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Dear Guests,

Welcome to the Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism. We are proud to host you here in Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Israel, as we mark our 60th anniversary of independence.

This conference takes place at a time of great significance. Concerned observers everywhere see that Antisemitism and its attendant maladies have become a global phenomenon, ready to spread their toxic fumes at any given moment. While Antisemitism has taken many different forms in the course of its long history, it found ultimate expression with the extermination of European Jewry in the Holocaust. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism have joined forces in order to fight Antisemitism in its newest manifestations, in the guise of Anti-Zionist and anti-Israel standpoints.

The Jewish people and the State of Israel, which was established as its national home, stand at the forefront of this battle. Yet responsibility lies with the political and religious leadership of every country in which Antisemitism appears.

Antisemitism, racism and xenophobia are issues with which the countries of the free world must deal and which they must place high on the international agenda. We recognize and welcome the many leaders who have come to our side in order to change the situation and who have shown great sensitivity to concerns within the Jewish world.

The participation of such a diverse group at this Global Forum is testimony to the commitment of many governments and organizations and their resolve to eradicate Antisemitism through the appropriate tools and action plans. The progress we have seen in recent years within many governments, and the willingness to give prominence to Antisemitism in public discourse, we believe, represent important steps in creating a society that is more tolerant, just and value-oriented. In our opinion, the solution lies within three central themes: education, legislation and enforcement.

In taking a strong stand against Antisemitism, racism and xenophobia, we form a common front against the threats wrought by ignorance, fundamentalist extremism and against the xenophobic regimes in countries which support terrorism – threats which target the free world in general and the Jewish people in particular.

We must also take a strong stand against legitimizing UN-member states or leaders so long as they deny Israel's right to exist while also promoting denial of the Holocaust. Granting any kind of legitimacy works against everything this conference stands for.



We call upon you, as participants in this conference and as representatives of the free world, to lead a joint initiative to establish an international body uniting governments, leaders and representatives of the global community – to come together in the fight against Antisemitism along with racism and xenophobia, through making use of all available means.

The Government of Israel will continue its role as a leading force in these matters. We will do this in cooperation and coordination with all other states and organizations which share the same goals and which are willing to take part in this global effort.

With sincere wishes for a productive conference,

The Co-Chairs of the Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism

Tzipi Livni
Vice Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Isaac Herzog
Minister for Diaspora Affairs and for
Combating Antisemitism



A Tribute to the late Congressman Tom Lantos

The Government of Israel expresses its deepest sorrow over the passing of US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Tom Lantos.

Lantos was a notable leader in the advancement of Israel-US relations in the US Congress. Space does not permit the listing of all of his initiatives and actions on this issue during his long years of public service. Love of Israel, a commitment to advancing human rights and enshrining the memory of the Holocaust were the principal causes to which Tom Lantos dedicated his public and political activity over the years.

The people of Israel owe a great debt to Lantos, who made the advancement of Israel-US relations and activity on behalf of the Jewish People his life's work.

From Jerusalem, the State of Israel sends its sincerest condolences to the family of Tom Lantos. May his memory be blessed.



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism for our international conference.

The Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism is an active coalition of parliamentarians, statesmen, NGO's and scholars from many countries. Our mission is to fight the growing manifestations of Antisemitism and other forms of racism around the world. The international conference provides an opportunity for us to come together, exchange ideas and work effectively in concert as we confront Antisemitism's growing threat.

This year's conference will provide a full overview encompassing a focus on areas of concern ranging from geographic regions, recent trends and patterns such as Antisemitism in the guise of Anti-Zionism, to current government and parliamentary actions in combating Antisemitism and other models of best practice.

One of the important goals before us is to ensure the creation of a standing body with the tools to continue this fight for as long as the pressing need persists. Therefore, the information exchanged between you on an informal level during the conference is no less vital than the panel sessions. The personal contacts and networking we develop are invaluable in that they reinforce the connection that make the Global Forum an increasingly effective body in confronting Antisemitism in its growing virulence.

As we gather at this time of growing threats, it is hard to behold current manifestations of hatred and incitement without a sense of *déjà vu*. It should be inconceivable that a mere two generations after the Holocaust we are facing a new virulent and global outbreak of Antisemitism, yet this is the reality and we cannot afford to ignore it. We must do everything possible to heighten awareness of the campaigns of rhetoric, delegitimation and violence so that never again can there be another Holocaust. We must confront and defeat this and every other form of racism.

Only a coalition of informed and involved individuals from around the world, representing the full range of governmental, NGO and civil society organizations, can counter such a challenge – and it is just such a coalition that we see within the Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism. Through this exchange and its unique blend of academic and practical discourse, we can work together to confront and educate against Antisemitism and toward solutions to the many challenges ahead.

With best wishes for productive and fruitful discussions,

Aviva Raz Shechter
Conference Chair
Director
Department for Combating Antisemitism
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Sunday, February 24, 2008

8:00 Registration

10:00 Opening Session

Conference Chair

Aviva Raz Shechter

Director, Department for Combating Antisemitism, MFA

Introductory Remarks

Aaron Abramovich

Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Israel

Natan Sharansky

Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs, Chairman of the Adelson Center at the Shalem Center

Avner Shalev

Chairman, Yad Vashem

Opening Address

Abe Foxman

National Director, Anti-Defamation League

11:00 Panel #1 Antisemitism in the Muslim and Arab World

Opening Presentation

Prof. Menahem Milson

Chairman, Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI)

Moderator

Prof. Raphael Israeli

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Panel Discussion

Dr. Daniel Pipes

Director, The Middle East Forum

Maqsood Ahmed

Senior Advisor on Muslim Communities, Preventing Extremism Division, Department for Communities and Local Government, UK

Dr. Matthias Kuentzel

External Research Associate at the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism, the Hebrew University

Dr. Yoram Kahati

Assistant Director, Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Panel #2 Government and Parliamentary Actions in Combating Antisemitism

Opening Remarks

Rabbi Michael Melchior

Member of Knesset; Chairman of Education, Culture and Sports Committee

Moderator

Colette Avital

Member of Knesset; Deputy Speaker

Panel Discussion

John Mann

MP United Kingdom

Petra Pau

MP Germany, Vice President of the Bundestag

Kristian Vigenin

MEP, Vice-President of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament, Member of the EP Committee on Foreign Affairs

Oleksandr Feldman

MP Ukraine

Richard Serero

Secrétaire General de la Licra

Dr. Richard Sequens

Chairman of Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic



15:45 Coffee Break

**16:00 Panel #3 Antisemitism in the Guise of Anti-Zionism:
Defining the Borders of Legitimate Criticism**

Opening Remarks

Prof. Robert Wistrich

Director, The Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Hebrew University

