never* put down their weapons, nor gave up their faith. Let us remember our beloved brothers and sisters who were murdered at the hands of terrorists. Let us remember our *new* Maccabees, our brave Israeli soldiers who have fallen in the struggle for independence and security of our beloved State of Israel.

We must never, ever let history repeat itself. We should, and we will, go on, one generation after the other until the end of days. Nothing is more miraculous than the survival, both physically and spiritually, of *Am Israel*—the Jewish People.

The waves of hatred that we are witnessing today against the State of Israel and the Jewish people teach us that we must remember: *Never Again! Am Israel Chai!* The Jewish people live, today and forever! Our fight is not a fight only against our enemies, but a fight for *Jewish* values, for *Judaism!*

The lights of Hannukah will forever illuminate the way for future generations! *Hag Hannukah Sameach!*

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SHORT TAKES & WEEKLY QUOTES

Charles Bybelezer

S&P RAISES ISRAEL'S CREDIT RATING FROM A TO A+— (*Jerusalem*) International credit rating agency *Standard & Poor's* has raised Israel's credit rating from A to A+, a decision reflecting the government's responsible economic policy. Israeli Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz said that the increased credit rating is a "badge of honor" for the Jewish state and a reward for steps taken during the global financial crisis. (*Jerusalem Post*, September 9.)

CHINA GRANTS ISRAEL ENVOY HONORARY CITIZENSHIP— (*Jerusalem*) Israeli ambassador to China Amos Nadai has received honorary citizenship from the city of Chengdu. The local mayor presented Nadai with his citizenship certificate, thanking him for his contribution to the development of the city and his efforts to tighten relations between China and Israel. The ties between both countries have grown stronger in the wake of the devastating earthquake that took place in China in 2008, when Israel greatly contributed to the rehabilitation efforts. Last November Chengdu celebrated "Israel Week." Nadai is the first foreign ambassador ever to be awarded such honor. (*Ynet News*, July 6.)

ISRAELI TRAUMA PROGRAM TO HELP JAPAN TSUNAMI VICTIMS— (*Jerusalem*) A unique Israeli program will soon be implemented in Japan to help children recover from the effects of this year's tsunami. *Hibuki*, meaning "hug me" in Hebrew, is a post-trauma recovery program created by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), in partnership with the Israeli Ministry of Education and the Department of Psychology at Tel Aviv University. So far in Israel, 50,000 children have been treated using the method, and a recent study found there were high rates of reduction in post-traumatic responses and distress among those children. (*Jerusalem Post*, September 8.)

GOLDEN BELL, POSSIBLY FROM COHANIM ROBE, FOUND IN J'LEM— (*Jerusalem*) A golden bell ornament that archaeologists believe belonged to a priest from the Second Temple Period has been found in an ancient drainage channel next to the Western Wall. The archeologists based their findings on the verse in Exodus: "...And upon the skirts of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the skirts thereof; and bells of gold between them round about" [Ex. 28:34,36]. (*Jerusalem Post*, July 22.)

ASHKENAZI JEWS RANK SMARTEST IN WORLD— (*Jerusalem*) According to a study performed by Cambridge University, Ashkenazi Jews, with a median IQ of 117, are the most intelligent cohort in the world, ranking 10 points higher than the second-ranked group and 20% higher than the global average. According to *USA Today*, "Ashkenazi Jews comprise 2.2% of the U.S. population, but represent 30% of faculty at elite colleges, 21% of Ivy League students, 25% of the Turing Award winners, 23% of the wealthiest Americans, and 38% of the Oscar-winning film directors." Furthermore, the *Institute for Ethics & Emerging Technologies* estimates that "Since 1950, 29% of the Oslo awards [Nobel Prizes] have gone to Ashkenazim, even though they represent only 0.25% of humanity." (*Ynet News*, July 23.)

"This data demonstrates the continuing trend of rising aliyah and the strengthening of Zionism...."—Israel's Minister of Immigrant Absorption, *Sofa Landver*, praising the approximately 21,300 Jews who immigrated to Israel during the Jewish year of 5771, a 19 percent increase over the previous year. (*Jerusalem Post*, September 22.)

"Same heart and same values. And that I say with great appreciation for your stance and your conviction, for your friendship."—Israeli Prime Minister *Binyamin Netanyahu*, thanking Prime Minister Stephen Harper for Canada's ongoing, steadfast support for Israel. (*Globe & Mail*, September 21.)

"Like you, I have read suggestions by newspaper columnists and observers that...Israel is 'isolating itself' in the Middle East. That view is wrong, and always has been wrong. Israel is not isolating itself—Israel is leading in the Middle East.... We're here to see that Israel continues to thrive—and to make clear it is America's duty to stand by her side. Not just as a broker or observer—but as a strong partner and reliable ally."—Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, *John Boehner*, conveying Congress' unwavering support for Israel, and affirming that "Israel does not stand alone—Israel stands above as the one true beacon of freedom and opportunity in the Middle East." (*Weekly Standard*, September 19.)

"Today, the Government [has approved] a deal that will bring Gilad Shalit home alive and well; bring him home to his parents Aviva and Noam, his brother Yoel, his sister Hadas, his grandfather Zvi, and the entire people of Israel.... The Nation of Israel is a unique people. We are all mutually responsible for each other, as our Sages said: 'He who saves one soul, it is as though he saved an entire world....'"—Israeli Prime Minister *Binyamin Netanyahu*, announcing to the nation of Israel the return of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit to his people after more than five years of captivity. (*Independent Media Review and Analysis*, October 11.)



Israeli Soldier Gilad Shalit being welcomed back to Israel by (from left to right) Defense Minister Ehud Barak, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and IDF Chief of General Staff Benny Gantz.

