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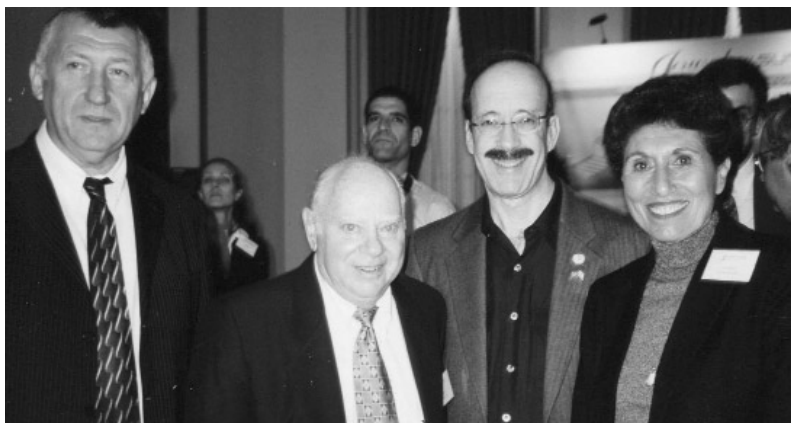


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A STAR-STUDED JERUSALEM SUMMIT SEEKS PEACE BUILT ON TRUTH

Herbert Zweibon was invited to be a featured moderator at the Jerusalem Summit, while Helen Freedman was invited to be an observer. Following is Helen's report:

What a privilege it was to be at the **First Annual Jerusalem Summit** held at the King David Hotel on the first days of Sukkot, Oct. 12-14. The focus of the Summit was **BUILDING PEACE ON TRUTH**, and the organizers, led by the **Michael Cherney Foundation**, had brought together many of the most distinguished writers, thinkers, politicians, professors, statesmen and activists in order to arrive at a consensus on uncovering the thousands of lies that had permeated the Israeli/Arab conflict. The treacherous Oslo accord, followed by the Road Map, had allowed Arab terrorism to grow into a militant Islamic threat menacing the entire world.



Michael Cherney, Herbert Zweibon, Congressman Engel and Helen Freedman

Speakers at the Summit, who had traveled from all over the world, included U.S. Congressman Eliot Engel; Ambassador Dr. Alan Keyes; Hon. Richard Perle, Resident Fellow at American Enterprise Institute and Member of the Defense Policy Board; Morrie Amitay, Vice-Chairman, JINSA; Clarence Wagner, International Director of Bridges for Peace; Michael D. Evans, minister and founder of the Jerusalem Prayer Team; Herbert Zweibon, Chairman Americans for a Safe Israel/AFSI; Dr. Rachel Ehrenfeld, American Center for Democracy; Morton Klein, President, ZOA; Prof. Daniel Pipes, Director, Middle East Forum; John Batchelor, ABC Radio; John Loftus, author; Frank Gaffney, Pres. Center for Security Policy; Cal Thomas, Syndicated Columnist, Fox News Host; and representatives from Sweden, the European Union Parliament, India, Paris, Slovenia, and Serbia.

A distinguished group of Israelis were part of the global group. Amongst them were Dr. Uzi Landau, Minister for Strategic Cooperation between the U.S. and Israel; Ehud Olmert, Vice P.M.; MK Prof. Arieh Eldad; MK Dr. Yuri Shtern; Avigdor Lieberman, Minister of Transportation; Benjamin Netanyahu, Minister of Finance; Prof. Raphael Israeli; Itamar Marcus, Palestinian Media Watch; Dr. Ron Breiman, Chairman of Professors for a Strong Israel; attorney Elyakim Ha'etzni; Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen and Rabbi Shlomo Riskin.

The Summit, coordinated by Dmitry Radyshevsky of the Michael Cherney Foundation to Aid Terror Victims (Israel), and the National Unity Coalition for Israel, led by Esther Levens, was warmly supported by

Jerusalem's Mayor, **Uri Lupolianski**, and Rabbi **Benny Elon**, Israel's Minister of Tourism. It was convened in Jerusalem in the belief that Israel might be the solution to the world-wide crisis in morality and international policy. Moral clarity became a repeated theme in discussing anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism.

There was unanimous agreement on the failure of the "peace" accords with Arafat and his cohorts, primarily because the Arabs never accepted Israel's right to exist, with Israel and the world ignoring this crucial requirement for too long. The Arab definition of "peace" was to wage war against the Jews, with terror as the primary weapon.

