

The *Canadian Institute for Jewish Research (CIJR)* is an independent and internationally-known academic think-tank based in Montreal and Toronto. Its research focusses mainly on Israel, Jewish and Middle Eastern Issues and seeks to affect the student public as well as the media and government.

Our Mission

The Canadian *Institute* for Jewish Research's purpose is to strengthen public and student understanding of Jewish Israel as a unique democratic society in its difficult Middle Eastern context, and of key Jewish-world issues in general. The *Institute* is staffed by respected, academic Fellows, and aims to bring objective data and analysis of Israel, the Middle East, and Jewish-related issues to students and university campuses, Jewish and non-Jewish, and to the media and government.

The Institute's Activities

The *Institute's Insider Briefing Seminars* and *Community Colloquia* feature respected scholars and experts on Israel, Middle East, and Jewish-world issues. Recent speakers notably include:

- **Former Canadian Minister of Justice and human-rights leader the Hon. Irwin Cotler;**
- **Former Canadian MP Stockwell Day;**
- **Israeli leader Natan Sharansky;**
- ***Palestinian Media Watch* Director Itamar Marcus;**
- **Israel Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon;**
- **Terrorism expert Steven Emerson;**

- Israel's former Defense Minister, Gen. Moshe Ya'alon;
- Israel's former Ambassador to Canada Alan Baker;
- Jewish Diaspora leader and *Jerusalem Post* columnist Isi Leibler;
- Former Israeli Defense Minister and Ambassador to the U.S. Moshe Arens;
- Noted British writer Melanie Phillips;
- Israeli Arab-world expert Mordechai Kedar

Students and University Campuses

CIJR is very active on and off campus and engages with students in a number of ways through our Student Council. **CIJR** supports the student-written and edited *Dateline: Middle East* magazine, now in its 29th year. Published uninterruptedly over the last twenty-six years, it addresses Israel's role in international affairs, global anti-Semitism, traditional Jewish and modern cultural issues, the regional economy, the status of Jerusalem, human-rights in Arab and Islamic and Iranian nuclear proliferation, among other concerns.

The *Institute's* unique *Israel Learning Seminars (ILS)* is a year-long training initiative focused on students but open to the public. Given by *CIJR Academic Fellows*, it is designed to counter worsening anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism on campuses and in the media. **CIJR** also offers the *Baruch Cohen Student Research Internships*, during the summer and academic year.

"Since 1988, the CIJR has supported an independent analysis of Israeli and Middle East regional issues. Its publications and activities continue to be trusted source of news and perspective on the State of Israel, its achievements and the challenges it

faces in an unstable part of the world”.

-Justin Trudeau

Prime Minister, Liberal Party of Canada

“CIJR combats anti-Israel bias and presents a clearer picture of the challenges Israel faces in this all too troubled region. I thank you for your important efforts over the years to strengthen understanding for Israel and Canada.”

-Benjamin Netanyahu

Prime Minister, Likud Party, State of Israel

“The vital work being done by CIJR ... is in fact, far more effective than most of the efforts carried out by other organizations within the Jewish community.”

-Alan Baker

Former Ambassador of Israel to Canada

“CIJR is a world-class, Israel-related think-tank, a powerful, internationally-respected, and responsive resource, unique in grouping respected academic Fellows, Jewish and non-Jewish, who speak directly to the community on issues of concern to Israel and the Jewish people.”

-Prof. Frederick Krantz

Director, Canadian Institute for Jewish Research

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