ISRAEL, LIKE HANNUKAH, IS A NES GADOL

The Miracle That Is Israel

JOSEPH PUDER

At 63, the Jewish State is a relative newcomer to the family of nations, yet in just over two generations it has been able to catch up and exceed the accomplishments of the majority of the older Western democracies in practically every category of human endeavor.... The eminent British historian Paul Johnson wrote of the Jewish State: "In the last half-century, over 100 completely new independent states have come into existence. Israel is the only one whose creation can fairly be called a miracle."

Israel is a miracle because the Jewish state was established against all odds. The Jewish people, having just suffered one of the worst catastrophes in its 4000-year history—the Nazi-engineered Holocaust—found the courage to withstand the genocidal onslaught of the well-equipped and numerically superior Arab armies....

Ironically, had the Palestinian-Arabs accepted the 1947 UN Partition Plan, the Jewish State might have withered away in time.... Paul Johnson put it like this, "It was the Arab leadership, by its obduracy and its ready resort to force, that was responsible for the somewhat enlarged Israel that emerged after the 1949 armistice, and the...greatly enlarged Israel that emerged after the Six-Day War of 1967. In another of the paradoxes of history, the frontiers of the state, as they exist today, were as much the doing of the Arabs as of the Jews. If it had been left to the UN, tiny Zion probably could not have survived."

Arab enemies of Israel and its Western detractors, motivated by envy and residual anti-Semitism, harp on Israeli "occupation" and Palestinian rights of "self-determination." The Arab-Palestinians, unlike the Kurds or the Tibetans, have had numerous opportunities to assert their self-determination. They rejected the 1947 UN Partition because they objected to the idea of sharing mandatory Palestine with the Jews and in so doing lost their opportunity for statehood. Their intent was to destroy the nascent Jewish State rather than live side-by-side with it. Unfortunately, not much has changed since 1947....

In the absence of peace, Israel has the legal right to administer the territories of Judea Samaria sanctified by the 1967 UN Resolution 242, which called for "territories for peace." The UN Resolution called moreover for "territories" and not "all" the territories to be exchanged for peace. By withdrawing from the Sinai and Gaza, Israel fulfilled its part of the Resolution, and it remains for the Arabs to negotiate peace with Israel without pre-conditions while forswearing terrorism, and recognizing Israel as a Jewish state....

At 63, Israel has progressed into a world class economy hailed for its technological innovations and medical research, which is saving lives throughout the world. Microsoft chairman Bill Gates remarked on a 2005 visit to Israel that, "Its no exaggeration to say that the kind of innovation going on in Israel is critical to the future of the technology business...." Dan Senor and Saul Singer's book "Start Up Nation" describes how, "Hampered by an Arab nation boycott that makes regional trade impossible and endowed with precious little by way of natural resources, Israel has beaten the odds to become a major player in the global business world.... Israel is one of the world's entrepreneurship hubs."

In 2011, the Jewish state is capable of defending its people; it has built an army second to none in innovation, resourcefulness,

and moral standards. With necessity as mother of all inventions, Israel has created what Zeev Jabotinsky, the spiritual father of Prime Ministers [Menachem] Begin and [Binyamin] Netanyahu, called the "Iron Wall" of deterrence....

Despite being vilified by large segments of the world's media and academia in the Muslim world and the West, facing a hostile UN, and worldwide campaigns of delegitimization, Israel today possesses a solid foundation for greatness. As professor Bernard Lewis pointed out in a private conversation, "While the Muslim world will sink into insignificance in 30 years, as fossil fuels are replaced with new forms of energy, Israel will remain and grow as a regional power...."

Israel today is indeed a place where its people are flourishing in a prosperous economy, and a free democratic society which its people are ready to defend at all costs.

(FrontPage, June 10, 2011)

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These religious values carried over into the post-Second Exile institutions of the Jewish people even under the conditions of Christian, and later Islamic, oppression. The tradition of self-government and representation in the internally-autonomous *kehilloth*, or self-governing Jewish communities, goes a long way to explaining why, after the partial secularization of the eighteenth and nineteenth century "Emancipation", Jews became leading figures in liberal, socialist, and Zionist movements.

Such Jewish traditions and political values interacted with Graeco-Roman political institutions, and with Roman and common-law principles of representation. Today this Jewish contribution to modern political development and theory is gaining a somewhat belated recognition as a key part of the warp and woof of Western liberal-democratic experience.

Given this, it is no accident that East European Zionist leaders, religious, socialist and Revisionist, although issuing from repressive and unrepresentative nineteenth-century antisemitic states, founded the representative self-governing institutions of the *Yishuv*, the pre-State governing body and political movements which easily morphed into the modern democratic Israeli state post-1948.

So, while always keeping our powder dry, it is important periodically to step back and take a longer perspective on what has been, and what will be, achieved. Israel today is at once a first-world, Western society and the creative center of the Jewish world. A true light unto the nations, it is a dynamic state which punches, so to speak, far above its weight-class. And despite the evident challenges and threats it faces, the Jewish state is, as *Tanakh* long ago affirmed, a beacon of hope to the world. Paradoxically, it is also a model for the very inhospitable neighborhood in which history, or destiny (or, some would say, providence) has placed it.

So, for a moment, let us, as Jews and people of good will—114 years after Theodor Herzl addressed the first Zionist Congress in Basel, and only 66 years after the horrors of Hitler's failed attempt to annihilate the Jewish people—take justified pride in, and give thanks for, old-new Israel. *Am Yisrael chai*, the Jewish people lives, and will always live, on its restored Land and in Jerusalem, its eternal capitol.

(Prof. Frederick Krantz, Director of the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research, is editor of ISRAFAK and of the Institute's Daily Isranet Briefing and on-line Blog.)

