



The Israel Committee of Santa Barbara Presents

The Fourth Annual Community-wide TEACH-IN ON ISRAEL: PROGRAM

A day of learning and schmoozing and fabulous food...A wonderful opportunity to gain a fuller understanding of the conflicts, complexities and realities that are Israel today...

Sunday November 8, 2009 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Santa Barbara Hillel 781 Embarcadero Del Mar Goleta, CA 93117 Parking Available

9:30 AM

COFFEE AND MORNING NOSH

Provided by the Israel Committee

10:00 AM

JACOB DAYAN, CONSUL GENERAL OF ISRAEL

Introductory Remarks

Mr. Dayan has served as Chief of Staff to Israel's Deputy Prime Minister Tzipi Livni and Minister of Foreign Affairs Silvan Shalom, and more recently directed preparation of a strategic plan on Israeli negotiations with Syria. In these positions he had intimate involvement in policy formation, decision-making and implementation.

10:30 - 11:45 AM

JOEL PETERS

"Israel in the New Middle East"

Professor of Government and International Affairs at the Washington D.C. campus of Virginia Tech. Dr. Peters is also a senior research fellow and an academic advisor at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. He has been an active participant in numerous informal, back-channel initiatives covering the Palestinian refugee issue, international peace-keeping missions, and new structures for regional cooperation in the Middle East.

12:00 PM

BREAK-OUT SESSION I

Topics to choose from:

- **'The Forgotten Refugees'** – on Jewish refugees from Arab and Muslim countries, with filmmaker Avi Goldwasser
- **'Challenges to the Peace Process'** – including some not often covered in the media, with Joel Peters
- **'Crash Course in Israel's History'** – wear your safety belts and helmets, with Steve Wiener

1:00 PM

LUNCH

Provided by the Israel Committee

1:45 PM

STEVEN SPIEGEL

"The Obama Administration's Israel Policy"

Internationally respected Professor of Political Science at UCLA and Director of the Middle East Regional Security Programs for the Burkle Center for International Relations. A popular speaker from our 2007 Teach-In on Israel, Dr. Spiegel is a former advisor to President Bill Clinton, and an authority on the role of U.S. Policy in shaping the Middle East Conflict.

3:15 PM

BREAK-OUT SESSION II

Topics to choose from

- **'Academic Freedom and anti-Israelism on our Campuses'** – a problem at campuses across the country, including here in Santa Barbara, with Avi Goldwasser
- **'Settlements 101'** – just the facts, guys, just the facts, with Steven Spiegel
- **'American Voices on Israel'** – Differing Perspectives. Dialogue between David Pine and Mark Paredes. Moderated by Rabbi Arthur Gross-Schaefer

Meet-the-Speakers Reception

Immediately to follow with wine & cheese,
and music by *Kalinka*.

ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIES

Avi Goldwasser

12:00 PM and 3:15 PM

(Break-out Sessions I and II)

Award winning filmmaker and cofounder of The David Project, a Boston-based organization committed to educating and inspiring strong voices for Israel among college, high school and middle school students. Mr. Goldwasser is the executive producer of the documentary films "The Forgotten Refugees," about the forced exodus of Middle Eastern and North African Jewish communities in the second half of the 20th century, and "Columbia Unbecoming,"

about the intimidation of Jewish students on the Columbia University campus.

David Pine

3:15 PM (Break-out Session II)

West Coast Regional Director of Americans for Peace Now (APN), an organization working to enhance Israel's security through peace and to support the Israeli Peace Now movement. Pine is a frequent public speaker on Israel and Middle East issues, representing the organization publicly and to government officials.

Mark Paredes

3:15 PM (Break-out Session II)

Executive Director of the Western Region of the Zionist Organization of America, the nation's oldest Zionist organization (founded 1897). Mark also has served as a U.S. diplomat in Israel and Mexico and as the press attaché for the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles. Fluent in seven languages, he has spoken to thousands of Jews and Christians in 8 countries and 6 languages about the need to support Israel's security and the Jewish people wherever they live.