Moderator

Dr. Michael Kotzin

Executive Vice President, Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago

Panel Discussion

Dr. Anthony Julius

Mishcon De Reya, Visiting Professor, University of London

Prof. Elhanan Yakira

Schulman Professor of Philosophy, Hebrew University

Dr. Manfred Gerstenfeld

Chairman, Board of Fellows, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs

Dr. Charles Small

Director, Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism

17:50 Ceremonial Opening

Introduction

Aviva Raz Shechter

Director, Department for Combating Antisemitism, MFA

Remarks in Honor of the late Tom Lantos

Joseph Tommy Lapid

Chairman of the Council, Yad Vashem

Opening Address by Global Forum Co-Chairs

Tzipi Livni

Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Isaac Herzog

Minister of Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism

Respondents

Prof. Gert Weisskirchen

MdB Germany, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman in Office

Gregg Rickman

Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, U.S. State Department

19:30 Dinner

Dinner Chair

Malcolm Hoenlein

Executive Vice Chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

Remarks

Dr. Zoltan Lomnici

President of the Supreme Court of Hungary

Keynote Address

Justice Elyakim Rubinstein

Supreme Court of the State of Israel



Monday, February 25, 2008

8:00 Registration

9:00 Panel #4 Antisemitism in the Media and the Internet

Moderator

Mark Weitzman Director, Task Force against Hate, Simon Wiesenthal Center

Panel Discussion

Ronald Eissens Director, Magenta Foundation

Melanie Phillips British Journalist, Author and Broadcaster

Christopher Wolf, Esq. Chair, International Network against Cyber-Hate (INACH) and Chair, Internet Task Force of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

Richard Warman Human Rights Attorney, Canada

Rabbi Abraham Cooper Associate Dean, Simon Wiesenthal Center

Dr. André Oboler Legacy Heritage Fellow, NGO Monitor

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 Panel #5 Geographical Briefing: The Global State of Antisemitism and Models of Best Practices

Moderator

Michael Schneider
Secretary General, World Jewish Congress

Panel Discussion

Dr. Richard Prasquier President, Representative Council of French Jewish Institutions

Henry Grunwald President, Board of Deputies of British Jews

Prof. Michael Chlenov Secretary General, Euro-Asian Jewish Congress

Dr. Eduardo Kohn Director for Latin American Affairs, B'nai Brith International

Bernie M. Farber Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Jewish Congress

Mark Levin Executive Director, NCSJ

Rabbi Andrew Baker Director of International Jewish Affairs, American Jewish Committee

Jeremy Jones Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council

Sammy Eppel Member of the CAIV, the Venezuelan Community Governing Body

Michael Miller Executive Vice President and CEO, Jewish Community Relations Council of New York

Dr. Ronny Naftaniel Director, Centre Information and Documentation on Israel, Holland

12:30 Lunch



14:00 Panel #6 Antisemitism in Academia and Intellectual Circles

Opening Presentation

Prof. Dina Porat

Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of
Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism,
Tel-Aviv University

Moderator

Prof. Gil Troy

Professor of History, McGill University

Panel Discussion

Prof. Anita Novinsky

Dr. David Hirsh

Dr. Fiamma Nirenstein

Dr. Charles Jacobs

Dr. Mitchell Bard

Coordinator, Laboratory for the Study of Intolerance, University of Sao Paulo

Editor, Engage; Goldsmiths College, University of London

Author and Journalist, Luiss University, Rome

Director, The David Project

Executive Director, American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise

15:45 Coffee Break

**16:00 Panel #7: Antisemitism in International Organizations
and Human Rights Groups**

Opening Remarks

Prof. Irwin Cotler

MP Canada

Moderator

Prof. Gerald Steinberg

Bar-Ilan University; Director, NGO Monitor

Panel Discussion

Michael Whine

David Matas, Esq.

Prof. Paul Merkley

Director, Government and International Affairs, CST UK

Senior Legal Advisor, B'nai Brith Canada

Professor of History, Emeritus, Carleton University



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Prof. Anne Bayefsky

Director, Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, Touro
College; Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute

Hillel Neuer

Executive Director, UN Watch

Dr. Shimon Samuels

Director for International Relations, Simon Wiesenthal Center

17:45 Coffee Break

18:00 Concluding Session

Conference Chair

Aviva Raz Shechter

Director, Department for Combating Antisemitism, MFA

Remarks

Shmuel Ben-Shmuel

Head, World Jewish and Inter-Religious Affairs Division, MFA

Closing Remarks

Sir Martin Gilbert

Historian

Isaac Herzog

Minister of Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism



BIOS OF SPEAKERS

Aaron Abramovich

- Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

From 1999-2001 Aaron Abramovich served as director-general of the Jewish Agency, and from 2001-2006 as director-general of the Ministry of Justice. In this capacity, he headed the evacuation, compensation, and negotiation committee set up to accommodate the needs of settlers evacuated from their homes in the Gaza Strip and northern Samaria under the Disengagement Plan, preparing the necessary legislation for compensation. In May 2006 he was designated for the position of director-general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, assuming the post on June 4. Aaron Abramovich has also served as a member of the board of directors of the Israel Museum, the Israel Lands Administration, and El Al.

Maqsood Ahmed OBE

- Senior Adviser on Muslim Communities, Preventing Extremism Unit for Communities and Local Government

Maqsood Ahmed was appointed as Adviser to the Home Office in the Faith Communities Unit in 2003 with the primary role of engaging Muslim and other faith communities on inter-faith work, and was instrumental in holding first ever Imams and Rabbis conference in London (2006) and followed up in Manchester with Muslim/Jewish women dialogue in London. He was awarded an OBE for the groundbreaking work as the first Muslim Adviser to the HM Prison Service. Maqsood's background includes working on anti-poverty, racial equality in his career with Leicester Law Centre, Watford Borough Council, and is a trustee and founding member of Drug, Alcohol Awareness Project in Ealing West London (DAAP).