ISRAEL—SPROUTED, RISEN & GROWING

A Still-Relevant Miracle

FANIA OZ-SALZBERGER

*For I have seen with my own eyes a seed sown in Jezreel
By a handful of starving, wretched unknowns
And its sheaf has since sprouted and risen and grown
Into the State of Israel.*

Any analysis of present-day Israel, be it political or economic, must come to grips with the riveting story enfolded in these lines, written in 1948 by Hebrew poet Shin Shalom.... To be sure, Israel was not borne of unsung pioneer heroes alone. During the years 1882-1948, when Jews from many countries came together in the Ottoman and Mandatory region of Palestine to build a national home, personal sacrifice and individual idealism were complemented by shrewd policy making, diplomatic sophistication, military prowess, and deft maneuver of historical contingency.... But Shin Shalom was correct in saying he had witnessed a miracle.

Today's Israel—depending on your preference, a regional superpower, a fast-tracking start-up nation or the bane of the Middle East—germinated in a process so swift, dramatic, and inventive, that it defies comparison with any other nation-building module in modern times....

I have evoked Shin Shalom to make a simple point: The rise of modern Jewish national consciousness was...grassroots [and] genuine.... It was also a singular phenomenon, because the national territorial claim was predicated on mass migration (and later the mass flight of Holocaust survivors and refugees of persecution).... To call the 25,000 Jews from Russia, Romania and Yemen who comprised the first wave of Zionist influx (the First *Aliyah*)...run-of-the-mill colonialists is to miss the profoundly unique aspects of Israel's evolution.

The Jewish national movement rose from the multitudes.... It came from a profound and warranted collective premonition of existential danger. It articulated a unique motivation of home-coming.... It drew on the memory of a people steeped in reading from a shared bookshelf. Its nature, from the very start, was deeply democratic....

Even the ways in which Zionist thinkers and doers tried to deal with the Arab population of the Land of Israel...were not...colonialist. A national home was promised to the Jews in 1917, and two sovereign states were offered to Jews and Arabs in 1947; mainstream Zionist thought and practice, from Herzl onward, aimed to build a parliamentary democracy with equal citizenship for Arabs alongside Jews.

Nevertheless, the Arab residents of Ottoman and Mandatory Palestine...opted for violence. In the ensuing tragedy of conflicting national claims, the Jews gained the upper hand in three crucial senses: They militarized successfully, practiced brilliant diplomacy, and claimed the moral high ground by accepting the UN partition resolution—that early two-state solution that the Palestinians rejected wholesale....

Zionism was an authentic national movement, and any attempt to demonize it (and denounce the State of Israel) while otherwise “having nothing against” the Jewish people (and disclaiming anti-Semitism) is a historical *non sequitur*.... Sowing seeds in dry soil, peace-seeking self-defense, hoping and building—these were the true hallmarks of Israel's grassroots founders.

In my childhood, on Kibbutz Hulda, every Independence Day, a tiny old pioneer woman named Hadassah would light a candle and recite Shin Shalom's poem in a quietly passionate voice. She had been one of the seed-sowers. And I, a grandchild of Hadassah's generation, still saw them, the sowers and their sprouting seeds, with my own eyes.

(Haaretz, June 24, 2011)

EDITORIAL

Booming at 63

Celebrating the 63rd anniversary of Israel, one cannot help but be struck by the incongruity of conflating an ancient people, perhaps the world's oldest still extant, with a birthday age befitting a baby boomer. Indeed, many of the dilemmas that face the Jewish people today have been around for centuries. And yet, while many aspects of “the Jewish question” have not been resolved, we have so much to be proud of and thankful for....

[After] the Nazi Holocaust and the rise of the totalitarian Soviet Union...Zionism emerged as the dominant and most dynamic Jewish movement to confront the challenges offered by modernity...to alleviate Jews' tragic powerlessness. But although they were wildly successful at fulfilling their state-building goals, the Zionists did not—and have not—put an end to persistent anti-Semitism.

There are those who would argue that, if anything, Zionism has made the Jews' predicament even more precarious. Of the world's three groupings that remained after the Holocaust—Israelis, American Jewry and Jews spread across the rest of the Diaspora—only the first group lives in daily range of rockets...launched by rabid anti-Semites bent on destroying the Jewish state. Only Israelis are directly in danger of a nuclear Armageddon if Iran's Islamic Republic manages to get its hands

on the bomb.... But such thinking overlooks the fact that, in Israel, the Jewish nation is also uniquely capable of defending itself and determining its own destiny....

Today, the hostility, hatred and bias of large parts of the international community have prevented Israel from being accepted by the nations of the world as an equal, no matter how accommodating Israel has indicated its readiness to be in negotiations with the Palestinians and no matter how fairly Israel fights its wars.... And yet, notwithstanding the all too common rejection of Israel's very right to exist, the misrepresentations of Israel's daily narrative, and the numerous military threats Israel faces in this rapidly changing region, the Jewish state's situation today is enviable compared to those long centuries of exile, wandering and powerlessness.

We have come a long, long way in ingathering the exiles. We are managing to reconcile the conflicting demands of a first world democracy and fealty to the religion that sustained us in exile. We enjoy a robust alliance of common values with the world's single superpower. And for all that we are threatened in our narrow strip of land, we are also unprecedentedly strong....

We have accomplished all this while fighting conventional and unconventional wars, absorbing a vast and diverse immigrant population and providing basic democratic rights to all citizens, regardless of race, creed or religion. Not too bad for a state the age of your average baby boomer.

(Jerusalem Post, August 5, 2011)

CIJR “COMBATTING DELEGITIMATION” CONFERENCE RALLIES COMMUNITY

The *Canadian Institute for Jewish Research* sincerely thanks all those—sponsors, presenters and audience members—who participated in its remarkable and highly successful November 6 *International Conference*, “Combating the Delegation of Israel.”