The role of the United Nations and UNWRA in creating and perpetuating the Arab "refugee" problem was deplored, along with recognition of the overall failure of the U.N. The presenters were seemingly unanimous in their agreement that the existence of a "Palestinian" state on the west bank of the Jordan River would be suicidal for Israel. "Jordan is Palestine" was a historical truth repeated by many.

Herbert Zweibon, AFSI's Chairman, made it very clear that the Land of Israel belongs to the Jewish people because of their biblical, historic, and moral entitlement. Therefore, any talk of the give-away of any of Israel's land, even if the impossible were to happen and the PA suddenly became a "friendly" entity, should not be considered, just as the indivisibility of Jerusalem is non-negotiable.

The call for Israel to fight its Arab enemy until it was victorious was heard repeatedly. Former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. **Zalman Shoval** spoke for many when he declared that the goal of Islamic fundamentalism is to destroy the Judeo-Christian tradition, and that this war of ideas must be won militarily.

Rabbi Benny Elon presented his Peace Initiative, THE RIGHT ROAD TO PEACE. The key principles of the plan include the following: The dissolution of the PA; the eradication of the terror infrastructure; the recognition and development of Jordan as the Palestinian State; Israeli sovereignty over Judea, Samaria and Gaza; Rehabilitation of refugees and completion of population exchange; Peace and normalization. A lively and thoughtful panel discussion followed during which the Elon Peace Initiative was analyzed favorably as a viable alternative.

U.S. Congressman Eliot Engel described the lengthy process in getting the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act submitted to the House. He first submitted it in 2001 when it was rejected. He re-submitted it this year, and was anticipating its passage on the floor of the House on Oct. 15, which did indeed happen, at 398-4.

At the final event of the Jerusalem Summit, chaired by **Chaim Silberstein**, Senior Advisor to Minister of Tourism Rabbi Benny Elon, the attendees joined with hundreds of Evangelical Christians who had gathered in Israel to celebrate the Feast of the Tabernacles. **U.S. Senator Sam Brownback** spoke to the gathering by satellite, emphasizing the importance of Jerusalem being recognized as the eternal, indivisible capital of Israel. It seemed evident that Christian and Jewish synergy could accomplish much in the political realm, and that the Biblical road map would be the one that would emerge triumphant.

CHAPTER REPORTS

ALBANY: Jack Lauber, Chair, jlpe@nycap.rr.com

On September 24, AFSI participated in a Bridges for Peace, Bless Israel program at the Light of the World Church in Latham NY, hosted by Pastor Bill Adams. James B. Solberg, US National Director of Bridges was the main speaker. Jack Lauber, Capital Region AFSI chairman, spoke about our AFSI mission to Israel, and the need to support our divine road map and the right of Jews to live anywhere in Eretz Israel.

AFSI members Jack Lauber and Harold Shugar confronted Brit Tzedek at a recent Albany NY meeting. This radical leftist peace and justice organization is tied to Noam Chomsky and Gush Shalom, and is listed on the International Solidarity Movement website as friends of Palestine. Their goal is to bribe settlers in Gaza, Judea and Samaria to leave their lands so that a PLO state can be created. We must strongly oppose this group throughout the U.S.

AFSI is joining with the student Zionist organization Tagar at the State University of New York, Albany,

to co-sponsor the showing of "Relentless," an award winning documentary about Israel's struggle against terror. A color slide presentation of the last AFSI Chizuk mission will also be shown at Cong. Beth Israel in Schenectady NY on November 2.

CALIFORNIA, L.A. VALLEY: Dr. Irving Kett, Chair, ikett@calstatela.edu

On September 18, 2003, a general meeting, attended by 80 people, was held with Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Associate Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in LA, as the featured speaker. Highlights of the meeting included the following:

1. Dr. Kett briefly discussed the world-wide threat to the survival of Israel and the Jewish people. In anticipation of Rabbi Cooper's talk, he cited anti-Semitism as the longest running example of continuous prejudice and hatred in the history of the world. Dr. Kett stated his belief that we are now reliving the pre-Holocaust experiences of the 1930's and 1940's.
2. Polly Grimes introduced Rabbi Cooper. Some of his topics included: urging Jews to visit Israel; to become educated, and to educate others as to the true facts in the Israel/Arab conflict; to recognize that lies are poisoning the minds of students on campuses throughout the U.S.; to recognize the dangers of anti-Semitism in Durban, France, Russia, and throughout the world. Audio tapes are available.

Rabbi Daniel Lapin spoke on Nov. 11 in Encino, CA. His topic was, "Why Leftists and Islamo-Fascists are Mortal Enemies of Israel and the U.S."