Colette Avital

- Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Member of Knesset

Colette Avital was elected to the Knesset for the Labor Party, since 1999. Before joining politics she served as career diplomat for nearly 40 years, filling the positions of Ambassador to Portugal, Consul General in New York and Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry in charge of European Affairs. MK Avital currently serves as Deputy Speaker of the Knesset and her parliamentary duties also include membership in the house committee, Constitution, Law and Justice Committee; Committee on Immigration, Absorption, and Diaspora Affairs and the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. MK Avital also heads the Parliamentary committee for Holocaust survivors. She is a resident of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Andrew Baker

- Director of International Jewish Affairs, American Jewish Committee

Rabbi Andrew Baker is Director of International Jewish Affairs for the American Jewish Committee. He is Vice President of the Jewish Claims Conference and a member of the International Auschwitz Council, the official governmental body that oversees the memorial site and museum. In recognition of his work in Europe he was decorated by the Presidents of Germany (2003), Lithuania (2006) and Latvia (2007). He has testified on the subject of Antisemitism and related issues before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the House Banking Committee, the U.S. Helsinki Commission and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. He has been a Public Member and Advisor of U.S. Government delegations to OSCE conferences on Antisemitism in Vienna, Warsaw, Berlin and Cordoba. He is also a past President of the Interfaith Conference of Washington, a former Commissioner of the District of Columbia Human Rights Commission, a past President of the Washington Board of Rabbis, and a former chaplain of San Quentin Prison.



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Dr. Mitchell Bard

-Executive Director American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE)

Mitchell Bard is a leading authority on U.S.-Middle East policy. In addition to his duties at AICE, Dr. Bard is also the director of the Jewish Virtual Library (www.JewishVirtualLibrary.org), the world's most comprehensive online encyclopedia of Jewish history and culture. Dr. Bard's work has been published in academic journals, magazines and major newspapers. He has written and edited 18 books, including, *Will Israel Survive?*, *Myths And Facts: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Middle East Conflict* and *1001 Facts Everyone Should Know About Israel*. His forthcoming book is *48 Hours of Kristallnacht*.

Prof. Anne Bayefsky

- Director, Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, Touro College; Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute

Anne Bayefsky is the Editor of www.EYEontheUN.org, a Senior Fellow of the Hudson Institute and Director of the Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust at Touro College.

EYEontheUN.org is dedicated to making the UN's record on identifying and condemning human rights violations transparent, and is quoted by leading media sources worldwide.

Professor Bayefsky also created www.bayefsky.com, a leading human rights website dedicated to enhancing the implementation of international human rights legal standards in every state.

Professor Bayefsky has served on numerous Canadian and NGO delegations to the UN, and been a member of advisory committees of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the UN Development Programme. She has also authored a major review of the UN human rights treaty system in collaboration with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Shmuel Ben-Shmuel

- Head of the World Jewish Affairs and Interreligious Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Ben-Shmuel has been involved in Jewish Affairs and in the struggle against Antisemitism and delegitimization of the State of Israel in different capacities throughout his long career in the Ministry: as a Deputy Council General in New York in the 1990s, as Council General in Atlanta (2002-2006), Councilor for Political Affairs in South Africa (early 90's), and as the Director of the World Jewish Affairs Bureau in late 1990s.

Prof. Michael Chlenov

- Secretary General, Euro-Asian Jewish Congress

Michael Chlenov is President of the Va'ad -- The Federation of Jewish Organizations in Russia. He also chairs the Euro-Asian branch of the World Jewish Congress and is a member of its Executive. In the 1970s, he was a well-known Hebrew teacher in Moscow and was one of the founders of the "kulturniks" group. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, he has played a major role in re-establishing the Jewish community in Russia. Michael Chlenov is currently Dean of the Department of Jewish Studies at the State Jewish Maimonides Academy and of the Center for Jewish Studies and Jewish Civilization at Moscow State University. He holds a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology. Michael Chlenov was a member of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors from June 1998. He has recently become an Associate member of the Board.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper

- Associate Dean, Simon Wiesenthal Center

Abraham Cooper oversees the Simon Wiesenthal Center's international Social Action agenda. He is widely recognized as a pioneer and international authority on digital hate and terrorism. He regularly meets with Muslim leaders and recently collaborated with former Indonesian President Wahid on the *Bali Religious Summit on Terrorism*, which brought to a Muslim nation for the first time a rabbi from Israel, a Holocaust survivor and a survivor of suicide bombing in Jerusalem.



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Prof. Irwin Cotler, PC, OC

- Member of Parliament, Labor Party of Canada

Irwin Cotler is a Member of the Canadian Parliament and former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. He is a law professor (on leave) from McGill University, where he directed the Human Rights Programme. The recipient of nine honorary doctorates and, amongst others, the American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists' Pursuit of Justice award, he serves as counsel to prisoners of conscience and dissidents.

Ronald Eissens

- General Director and co-founder of the International Human Rights and antiracism NGO Magenta Foundation

A former computer technician and labor union organizer, Ronald Eissens has pioneered national and international initiatives for anti-racism and Human Rights projects since 1992. Along with co-founder Suzette Bronkhorst, Eissens instituted the world's first hotline for hate on the Internet, created the First Sailing Internet connection (as part of a national anti-racism education project), co-founded the International Network against Cyber Hate (INACH) and organized food and medicine transports to the besieged city of Sarajevo. He also reported live through I CARE from the World Conference against Racism in Durban, South Africa in 2001. He has created awareness campaigns on extremism, Antisemitism, Holocaust denial and hate against Muslims and has published extensively on the subject of cyber hate.

Sammy Eppel

- Member of the CAIV, the Venezuelan Community Governing Body

Sammy Eppel comments for major Venezuelan newspapers, radio and TV stations and is also a commentator on various Miami stations on current events in Venezuela, with more than 500 published articles. He is a member of the Venezuelan Jewish community's board of governors (CAIV) and currently is head of its information and analysis commission. He is also a correspondent for the World Press Organization in Venezuela and a member of the Inter-American Press Association (SIP).

Bernie M. Farber

- Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Jewish Congress

Recognized as one of Canada's leading experts on Antisemitism and human rights, Bernie M. Farber is the Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Jewish Congress, the lead advocacy organization for Canada's Jewish communities and on behalf of UJA Federations. He has written extensively and lectured around the world on issues of Jewish and human rights, the Holocaust, hate crime and white supremacy and appear frequently in local and international media.

Oleksandr Feldman

- Member of Parliament, Ukraine

Oleksandr Feldman began his career in business following the collapse of the Soviet Union, establishing a company which is now one of the largest real estate developers in Ukraine and operates the largest commercial center in Eastern Europe. In 1998, Feldman established the Jewish Foundation of Ukraine and serves as President. In 2000 he was elected Chairman of the Association of National Minorities of Ukraine, advising Ukraine's President and Government and in 2001 he was elected to the Ukrainian parliament, where is serving his third consecutive term, chairing the Ukraine-Israel Parliamentarian Group and the Committee on National Minorities. Mr. Feldman has also been invited to join as Vice President for CIS and Eurasia affairs in the International Council of Jewish Parliamentarians.