The event brought together nine respected academics from a variety of fields to analyze, and devise strategies to overcome, the global propaganda “soft war” being perpetrated against the democratic Jewish state. An edited video of the *Conference* can be viewed on CIJR’s website (www.isranet.org/video-recap-combatting-delegitimation-israel).

The following “Action Points” summarize the *Conference*’s themes and provide guidance to those now asking themselves: “What Can I Do to Help?”

Anti-Delegitimation Action Points

1. The existence of Israel-focused antisemitism is a reality, and all ideologies with an anti-Jewish or anti-Israel component must be systematically and carefully analyzed, and without illusions.
2. We must combat the use of an inverted human-rights narrative that uses pseudo-liberal language stigmatizing Israel as an “apartheid,” “racist” state. Israel is in fact a thriving democracy governed by the rule of law, which bestows upon all its citizens, both Israelis and Arabs, Jewish and non-Jewish, equal rights and opportunities. We must seek out the liars, expose their lies, and convey the truth to the public.
3. We must oppose the insidious Boycotts, Divestments, Sanctions (BDS) movement, through grassroots mechanisms—like purchasing goods at, precisely, boycotted stores—mobilizing both Jewish and non-Jewish citizens.
4. We must constructively critique the “fifth column” amongst us—those uninformed Jews who have internalized and promoted the false anti-Israel narrative. We must try to engage such individuals in discussion in order to communicate the facts to them, particularly as regards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
5. We must reaffirm our commitment to Jewish values, which foster Jewish pride. Placating the “other” at our own expense is not a legitimate strategy. We must redefine the meaning of “victory” over our enemies, seeking strong deterrence rather than passive appeasement.

Conference Resolution

“We, gathered today at the International Conference on “Combating the Delegation of Israel,” affirm our commitment to the well-being of Israel and the Jewish people, and we call upon all individuals of good will and our Jewish organizations which claim to represent us to do everything in their power on the campus, in the media, and in the political sphere, vigorously to defend the community and to combat the delegitimation campaign wherever it appears in all its forms.”



Prof. Frederick Krantz, director of CIJR, reciting the Conference Resolution.

AT THE CONFERENCE



Middle East scholar and CIJR Lion of Judah award-winner, Daniel Pipes, delivering the Keynote Address at CIJR's International Conference.



Baruch Cohen, CIJR's Research Chairman (right), with Rabbi Asher Jacobson, Congregation Chevra Kadisha (left), at the Conference.

KEY ISRAEL FACTS: DID YOU KNOW,

Israel, the 152nd smallest country, with approximately 1/1000th of the world’s population, can make claim to the following:

- * Israel has more museums per capita than any other country in the world.
- * Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees to the population in the world.
- * In proportion to its population, Israel has the largest number of startup companies in the world.
- * Israel was the first nation in the world to adopt the Kimberly process, an international standard that certifies diamonds as “conflict free.”
- * Israel has the airline industry’s most impenetrable flight security.
- * The cell phone was developed in Israel by Motorola.
- * Relative to its population, Israel is the largest immigrant-absorbing nation on earth.
- * Israel is the only country in the world that entered the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees—in an area that’s mainly desert!
- * Israeli scientists developed the first fully computerized, no-radiation, diagnostic instrumentation for breast cancer.
- * Israeli bank notes have braille on them so the blind can identify them.

- * Israel has the highest percentage of home computers per capita in the world.
- * Most of the Windows NT and XP operating systems were developed by Microsoft-Israel.
- * Israel is the only country in history to have revived an unspoken language—modern Hebrew.
- * Voice-mail technology was developed in Israel.
- * Israel’s Dead Sea is the lowest surface point on earth, at 1,373 feet below sea level.
- * The Israeli city of Jericho is the oldest continuously inhabited town in the world.
- * Israel publishes more books per capita than any other nation in the world.
- * Israel has attracted the most venture capital investment per capita in the world.
- * The glue on Israeli stamps is kosher.
- * Israel receives more media coverage per capita than any other country in the world.
- * Per capita, Israel leads the world in the number of scientists, physicians, engineers, and technicians in the workforce.
- * NASA uses an Israeli algorithm to transmit images from Mars.

CIJR again thanks Mme. Ginette Auger and Mr. Yves Archambault, owners of Montreal’s *Le Marcheur* shoe-store, for their steadfast refusal to submit to the ongoing and vicious Boycotts, Divestments, Sanctions (BDS) campaign targeting their business, due to its sale of Israeli-made products. Below, please find the text of the presentation made to Mme. Auger and Mr. Archambault by CIJR “Israel Student-Advocacy Program” intern Sandro Angelo de Thomasis at CIJR’s Conference:

“Prior to awarding the Golden Magen David Award, I would like to advise all present that the intention behind this symbolic gesture is by no means political.

To politicize this award would play into the hands of the extreme-left member of the Quebec National Assembly heading the boycott campaign against the award’s recipients. He is a man who promotes, on wholly specious political grounds, opposition to a 25-year-old business in his own borough because less than 2% of the shoes sold there come directly from Israel.

The anti-Zionist boycott demonstrations against Le Marcheur are conducted with the aim of both intimidating its clientele, and getting the media to pick up their delegitimation propaganda depicting Israel as an “apartheid” state.

The truly deserving recipients of this award, Ginette Auger and Yves Archambault, describe themselves as apolitical. Nevertheless, being apolitical does not necessarily mean being without principles. It is these very principles that we wish to honour here today. Mrs. Auger and Mr. Archambault did not let themselves be intimidated; they refused to bow down in the face of aggressive intimidation. Their courage and resiliency deserves recognition, and demonstrates that Quebecers will not cave to intimidation. And it forges a bond of common values with Quebec society, something of which all Quebecers should be proud.

I am therefore proud to present CIJR’s Golden Magen David Award to Ginette Auger and Yves Archambault.”



Sandro Angelo de Thomasis presenting the Golden Magen David Award to Ginette Auger and Yves Archambault.

ISRAEL, TRUE TO PRINCIPLES, FLOURISHES INTERNATIONALLY

Isolation? What Isolation?

DANNY AYALON

During the past few months, Israel's purported growing isolation has been the subject of much discussion. It is far from the truth, and it is ironic that this debate has taken place during an effective Israeli challenge to the long-standing paradigm of the Palestinians using the United Nations as a "rubber stamp" for its capricious policies.

For decades at the United Nations, Palestinian demands, regardless of how spurious or provocative, were granted by a near wall-to-wall majority in most forums. Recently and almost without precedent, Palestinian officials have been hearing strong messages of disapproval and even rejection. The fact that Palestinian officials, backed by all the resources of the powerful Arab and Islamic world, are travelling around the world pleading for, and not receiving, complete acquiescence for their unilateral declaration of statehood...should not go unnoticed.

However, regardless of the outcome of provocative Palestinian unilateralism, Israel's relations and cooperation in the international arena have rarely been more wide-ranging and comprehensive. Under the reins of the current political leadership in the Foreign Ministry, Israel has more embassies and consulates than ever before (many reopened after being closed under previous administrations), with more nations requesting Israeli representation our current budget simply cannot cover....

Whereas recent governments ignored vast swathes of the globe, focusing on a few areas that were felt to have sole strategic importance, our new policy, led by Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, is to make inroads into areas of great importance long ignored by former Israeli foreign ministers.... Two notable examples are Israel's recent acceptance into the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).

The increase in our trilateral cooperation with partner countries like Germany, Canada and Italy working with nations in the developing world is reaping benefits for the people of those regions and has helped reframe Israel as a significant partner in such global issues as combating desertification, water management and modern agricultural techniques.... Moreover, over the past few years Israel has promoted UN resolutions completely unconnected to either the [Arab-Israeli] conflict or the Holocaust. Our agricultural and technological know-how, and readiness to help humanity, are heavily supported in the UN and other international agencies.

However, the true proof of Israel's growing inclusion, integration and partnership are our growing diplomatic ties with numerous nations. Government-to-government dialogues, where a large number of government ministers from Israel and another nation meet to discuss matters of mutual interest and promote a strengthening of bilateral relations, have been significantly increased...in the last few years. Economic relations have also been solidified, trade volume has grown, and many agreements of economic cooperation have been signed in the fields of taxation, investments protection, Free Trade Zones and the exchange of economic delegations. This has assisted in the securing of a strong and stable economy that has seen Israel cope very well with the international recession.

While we face many challenges with some of our neighbors, most recent events are the result of changes completely unrelated



to Israel or our conflict with the Palestinians. The deterioration in relations with Turkey began long before this government took office. Its most obvious manifestation was the public humiliation of President Shimon Peres by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Davos at the beginning of 2009, during one of the most dovish governments in Israeli history. Turkey's new foreign policy has led them into disagreements with many of its neighbors and Israel stands with Greece, Cyprus, Armenia and the European Union as having been recently rebuked by the Turkish Government....

Regardless, Israel will remain true to its principles, despite the changes around us. The security and interests of Israel and its people are second to none on our list of priorities. This is nonnegotiable and we should not apologize for this, even if it leads to misunderstandings, including among allies and friends. Israel should not be asked to accept any less than any other sovereign nation would in a similar situation....

By any measurements our successes far outweigh any perceived failures and we are on a path to even further integration. Israel is a member of more international forums, participates in a larger number of important international events, signs and implements more bilateral agreements and has further integrated into the global agenda than ever before.

This holistic approach to foreign policy may not make the headlines, but is the fundamental basis for the strengthening of our current international standing.

(Danny Ayalon is Israel's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. Jerusalem Post, September 10, 2011)

CIJR'S NEW WEBSITE — www.isranet.org

The Canadian Institute for Jewish Research (CIJR) has launched its striking new website, isranet.org, which will provide quick and effective access to CIJR's world-recognized, expert analysis on Middle East- and Israel-related issues. "This website will give the members of the media, our many regular followers, students and the general public entrée to our outstanding publications and videos, academic experts, rich seminar, colloquia and conference programs," says Professor Frederick Krantz, CIJR's Director. "In this time of increasing world focus on the region, we welcome visitors wishing to learn more about key issues."

ISRAEL'S "A+" ECONOMY IS A KEY U.S. ASSET

Could Israel Become an Energy Giant?

BRET STEPHENS

"That is beautiful product."

Harold Vinegar is holding a little vial of oil, light-brown in color, with a look of paternal pride. "It's much lighter than typical crude," he says, describing it as "the equivalent of Saudi extra-light." Maybe somewhere else this would be no big deal. But this is Israel... And the liquid Mr. Vinegar is holding has been extracted from a nearby deposit of shale oil, which Israel has in abundance.

What kind of abundance? The World Energy Council estimates Israel's shale deposits, located some 30 miles southwest of Jerusalem, could ultimately yield as many as 250 billion barrels of oil. For purposes of comparison, Saudi Arabia has proven reserves of 260 billion barrels....

Mr. Vinegar works out of a small Jerusalem office for a start-up called *Israel Energy Initiatives* (IEI). Until recently he was a chief scientist at *Shell* in Houston, with a remarkable 266 patents to his name. Many of those patents are connected to his quest to develop "unconventional" energy sources such as shale (a grayish sedimentary rock) that are abundant in North America but pose major technological hurdles and are uneconomical to extract when oil prices are low....