Abraham H. Foxman

- *National Director, Anti-Defamation League*

Mr. Foxman has been National Director of the Anti-Defamation League since 1987. An attorney, he is world-renowned as a leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry and discrimination, and is a prominent advocate in support of the State of Israel. A Holocaust survivor, he has written extensively on the subject. He regularly confers with elected officials and community leaders in the U.S. and abroad. Mr. Foxman appears frequently on national news programs and is quoted in major national media. He is the author of *The Deadliest Lies: The Israel Lobby and the Myth of Jewish Control* (2007) and *Never Again? The Threat of the New Anti-Semitism* (2003).

Dr. Manfred Gerstenfeld

- *Chairman of the Board of Fellows of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs*

Manfred Gerstenfeld is a former international business strategist who has been a consultant to governments, international agencies, and boards of some of the world's largest corporations. He is an editor of the *Jewish Political Studies Review* and co-publisher of *Post-Holocaust and Anti-Semitism*. Among his twelve books are *Europe's Crumbling Myths: The Post-Holocaust Origins of Today's Anti-Semitism*, 2003; *European-Israeli Relations: Between Confusion and Change?* and *Academics against Israel and the Jews*.

Sir Martin Gilbert

- *Historian*

Sir Martin Gilbert is the official biographer of Winston Churchill, and the author of eighty books, many on Jewish and Israeli themes. For two years in the mid-1980s, he was an NGO representative at the UN Human Rights Commission, representing Prisoners of Zion in the Soviet Union. In 1995 he accompanied British Prime Minister John Major to Jerusalem, Gaza and Amman. He is a pioneer of historical atlases, including his *Jerusalem Historical Atlas* (used most recently by President Bush), his *Atlas of Jewish History*, and his *Arab-Israel Conflict Atlas*, now in its ninth edition.

Henry Grunwald QC

- *President, Board of Deputies of British Jews*

Henry Grunwald QC is the President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the central representative body of the United Kingdom Jewish community. He also chairs the Jewish Leadership Council which brings together the senior lay leadership of major UK national Jewish organizations. He is the Vice Chairman of the National Holocaust Memorial Day Trust and a Vice President of the European Jewish Congress and Member of the Advisory Board of the Community Security Trust. By profession, Mr. Grunwald is a Senior Member of the Criminal Bar, appointed Queen's Council in 1999 and a Bencher of Grays Inn in 2002 and is a Fellow of University College, London.

Dr. David Hirsh

- *Editor, Engage; Goldsmiths College, University of London*

David Hirsh wrote his Ph.D. at Warwick University on Crimes against Humanity and International Law, and while the Sociological Review Fellow of 2001-2, he wrote *Law against Genocide: Cosmopolitan Trials*, published in 2003. The book focuses on two trials from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the trial of Andrei Sawoniuk for crimes committed during the Holocaust, and the David Irving libel case and was awarded the British Sociological Association Philip Abrams Prize for the best first book in sociology in 2004. Hirsh received a Rothschild/Hanadiv Foundation research grant of £25000 in order to investigate the character and dynamics of anti-Zionism as a contemporary political movement



and its relationship to Antisemitism and the body of this research comprised a major working paper published by the Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism, entitled *Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism: Cosmopolitan Reflections*, published while Hirsh was a Research Fellow at Yale University.

Malcolm I. Hoenlein

- Executive Vice Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations

Mr. Hoenlein serves as an advisor to many public officials and is frequently consulted on public policy issues. He appears regularly in the media and has traveled throughout the world meeting with world leaders and Jewish communities. He has written and lectured across the US and abroad on international relations, Israel and Middle East affairs, Soviet and World Jewry, terrorism, the American Jewish community, and inter-group relations. A recipient of many awards and tributes, he is associated with and serves on the boards of many communal, educational and civic organizations including the Council on Foreign Relations, the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce and is Chairman of America's Voices in Israel and Co-Chair of Security Community Network.

Prof. Raphael Israeli

- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Born in Fes, Morocco, Prof. Israeli teaches Islamic, Chinese and Middle Eastern History at the Hebrew University and is a guest Professor at Haifa University. He has also at York University in Toronto, the University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea program, Harvard University, Boston University, Australian National University in Canberra, Melbourne University and Naruto University in Japan. He has authored 25 books and some 100 scholarly articles in the fields of Islamic radicalism, Islamic terrorism, the Modern Middle East, Islam in China and Asia and the Opening of China by the French.

Dr. Charles Jacobs

- Director, The David Project

Charles Jacobs is a long-time activist in the Jewish community and beyond. In 1988, he co-founded the Boston branch of CAMERA - Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America, and helped transform it into a national organization. In 1993, he founded the American Anti-Slavery Group, which brought international attention to modern day human bondage worldwide and in particular to the enslavement of tens of thousands of black Africans by Arabs in Sudan and has published widely on this topic, appearing in the major print and electronic media. In the summer of 2002, in response the sudden re-emergence of Antisemitism, Charles founded The David Project Center for Jewish Leadership which promotes a fair and honest discussion of the Middle East conflict, and which has evolved into a Center for Jewish Leadership. Today, the David Project works with dozens of Jewish and pro-Israel groups on campuses and in the community.

Jeremy Jones

- Director of International and Community Affairs, Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council

Jeremy Jones speaks widely on Antisemitism in Australia, writing annual reports for Australian Jewry, Tel Aviv University, the OSCE and other bodies as well as on Jewish/Muslim and Jewish/Christian dialogue, the Use of Law to Combat Antisemitism and many other topics. He has participated in Australian Government delegations to seven international human rights conferences and at numerous international meetings representing Jewish organizations. Jones is a Member of the Order of Australia and received the 2007 Australian Human Rights Medal and has served the Jewish community in positions including its highest elected office, President of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.



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Dr. Anthony Julius, AM

- Mishcon De Reya, Visiting Professor, University of London

A solicitor-advocate at the London law firm, Mishcon de Reya, and a Visiting Professor at Birkbeck College, London University, Anthony Julius is the author, among other works, of *T.S. Eliot, anti-Semitism and literary form*, and is completing a history of English anti-Semitism, to be published by Oxford University Press in Autumn 2009.



Dr. (Major Res.) Yoram Kehati

- Senior Intelligence Analyst

Dr. Kehati is Deputy Director and Senior Researcher at the "Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center" (ITIC), the Israel Intelligence Heritage & Commemoration Center (IICC), Ramat Hasharon, Israel; and Senior Research Fellow, Lecturer and Commentator at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya. A specialist in Arabic, Middle East History and radical Islam worldwide, he is also a senior lecturer at the Galilee College, and formerly served as Senior Military Intelligence Analyst Officer and Professional Arabic Linguist Senior Officer in various commanding and instruction posts at the IDF/ Military Intelligence.