The U.S. is thought to have 1.5 trillion barrels of shale oil, while China has some 355 billion barrels. Israel ranks third.... Most of the U.S. deposit is in Colorado...but there's a problem with the resource: "In Colorado the aquifer runs right through the oil shale," says Mr. Vinegar. One advantage of Israel's shale, he

explains, is that the aquifer runs several hundred feet below it. A second advantage is the richness of the deposits, which he believes yield between 23 and 25 gallons of oil per ton of shale. A third is Mr. Vinegar's estimate of \$34-\$40 per barrel cost of commercial production, roughly comparable to the cost of deep-water drilling today....

For now, all this is far afield for IEI, which is still waiting on a permit for its first pilot project. Beyond that lie years of lead time and billions in investment to bring the project to commercial scale. The history of oil prospecting, even when the technology is right and the resources proven, abounds with failures.... But regardless of whether IEI is destined for rags or riches, its efforts raise important issues about both Israel's and the world's energy future.

Israel currently imports nearly all of its oil by tanker, mainly from Russia and the former Soviet republics. Those imports were abruptly cut off during the 2006 war with Hezbollah, which brought the country perilously close to running out of fuel. More recently, there has been talk in Egypt of raising the price on its natural-gas supplies to Israel and perhaps cutting it off entirely. Energy independence may be a chimera for the U.S. For Israel, some measure of independence is a strategic imperative.

As for the rest of the world, it is steadily depleting its reserves of conventional oil even as demand continues to skyrocket. Biodiesels and other enviro-fads will not make up the shortfall. But unconventional could, provided we get over our hypochondria about exploiting them and our illusions about downside-free sources of energy. At least there's no question about where the shale deposits lie.

There would be much surprise and some justice if Israel were someday to become the Mideast's newest energy giant....

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The Economic Case for Supporting Israel

GEORGE GILDER

America's enemies understand deeply and intuitively that no U.S. goals or resources in the Middle East are remotely as important as Israel. Why don't we?

Israel cruised through the recent global slump with scarcely a down quarter and no deficit or stimulus package. It is steadily increasing its global supremacy, behind only the U.S., in an array of leading-edge technologies. It is the global master of microchip design, network algorithms and medical instruments.

During a period of water crises around the globe, Israel is incontestably the world leader in water recycling and desalinization. During an epoch when all the world's cities...face a threat of terrorist rockets, Israel's newly battle-tested "Iron Dome" provides a unique answer.... In the face of a global campaign to boycott its goods, and an ever-ascendant shekel, it raised its exports...27.3% in the first quarter of 2011.

Israelis supply Intel with many of its advanced microprocessors.... Israeli companies endow Cisco with new core router designs and real-time programmable network processors for its next-generation systems. They supply Apple with robust miniaturized solid state memory systems for its iPhones, iPods and iPads, and Microsoft with critical user interface designs....

Vital to the U.S. economy and military capabilities...U.S. policy [towards Israel] is [nevertheless] crippled by a preoccupation

with the claimed grievances of the Palestinians and their supposed right to a state of their own....

Actions have consequences. When the Palestinian Liberation Organization launched two murderous Intifadas within a little over a decade, responded to withdrawals from southern Lebanon and Gaza by launching thousands of rockets on Israeli towns, spurned every sacrificial offer of "Land for Peace" from Oslo through Camp David, and reversed the huge economic gains fostered in the Palestinian territories between 1967 and 1990, the die was cast. It's time to move on.

For the U.S., moving on means a sober recognition that Israel is not too large but too small. It boasts a booming economy still absorbing overseas investment and a substantial net inflow of immigrants. Yet it is cramped in a space the size of New Jersey, hemmed in by enemies on three sides...and Iran lurking with nuclear ambitions and genocidal intent over the horizon....

Despite its huge technological advances, [Israel's] survival continues to rely...on the unswerving commitment of the U.S. But this is no one-way street. At a time of acute recession, debt overhang, suicidal energy policy and venture capitalists who hope to sustain the U.S. economy with Facebook pages and Twitter feeds, U.S. defense and prosperity increasingly depend on the ever-growing economic and technological power of Israel.

If we stand together we can deter or defeat any foe. Failure, however, will doom the U.S. and its allies.... We need Israel as much as it needs us.

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JEWIS IN JERUSALEM, JEWIS IN WARS AW: MIRACLE OF REBIRTH

An Ordinary Prophecy

NATHAN ELBERG

One of the most famous stories in the Talmud tells of Rabbi Akiva joyously citing a prophecy that “Old men and women shall yet sit in the streets of Jerusalem...the city shall be filled, with boys and girls playing in its street” (*Zechariah* 8:4-5). Surrounded by devastation, Akiva was gladdened by the knowledge that normal, everyday life shall one day return.

The anthropologist Stanley Diamond also spoke about the quest for a normal life in Israel. He conducted research in the early days of modern state. Kibbutzniks, he stated, wanted to engage in all the activities that Jews had been traditionally excluded from in Europe. Parents took pride when they could say that their children were ‘just like the goyim.’ They wanted to be people living like anyone else, on their own land.

These quests for a normal life have been fulfilled. Were Zechariah to return to Jerusalem in 2011, he would find his old men and women sitting, walking, praying in the courtyards and buildings of the Old City or the Kotel plaza. He might have to jump out of the way as a youngster with *payos* and *tzitzit* careened his bicycle down the narrow streets, barely avoiding the tourists, students and others who dwell there.

The secular kibbutzniks would also find their vision fulfilled. Although most kibbutzim have abandoned their socialist agrarian vision and their agriculture has gone high-tech. Israel, renowned for its fruits, is one of the world’s leading greenhouse-grown food exporters. The agricultural sector of the economy continues to grow. Israelis are farmers, tradesmen, laborers... they’re whatever they want to be.

A normal life pervades the land. In Hebron, a few Jewish families live in a community near the Cave of the Patriarchs, surrounded by tens of thousands of violent, hostile Arabs. Yet their children too, play in the streets, running, riding, yelling. I asked a community leader how the children could play outside, given the viciousness of the neighbors. He replied “God will protect us.” The man stood near a memorial to a ten-month old baby that had been killed by a sniper while in her stroller.