Dr. Eduardo Kohn

- Director for Latin American Affairs, B'nai Brith International

Doctor in Diplomacy and graduate of the University of Uruguay, Eduardo Kohn has been a History Professor, columnist and CEO of the Hebrew Integral College in Uruguay; Executive Director of B'nai Brith District 28 (Uruguay and Paraguay); and Director for Latin American Affairs of B'nai Brith International.

Michael C. Kotzin

- Executive Vice President, Jewish United Fund/ Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Michael Kotzin joined the Federation in 1988 as Director of its Jewish Communities Relations Council and assumed his current responsibilities in 1999. A graduate of the University of Chicago, he holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Minnesota. From 1968 to 1979 he was a faculty member at Tel Aviv University. A frequent spokesman for Chicago's Jewish community, Dr. Kotzin is a respected authority on many facets of Jewish communal affairs, particularly Israel-related issues and anti-Semitism, and he has published widely on these topics.

Dr. Matthias Kuentzel

- External Research Associate at the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism, the Hebrew University

Based in Hamburg, Germany, Matthias Kuentzel is a Research Associate at the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a member of the Board of Directors of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East. His book, "Jihad and Jew-Hatred: Islamism, Nazism and the Roots of 9/11," was awarded the Grand Prize of the London Book Festival in 2007. His essays about Islamism and Antisemitism have appeared in publications such as The New Republic, The Jerusalem Post and the Wall Street Journal, and have been translated into ten languages.

Joseph Tommy Lapid

- Chairmn of the Council, Yad Vashem

Yosef Lapid was born in Yugoslavia in 1931 and immigrated to Israel in 1948. He holds a law degree (L.L.B.) and is a journalist by profession. He has served in the past as General Director for the Israel Broadcasting Authority, Chairman of the Cable TV Union, and Chairman of the Israel Chess Society. Previous Head of the Shinui party, Lapid served as a Member of Knesset from 1999 until 2006. He served as a member of the Foreign Affairs & Defense and the Constitution, Law and Justice Committees, as well as on the Parliamentary Inquiry Committee for the Location and Restitution of Property of Holocaust Victims and the Special Committee for Discussion of the Security Service Law. In February 2003, Yosef Lapid was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice, serving until December 2004.



Mark B. Levin

- Executive Director, NCSJ

Mark Levin has served as Executive Director of NCSJ: Advocates on Behalf of Jews in Russia, Ukraine, the Baltic States and Eurasia since 1992. Mr. Levin first visited the Soviet Union in 1982, leading a Congressional delegation to meet with Soviet officials and Jewish activists. In 1987, Mr. Levin was a key organizer of the March on Washington on behalf of Soviet Jews, which brought more than 250,000 people to the nation's capital. In 2002, he helped organize the massive April 15 National Rally for Israel. He has thrice served as a Public Member of the U.S. Delegation to OSCE meetings, and as a Public Advisor for the U.S. Delegation to the 2004 OSCE Conference on Anti-Semitism. From 1987 to 1989, Mr. Levin served as Director of NCSJ's Washington office, and has been a professional staff member since 1980. Prior to NCSJ, he worked for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

Honourable Dr. Zoltán Lomnici

- President of the Supreme Court of Hungary and of the National Council of Justice

The Hon. Dr. Zoltán Lomnici was appointed President of the Supreme Court of Hungary and of the National Council of Justice in 2002, and served in Hungary's Supreme Court since 1991. He is a Member of the Scientific Committee of the Association of Hungarian Lawyers; Vice President of European Academy of Law; President of the Association of Hungarian Judges dealing with administrative matters; and Member of the Corporation of the Holy Crown. He is also Vice-President of the Network of the Presidents of Supreme Courts of the European Union and Member of the board of the International Association of Supreme Administrative Jurisdiction.

John Mann

-Member of Parliament for Bassetlaw

John Mann was elected as Member of Parliament for Bassetlaw in June 2001. Since his time in student politics John Mann has been vocal in his condemnation of all forms of racism and intolerance and has worked tirelessly to combat it. In the summer of 2005 he was appointed as the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group against Antisemitism. In November of the same year, he commissioned an inquiry into the state of Antisemitism in the UK. The inquiry published a report of its findings to the Prime Minister and received an official government response. He now leads the engagement with the UK government to implement the recommendations made by the inquiry panel. In addition, John and his committee have been invited to share the findings and methodology of the inquiry with multiple parliaments around the world.

David Matas, Esq.

- Senior Legal Advisor, B'nai Brith Canada

David Matas is a lawyer in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada with a practice in immigration, refugee and international human rights law. He is senior honorary counsel to B'nai Brith Canada. His latest book is "Aftershock: Anti-Zionism and Antisemitism".



Rabbi Michael Melchior

- Member of Knesset, Chairman of the Committee for Education, Culture and Sports

Rabbi Michael Melchior comes from Denmark where members of his family members served as Chief Rabbis for seven generations. Since moving to Israel in 1986, he served as International Relations Director for the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, but entered the political arena following the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. He was elected to the Knesset in 1999 and was appointed Minister for Israeli Society and the World Jewish Community. He has also filled the Cabinet positions of Deputy Foreign Minister, Deputy Minister for Education and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's office, in charge of Jewish Diaspora and Israeli society affairs. Recognizing that much of the tension between Jews and Muslims has its roots in religious prejudice and ignorance, Rabbi Melchior co-initiated the Alexandria Declaration, in which the religious leaders of all the major communities in the Holy Land agreed to work toward peaceful resolution of conflicts.

Paul Merkley

- Professor Emeritus of History, Carleton University, Ottawa

Prof. Merkley has taught on the faculty of the University of Toronto and Fresno State College in California, and he has been a Visiting Professor in the Departments of Religion and American Studies of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is the author of three books dealing with aspects of the history of Christian interest in Zionism and Christian attitudes towards the State of Israel, the most recent of which is *American Presidents, Religion and Israel*, Praeger, 2004. He has spoken at academic conferences in Israel and in Canada on the theme of Christian Support for Israel. Dr. Merkley is an advisor on international politics to Hon. Stockwell Day, Canada's Minister of Public Safety. He is a member of the academic advisory panel of the Canadian Institute of Jewish Research and a member of the Board of the Canadian branch of International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem.

Michael S. Miller

- Executive Vice President and CEO, Jewish Community Relations Council of NY

As the head of the central coordinating body for more than 60 major civic, communal, educational and religious organizations representing the 1.4 million members of the Jewish community in the New York metropolitan area, Mr. Miller oversees the JCRC's agenda which includes handling Israel and international affairs, liaison with law enforcement, security and emergency planning, government relations, coalition building with over 180 ethnic groups, outreach to the Russian-speaking Jewish community, and legal assistance to Jewish organizations.