The suicide bombings, the acts of terrorism, are on hold at the moment, stilled by greater security measures. Nonetheless, walk the streets of Israel’s cities, and you will come upon the memorial plaques to those who lost their lives while grocery shopping, eating in a restaurant, visiting the beach; while doing the normal things of life. The terror, the war against the existence of Israel is not forgotten.

This is perhaps the greatest achievement of Israel: that despite the terror, despite rocket attacks, despite being surrounded by tens of millions of people who want to destroy them, Israelis live normal lives. The shops are busy, the restaurants crowded, the schools (secular or religious) are full of children learning. Israelis invest, drive trucks, grow fruit, and innovate.

Children study, adults work. Old men and women ‘sit in the streets of Jerusalem,’ of Tel Aviv, Ashkelon and Eilat. Zechariah’s prophecy has flourished; Rabbi Akiva’s joy has been vindicated.

(Nathan Elberg is Chairman of CIJR’s International Board.)

Days Of Miracle And Wonder

CHIEF RABBI WARREN GOLDSTEIN

A momentous event took place last [month]: the largest gathering of rabbis in Warsaw since World War II. The Conference of European Rabbis convened in this historic city, bringing together, among others, the chief rabbis of Israel, France and the Ukraine, Rome and Moscow, Austria and Poland; and *dayanim* (judges) from the *Batei Din* (rabbinical courts) of London, Paris, Strasbourg, Lyon and Amsterdam....

There was one moment in particular during the conference that captured the awe and miracle of Jewish destiny: the *mincha* [evening] prayers in the Nozyk Synagogue, the only synagogue not destroyed by Germans.... I looked around the synagogue. Seeing 200 rabbis, representing almost two million Jews in communities across Europe, the words from the Book of Psalms came to mind: “Some come with chariots and some with horses but we call out in the name of Hashem our G-d. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.”

Who would have thought, at the height of Nazi power, when Jews were being murdered in gas chambers...that one day rabbis representing Jewish communities throughout Europe would return with strength and confidence to this very synagogue?... The Third Reich brought horrific destruction; but in the end, it lost the war against the Jews. In defiance of any normal laws of history and human nature...the Jewish people have survived.

These are indeed days of “miracle and wonder.” Some 250 years ago, long before these modern miracles, Rav Yaakov Emdin wrote that the miracles performed by G-d to ensure the survival of the Jewish people throughout the many years of exile are even greater than the awe-inspiring miracles of the Exodus from Egypt....

By any logical and rational assessment, we should not exist as a separate, identifiable people after almost 2,000 years of exile, dispersion and persecution.... The miracle of the rebirth of Jewish sovereignty in the land of Israel, which we have been privileged to witness in our time, is a remarkable endorsement of the prescient words of Rav Yaakov Emdin....

Before the conference started, my son and I went to see one of the last remaining walls of the Warsaw Ghetto. As we entered, a group of Israeli soldiers left. On their lapels was proudly emblazoned the Magen David, now the emblem of the sovereign Jewish state. It struck me how decades ago, when Jews wore the Star of David on their clothing, it was a badge of dishonor, symbolizing their certain death. It has now become a badge of life, strength and pride.

Yet this kind of miraculous rebirth can be intoxicating. It is easy to forget that even now, when we have brave, strong soldiers who can defend the Jewish people, our destiny is in Hashem’s hands. We learn this lesson from King David.... King David was known not only for his political power and military genius but also as a great spiritual leader, learned in Torah and imbued with deep devotion to G-d.... King David...of all people knew the great necessity of a strong army, but he also knew that we cannot be defined by it.

We are defined by our moral vision, which G-d gave to us at Mount Sinai.... The future of the Jewish people...does not depend on chariots and horses alone. Throughout history, many civilizations and empires with mighty armies have come and gone; yet the Jewish people have remained throughout....

(The writer is chief rabbi of South Africa.
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THE WONDER OF ISRAEL & THE VOCATION OF UNIQUENESS

The 7 Wonders of the Jewish World

NATAN SLIFKIN

...In antiquity, a list was compiled of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. In the 19th century, lists were compiled of the Seven Wonders of the Middle Ages and the Seven Wonders of the medieval mind.... I would like to propose [another] list: The Seven Wonders of the Jewish world, with “world”...[incorporating] the full realm of the Jewish experience.

1. **Monotheism**—...Aside from its role in shaping religion, monotheism also laid the foundation for the rise of science.... And the billions of adherents of Christianity and Islam have all adopted a monotheism initiated by the Jewish People.

2. **The Land of Israel**—The land of Israel, promised to Abraham, is small...but it is nevertheless remarkable within the natural world. Geographically, the land of Israel is at the junction of three continents: Europe, Asia and Africa.... It houses an incredible diversity of landscapes: snowy slopes, tropical beaches, arid deserts and green forests.... The land of Israel is home to an astonishingly diverse range of flora and fauna. It is the southernmost range of many northern species, the westernmost range of eastern species, and the northernmost range of southern species. As the Midrash states, Israel is the center of the world.

3. **Torah**—Literally meaning “teaching,” the word Torah is often used in the narrow sense of referring to the Five Books of Moses. But in its broadest sense, it refers to the entire gamut of Jewish teachings. This marvelous body of literature chronicles a nation’s efforts over millennia to connect with the Divine, to improve the

individual, to regulate society and to stretch the mind....

4. **The calendar**—The wonder of the Jewish calendar...manages to synchronize three entirely unrelated natural phenomena: the rotation of the earth on its axis, the revolution of the moon around the earth, and the revolution of the earth around the sun.... [The calendar allows Jews to] celebrate national salvation and religious freedom; observe days of solemnity, repentance and introspection; and mourn the loss of people and precious elements of our heritage....