Prof. Menahem Milson

- Chairman, Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI)

A native of Israel, educated at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Harvard, Prof. Milson has been teaching Arabic literature at the Hebrew University since October 1963. In recent years, his research interest has been focused on the issues of Arab Antisemitism and Reform vs. Islamism in the Arab world today. Milson is co-editor of the Hebrew University's online Arabic-Hebrew dictionary. A former paratrooper and intelligence officer, Colonel Milson served as Advisor on Arab Affairs to the Israeli Military Government in the West Bank and Gaza (June 1976 to September 1978). He was President Sadat's aide-de-camp during the Egyptian President's historic visit to Jerusalem in November 1977. From November 1981 to September 1982, Milson was Head of the Civil Administration of Judea and Samaria. Prof. Milson is the co-founder and chairman of the Washington based Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).



Dr. Ronny Naftaniel

- *Director, Dutch Centre for Information and Documentation on Israel (CIDI)*

The Dutch Centre for Information and Documentation on Israel (CIDI) monitors Antisemitic incidents in the Netherlands for already 20 years. Naftaniel is also vice-chairman of the CEJI, a Jewish contribution to an inclusive Europe, in Brussels, treasurer of the Central Jewish Board of the Netherlands and chairman of the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund, which supports Jewry in Central and Eastern Europe. He has published several books and articles about Jews, Israel and Antisemitism.

Hillel Neuer

- *Executive Director, UN Watch in Geneva.*

Hillel Neuer lectures at the Geneva School of Diplomacy and is a regular contributor on human rights, law and international affairs for leading publications. Neuer has appeared before the U.S. Congress and on CNN, Fox News, BBC Radio and Al Jazeera. He was formerly a litigator in New York for the international law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Neuer was cited by the Federal Court of New York for the high quality of his advocacy on a First Amendment case for prisoners' rights and freedom of religion. In March 2007, Neuer exposed the UN Human Rights Council's anti-Israel bias in a speech that was the first ever to be rejected as "inadmissible" by the council president. It has since been viewed more than 300,000 times on YouTube, and became the subject of editorials in the *Wall Street Journal* and numerous other newspapers and blogs.

Dr. Fiamma Nirenstein

- *Author and Journalist; Luiss University, Rome*

Fiamma Nirenstein is a columnist and a features writer for Il Giornale daily and Panorama weekly. From 1991 until December 2006, she worked as correspondent and columnist for La Stampa daily. She is an expert the Middle East conflict, terrorism, anti-Semitism, the great changes that are taking place within the Middle East democratization process, Antisemitism. She divides her time between Jerusalem and Rome and teaches Middle East History at Luis University in Rome. Nirenstein has authored best selling and prize winning books, the latest, "Israel Is Us," and a compilation of two of her books was translated into English under the title "Terror, the new anti-Semitism and the war against the West" (Smith and Kraus, Hanover, USA 2005). Nirenstein contributes to numerous publications. She is a member of the board of the Italian Foundation Magna Carat and a fellow of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs and of the Hudson Institute, Washington.

Prof. Anita Waingort Novinsky

- *Coordinator, Laboratory for the Study of Intolerance, University of Sao Paulo*

Born in Stachow Poland, Prof. Novinsky lives in Brazil and received her Ph.D. in History and Philosophy at the University of Sao Paulo, where she teaches post graduate courses on the Inquisition, Antisemitism and Marranism. She has also been a visiting professor at Brown University, Austin University, Rutgers University, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales and in Sciences Religieuses. She has written nine books and published articles in French, English and Spanish. Prof. Novinsky is president and founder of the Laboratory for the Study of Intolerance at the University of Sao Paulo as well as president of the Museum of Tolerance which will be built there.

Dr. Andre Oboler

- *Legacy Heritage Fellow, NGO Monitor*

In addition to his role as Vice-President of the German Bundestag, Dr. Andre Oboler is a Member of its Council of Elders; Member of the Committee on Internal Affairs; substitute



member of the Committee on Legal Affairs; member of the board of trustees for the establishment of a Foundation for the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. He is a substitute member of the Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future Foundation, a member of the German-Israeli Parliamentary Friendship Group and runs the Zionism on the Web project.

Petra Pau

Vice-President of the German Bundestag

Petra Pau is Deputy Chair of the PDS parliamentary group with responsibility for the areas of civil rights and democracy since 2005. In addition to her role as Vice-President of the German Bundestag, she is a Member of its Council of Elders; Member of the Committee on Internal Affairs; Substitute member of the Committee on Legal Affairs; Member of the board of trustees for the establishment of a Foundation for the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe; Substitute member of the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future" and a member of the German-Israeli Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Melanie Phillips

- British Journalist, Author and Broadcaster

Melanie Phillips is a British journalist, author and broadcaster. A columnist for the Daily Mail and the Jewish Chronicle, she writes about social, cultural and political issues. Last year she published her book *Londonistan*, a critique of Britain's strategy towards radical Islamism. She also writes a regular blog at <http://www.spectator.co.uk/melaniephillips/>

Dr. Daniel Pipes

- Director, The Middle East Forum

Daniel Pipes, a historian, is director of the Middle East Forum and a weekly columnist for the New York Times Syndicate. He has written twelve books and his website, www.DanielPipes.org, is among the most accessed sources of specialized information on the Middle East and Islam. Two presidents have appointed him to government positions. Edward Kennedy has Borked him and Edward Said called him an "Orientalist." His first article on Muslim Antisemitism appeared in *Commentary* magazine in 1981.

Prof. Dina Porat

- Director, Stephen Roth Institute and the Alfred P. Slaner Center for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism, Tel Aviv University

Prof. Porat is a member of the Yad Vashem Scientific Committee and the Board of the International Institute for Holocaust Studies. She served as head of the Department of Jewish History and of the Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies. She has written and edited a large number of books, collections and articles on anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, was a visiting professor at Harvard, Columbia and the Hebrew University and was awarded TAU's Faculty of Humanities best teacher for 2004. Prof. Porat served as a member on the Israeli Foreign Ministry delegations to four UN world conferences, and is currently the academic advisor of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research.

Dr. Richard Prasquier

- President, Representative Council of French Jewish Institution

Born in Gdansk, Poland, French, Richard Prasquier is an active member of the French Jewish community. He was President of the Israeli Bonds in France (1994-1997) President of the French Committee for Yad Vashem (1997-2007), currently honorary President Member of the Board of the Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah Member of the Board of the International Committee of Auschwitz, and since 2001 has served as President of the Committee for the Relations between Jews and Christians in the CRIF (2001-



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2007). In May 2007, he was elected President of the CRIF, the umbrella organization acting as the political representative of Jews in France.



Justice Elyakim Rubinstein

- Supreme Court of the State of Israel

Elyakim Rubinstein's appointment to the Supreme Court of Israel in 2004 followed a distinguished career in the public service and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was a member of the Israeli delegation to peace talks with Egypt leading to the signing of the Camp David Accords and the Peace Treaty between the two states. Later, as Assistant Director-General of the MFA, he was in charge of the bureau for the normalization of relations with Egypt. He was also Chairman of the Israeli delegation for negotiations with the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and Chairman of the Israeli delegation for negotiations with Jordan, which formulated the 1994 peace treaty signed between the two states. In 1997, he was appointed Attorney General of the State of Israel and filled this position until joining the Supreme Court. Mr. Rubinstein has authored books and articles on Israel's Supreme Court, the history of government in Israel, the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the peace process.

Aviva Raz Shechter

- Director of the Department for Combating Antisemitism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem

A career diploma with the Foreign Ministry of Israel, Aviva Raz Shechter was appointed Director of the Department for Combating Antisemitism in 2005, where she has promoted MFA directives initiating international dialogues and projects dealing with combating Antisemitism on bilateral and multilateral levels, such as the European Commission, UN, OSCE, international and local NGOs, and also heads the Israeli delegation for the International Task Force for the Remembrance, Education and Research of the Holocaust (ITF). Her previous appointments included Minister Counselor for Public and Academic Affairs at the Embassy of Israel in Washington, D.C., Director of the Lebanon Desk, MFA Coordinator Israel's Negotiating Delegation to Peace Talks with Lebanon, Political Counselor at the Embassy of Israel in Amman, Jordan, and First Secretary and Consul and the Consulate General of Israel in Montreal.

Gregg Rickman

- Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, U.S. State Department

Sworn in as the Secretary of State's Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism in 2006, Greg Rickman is responsible for the global monitoring of acts of anti-Semitism and anti-Semitic incitement and the creation of policies to combat them. He directed the three-year United States Senate Banking Committee investigation into the disposition of assets of Holocaust victims held by Swiss banks since World War II, ending with a \$1.25 billion settlement for the survivors. Rickman served as the Director of Congressional Affairs, at the Republican Jewish Coalition and also led outreach to Jewish social action groups and coalitions as well as constituent member groups. Most recently, he served on the staff of the House International Relations Committee where he handled numerous issues including anti-Semitism and Holocaust restitution, and then as Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations where he directed the Committee's investigation into the UN Oil-for-Food program and was the main author of the Committee's Report on the investigation. He is the author of two books, *Swiss Banks and Jewish Souls*, and *Conquest and Redemption, A History of Jewish Assets from the Holocaust*.

Dr. Shimon Samuels

- Director for International Relations of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre

Based in Paris for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Mr. Samuels is responsible for issues of contemporary racism and Antisemitism in Europe, Latin America and international organizations. Formerly, he was Jerusalem representative of the American Jewish Committee; European Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; and Deputy-Director of the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is



a board member of Verbe et Lumière-Vigilance, an association established in Paris to apply lessons of the Holocaust to contemporary problems, and is Co-Chair of ARARE (Academic Response to Antisemitism and Racism in Europe) based at Oxford University. He co-edited (with Mark Weitzman) "Antisemitism: The Generic Hatred - Essays in Memory of Simon Wiesenthal."

Michael Schneider

- Secretary-General of the World Jewish Congress

Prior to joining the World Jewish Congress in 2007, Michael Schneider served as the Chief Executive Officer of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) from 1978 to 2003. During his tenure there, JDC officially returned to the Former Soviet Union, at the time a region still under Communism; he established a welfare program for that region's 250,000 impoverished elderly Jews, and expanded JDC's social services and research programs in Israel. In the 1990's Schneider led his agency in several rescue operations of Jews from hostile lands, and was a key player in the negotiations culminating in the Operation Solomon airlift from Ethiopia.

Dr. Richard Sequens

- Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

Richard Sequens was born in 1956 in Pilsen, Western Bohemia, where he lives. He is a physician and surgeon, specializing in colorectal cancer. Since 2002 Dr. Sequens has been head of the department of surgery at the Hospital of Sisters of Mercy in Prague and has also served as senator for the district of Pilsen.

Richard Serero, Chevalier dans l'Ordre National du Mérite

- Secrétaire Général de la Licra

Business consultant and human rights advocate Richard Serero is a founding member and former president of Israel advocacy group DAVID, Décider Agir avec Vigilance pour Israël et la Diaspora. He is also an active member of the NGO, LICRA Ligue Internationale Contre le Racisme et l'Antisémitisme, launching branches in Belgium, Austria, Italy and Spain, and representing LICRA to United Nations gatherings in New York, Geneva and Vienna. He also founded and led corporate relations initiatives for the European School for Human Rights, EEDH Ecole Européenne des Droits de l'Homme.

Avner Shalev

- Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate

Retired from the Israel Defense Forces at the rank of brigadier general, Avner Shalev has been Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate since 1993. As Chairman, he initiated a multi-year development plan aimed at equipping Yad Vashem with the necessary tools to address the challenges of Holocaust remembrance in the 21st century. This has included the establishment of the International School for Holocaust Studies, the creation of a new Museum Complex and harnessing modern technology in the service of Holocaust remembrance and education. In 2007, Shalev was awarded the Legion of Honor by French President Nicolas Sarkozy for his efforts on behalf of Holocaust awareness worldwide, and also accepted the Spanish Prince of Asturias Award for Concord on behalf of Yad Vashem. Among his publications is *To Bear Witness - Holocaust Remembrance at Yad Vashem*.

Natan Sharansky

- Chairman, Institute for Strategic Studies of the Shalem Center

Natan Sharansky worked for human rights in the movement led by Andrei Sakharov in the Soviet Union. After Soviet authorities charged him with collaborating with the CIA in 1977,



Mr. Sharansky was sentenced to thirteen years in prison. Due to intense international pressure, Mr. Sharansky was released after nine years on February 11, 1986, and arrived in Jerusalem on that very day. From 1996-2005, Sharansky served as Minister, as well as Deputy Prime Minister in all of the successive governments, resigning from the Knesset in 1996. Natan Sharansky was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1986 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2006. He has continued to lead human rights efforts both through his writings as well as public activities. His memoir, *Fear No Evil (1988)*, was translated into nine languages. Of his most recent book, *The Case for Democracy*, President George W. Bush said, "If you want to understand my political DNA, read this book."