5. **Jewish survival**—The Jewish People, never large in number, have been faced with hatred for over 3,000 years.... Nations faced with far fewer existential threats have disappeared, and yet we have survived. Mark Twain famously asked, “The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then...passed away. The Greek and the Roman followed. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts.... What is the secret of his immortality?”

6. **The State of Israel**—...Israel has managed to create a vibrant democracy, an oasis of prosperity, producing astonishing accomplishments in every field, all while successfully repelling repeated attempts at annihilation.

7. **Global significance**—Although numbering only 0.2% of the total world population today, and never having numbered much more than that, the Jewish People have always had an inexplicably large impact upon the world.... We have made disproportionate contributions in every sphere of knowledge and endeavor....

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The Mystery of Israel

RABBI NATHAN LOPES CARDOZO

Throughout the centuries, historians, philosophers and anthropologists have struggled with the notion called Israel. While attempting to place Israel within the confines of conventional history, they experienced constant academic and philosophical frustration. Any definitions they suggested eventually broke down due to serious inconsistencies. Was Israel a nation, a religion or an altogether mysterious entity which would forever remain unexplainable?

Jews must ask themselves what this non-classification really signifies. Is it due merely to lack of vision and insight on the part of the nations? Is it that Jews could really fit into a system but the nations have not yet allowed them entry?

We have only one way to comprehend the positive meaning of this otherwise apparently negative phenomenon—the way of faith. From any other viewpoint, the failure of Jews to fit into any category would be intolerable. What we need to understand, however, is that this reality comprises the foundation of the nation of Israel’s uniqueness.

Israel’s very existence is the manifestation of divine intervention in history to which Israel must attest. In Israel, history and revelation are one. Only through Israel is humanity touched by the divine.

The realization of this fact has become modern Israel’s great challenge. Its repeated attempts to overcome its insecurity by employing world politics will not work. Reading Israel’s prophets, they predicted that Israel would perish if it would insist on existing only as a political structure. Yet it can survive—as long as it

insists on its vocation of uniqueness.

Throughout its short history, the State of Israel has gone through the most mysterious events modern man has ever seen. After an exile of nearly two thousand years, during which the Jewish People was able to survive against all historical odds, it returned to its homeland. There it found itself surrounded by a massive Arab population that was, and still is, incapable of making peace with the idea that this small mysterious nation lives among them.

From the outset Israel was attacked and condemned for defending its population and fighting for its very existence. Over the years it had to endure the international community’s policy of double standards. Today, as in the past, when it calls for peace it is condemned for provoking war.

Simultaneously and against all logic, the Jewish nation builds its country as no other has done. What took other peoples hundreds of years, Israel has accomplished in only a few. While bombs and katyushas attack its cities, and calls for its total destruction are heard in many parts of the world, Israel continues to increase its population, generate unprecedented technology and create a stronger and more stable economy.

But the more it succeeds, the more its enemies become infuriated, and the more dubious Israel’s security becomes. There can be no security for Israel unless it is secure in its own destiny. It must assume the burden of its own uniqueness, which amounts to accepting its role as G-d’s witness. And it must draw strength from this reality, especially in these times when Israel’s very existence is again at stake. For once Israel recognizes its uniqueness, it will, paradoxically, enjoy security and undoubtedly be victorious.

(Rabbi Cardozo is a member of CIJR’s International Board.)

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Students Taught How to Defend Israel

JANICE ARNOLD

When Marian Pinsky, a Bialik High School graduate, entered [Montreal's] McGill University, she felt the shock of being in an environment where Israel was frequently the target of criticism and attack. Most disturbing for her was that it generally went unanswered. Despite her passion for Israel, she didn't feel equipped to respond effectively to Israel's detractors.

Two years ago, she learned of a well-structured, academic-oriented program for CEGEP and university students like her. The *Student Israel Advocacy Program* (SIAP) was developed by the *Canadian Institute for Jewish Research* (CIJR), an independent think-tank headed by Concordia University Professor Frederick Krantz.

SIAP, which is being offered again for a fourth year, from October through April, is a series of seminars led mainly by Concordia professors on Jewish and Zionist history and modern-day Israel and the Middle East politics, as well as antisemitism. "Drawing on both primary and secondary documents, it provided me with a comprehensive overview of both the past and present situation, as well as critical talking points to counter accusations and demand a more balanced perspective of a complex and nuanced situation," said Pinsky....

In fact, Pinsky says SIAP transformed her from being merely a concerned supporter of Israel to a campus activist. She recently became editor of *Dateline: Middle East*, the student-run periodical published by CIJR. "I think the most critical thing that SIAP provide students with...was a support network and community," Pinsky added. "This is so critical, especially as pro-Israel students can often feel outnumbered and alienated on campus...."

"SIAP gives students the knowledge and skills they need to defend Israel and Jews, in the face of deepening antisemitism and delegitimization of Israel," Prof. Krantz said. Speaking up for Israel is increasingly being hindered on North American campuses, he said, by "selectively restrictive speech codes" and "the sometimes intimidating abuse of professorial authority."

This year's SIAP, on the theme "Taking Back the Campus," comprises sessions held roughly every three weeks at the CIJR office from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There are also film screenings on Sundays, one day-long public colloquium per semester, and required and optional reading.

Among the faculty are Concordia's Ira Robinson (Jewish studies), David Pariser (fine arts), Norrin Ripsman (political science), Harold Waller (political science, McGill) and David Bensoussan of the Université du Québec à Montréal, as well as Prof. Krantz....

To apply to SIAP, email Charles Bybelezer at charles@isranet.org. More information is also available on CIJR's newly revamped website, www.isranet.org.

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