Dr. Charles Asher Small

- Director, Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism

Born in Montreal, Charles Small is the Director of the Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism. He is also the President and Founder of the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy. Charles Small received his Doctorate of Philosophy (D.Phil) at St. Antony's College, Oxford University and completed post-doctoral research at the Groupe de recherche ethnicité et société, Université de Montréal. He taught in departments of sociology and geography at Goldsmith College, University of London, Ben Gurion University in Beer Sheva, Tel Aviv University and the Institute of Urban Studies at the Hebrew University. He was an Associate Professor and the Director of Urban Studies at SCSU, Connecticut, has worked as a consultant and policy advisor in North America, Europe, Southern Africa and the Middle East and has lectured internationally.

Prof. Gerald Steinberg

- Bar Ilan University; Director, NGO Monitor

Gerald Steinberg is the founder and Executive Director of NGO Monitor. He specializes in Middle East diplomatic and security issues and "soft power" in the form of the political use international law and human rights. He works with a number of international organizations (NATO, UN University, OSCE, SIPRI) and universities, is a columnist for the Jerusalem Post, and his articles appear in the Wall St. Journal, the International Herald Tribune, etc. Recent publications include "Soft Powers Play Hardball: NGOs Wage War against Israel", *Israel Affairs* (2006); "The UN, the ICJ and the Separation Barrier: War by Other Means" *Israel Law Review*, (38:1-2, 2005) and "Realism, Politics and Culture in Middle East Arms Control Negotiations" *International Negotiation*, Vol. 10 (2005)

Dr. Gil Troy

- Professor of History at McGill University

An American historian and author of five books on U.S. History, Gil Troy is also the author of "Why I Am a Zionist: Israel, Jewish Identity and the Challenges of Today." Active in both birthright Israel and in promoting Zionism on campus, he writes regularly for the Jerusalem Post, the Jewish Week and the Canadian Jewish News.

Kristian Vigenin

- MEP, Vice-President of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament, Member of the EP Committee on Foreign Affairs

Kristian Vigenin is Vice-President of the Socialist Group in the EP. His responsibilities in the European Parliament include membership in the Committee on Foreign Affairs and of the delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). He is a substitute member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Delegation to the EU-Croatia Joint Parliamentary Committee, and is also Chairman of the Socialist Group's Extreme Right Watch Working Group. In his native Bulgaria, Kristian Vigenin is a member the Executive Bureau and of the Supreme Council of the



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Bulgarian Socialist Party, head of the Foreign Affairs and International Relations Department of the Bulgarian Socialist Party (since 2002).



Richard Warman

- Human Rights Lawyer

Richard Warman's strong interest in hate speech and hate spread via the Internet is expressed through his work as the successful private complainant in 12 separate Internet hate cases under the Canadian Human Rights Act. These cases have resulted in the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) issuing permanent cease and desist orders, penalties and damages totaling over \$75,000, the first-ever finding of liability on the part of an Internet Service Provider, and the Federal Court handing down the first-ever injunction dealing with Internet hate followed by successful proceedings for contempt of court that resulted in a sentence of imprisonment of nine months. He is the Canadian representative for the International Network against Cyber Hate (INACH) along with Sgt. Stephen Camp. Richard has lectured widely on hate propaganda and hate group activity in Canada to the judiciary, law enforcement, university and NGO communities.

Prof. Gert Weisskirchen

- Member of Parliament (Deutscher Bundestag)

Gert Weisskirchen serves as Spokesman of the SPD parliamentary working group on Foreign Affairs and is Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE on Combating Antisemitism and is Chairman of the German-Russian Parliamentary Group. He is Professor of Higher Education Honorary Professor of Applied Cultural Sciences Potsdam School of Higher Education. In addition to these positions, Prof. Weisskirchen has led and served on numerous key parliamentary committees. Since the mid-1990's, he has been a member of OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, a spokesman of the group of socialist and social-democrat members of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, President of the Commission on Human Rights, democracy and humanitarian questions within the OSCE P.A.; member of the Bundestag Committee on Culture and Media and spokesman of the SPD Parliamentary Group within this committee since 1999.

Mark Weitzman

- Director of the Task Force against Hate and Terrorism and the Associate Director of Education for the Simon Wiesenthal Center

Mark Weitzman is the Simon Wiesenthal Center's chief representative to the United Nations in New York, and he is a member of the official US delegation to the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research and a board member and former Vice-President of the Association of Holocaust Organizations. He is also a member of the advisory panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), as well as being an advisor to the US delegation at the June 2007 Bucharest OSCE conference on Combating Discrimination. He is a contributor to many publications, including the Wiesenthal Center's annual CD report, *Digital Hate and Terrorism*. His book, *Dismantling the Big Lie: The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, (co-authored with Steven L. Jacobs) is the first full refutation of the infamous Protocols, was published in 2003. Mr. Weitzman is the co-editor and contributed to the memorial volume in honor of Simon Wiesenthal, entitled *Antisemitism, the Generic Hatred: Essays in Memory of Simon Wiesenthal* that was published in June, 2007 by UNESCO and the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and which was awarded the 2008 National Jewish Book Award for best anthology of the year.

Michael Whine

- Director, Government and International Affairs, CST UK

Michael Whine is the Director, Government and International Relations at the Community Security Trust and Director of the Defense and Group Relations Division of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. He acts as Consultant on defense and security to the European



Jewish Congress, which he represents at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Mr. Whine has been professionally involved in investigating extremism and Antisemitism for over twenty years and his work on these subjects has been published extensively.

Prof. Robert S. Wistrich

-Neuberger Chair for Modern European and Jewish History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Since 2002, Prof. Wistrich has been the Director of the Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and is editor for its journal Antisemitism International. He is the author and editor of many books and articles. His latest book, *Laboratory for World Destruction: Germans and Jews in Central Europe* appeared in May 2007. Professor Wistrich is currently completing a book on global Antisemitism since 1945, to be published by Random House.

Christopher Wolf, Esq.

- Chair, International Network Against Cyber-Hate (INACH) and Chair, Internet Task Force of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

Christopher Wolf, an American attorney specializing in Internet and privacy law with the law firm of Proskauer Rose LLP, is Chair of the International Network against Cyber-Hate (INACH), a Dutch-based NGO with institutional members from around the world focused on combating anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia and all manner of hate speech on the Internet. Mr. Wolf also chairs the Internet Task Force of the Anti-Defamation League, where he is a senior lay leader.

Prof. Elhanan Yakira

- Professor of Philosophy, the Hebrew University

Born and educated in Israel, Elhanan Yakira completed his doctorate at the Sorbonne. His main areas of interest include early modern philosophy (notably Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Kant), phenomenology and political philosophy and is author of several books and many articles in these areas. His recent book "Post Zionism, Post Shoah" stirred public discussion in Israel, and contains an analysis and criticism of some tenets of current anti-Zionist and anti-Israeli ideologies, and is now being translated into English and French.