CALIFORNIA, ORANGE COUNTY: Howard Garber, Chair, afsical1@aol.com

The Orange County Chapter has been advocating for many years the expulsion of the PLO and other internal enemies as Jordan did in 1971, and the creation of a Constitution for a truly Jewish Democracy with defensible borders. This Jewish nation would accept only Jews as citizens, thereby enabling only Jews to decide the future of the truly Jewish State. The Resolution for a New and Truly Jewish Democracy declares that "all non-Jewish residents of the new Israel would be welcome as resident guests, but subject to summary expulsion/deportation for involvement in activities, past or future, that undermines or jeopardizes the Jewish Nation."

Dr. Garber circulated a petition to the Board of Supervisors of Orange County and the Santa Ana City Council condemning worldwide Arab terrorism and demanding that a 9 foot statue at the Orange County Civic Center be removed of Arab "Palestinian" Alex Odeh, who came to the US in 1977 to propagandize for the PLO and to praise Arafat. The petition describes the statue as an outrage that must be removed ASAP!

CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES: Jerry Hecht, Chair, jambo49@aol.com

We welcome Jerry Hecht, new LA Chairman, to the AFSI family. Jerry began forming the new chapter with great energy and enthusiasm. He has succeeded in organizing meetings, creating a network, and planning special events. All new members and guests were invited to the Nov. 12 meeting at Congregation Shaarei Tefila, to hear General Shimon Erem (Ret.) speak on "Strategies to Disarm Israel's Opponents."

FLORIDA: Bunny Horowitz, Chair, stella1807@aol.com

On August 28, at a dinner party arranged by Bunny Horowitz and AFSI board members, there was a meeting with Pastor Buddy McCord, an Evangelical Christian from Hollywood, Florida. Bunny and others spoke of working with the Christian Evangelicals in the South Florida area. Pastor McCord was very receptive to the idea and promised to set up future meetings with other pastors and AFSI board members.

On September 8-10 Bunny attended the "Israel and U.S. Solidarity Rally" in Washington, DC, a joint effort of CIPAC and AFSI.

JERUSALEM: Bill Mehlman, Chair, mehlman@zahav.net.il

Americans For A Safe Israel/In Israel, AFSI's Jerusalem chapter, has never been busier.

Through August and September, an AFSI team under the direction of co-chairmen Bill Mehlman and Bernard Smith, paid personal calls to 20 members of the Knesset (including four cabinet ministers) to discuss

three important issues: creating an ongoing dialogue between the Knesset national camp and AFSI's supporters on Capitol Hill and the Christian Zionist community; the implementation of Israel's 14 reservations to the Road Map; the need for Knesset oversight of the CIA's training of PA "special police units" in Judea and Samaria.

The Jerusalem chapter held a November 5th AFSI dinner at the Hyatt Regency on Mt. Scopus for Chairman Herb Zweibon, and many of the Knesset members with whom AFSI/In Israel has been working. A full report will be given in the next issue.

Somewhat off the political track, \$172,000 in free medical supplies and equipment from Northwest Medical Teams in Portland, Oregon has arrived in Israel. The shipment was received by Magen David Adom both for its own use and the use of clinics and emergency medical stations under the aegis of the Council of Yesha Communities in Judea and Samaria. The entire project was facilitated by AFSI/In Israel, AFSI's Portland chapter chair Inez Weissman, and Yesha Councilwoman Shani Simkowitz. Key financial assistance was provided by AFSI head-quarters in New York, and Rebbetzin Amy Kaufman of Congregation Shaare Torah in Portland. Biggest thanks of all go to Joe DiCarlo of Northwest Medical Teams, without whom none of this could have happened.

This summary wouldn't be complete without a special salute to Michael Stoltz, Vice President External Affairs, College of Judea & Samaria in Ariel, and Sabena Citron, AFSI members whose aid was critical in our ability to penetrate the inner circles of the Israeli government. Michael is in charge of the 7,000-member college's "Adopt-A-Student" program, which seeks to provide new immigrant students from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union with the modest financial assistance required to see them through their courses of study. \$200 a month provides one immigrant student with the funding for an entire academic year, or two students with the funding for one semester each. These fine minds are too precious for Israel to lose. To Adopt-A-Student and help change a life, contact:

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OREGON: Inez Weissman, Chair, inezsydney@aol.com

The Oregon Chapter of AFSI is continuing with its weekly radio program, now broadcasting six times each week. As moderator, Inez conducts telephone interviews with people in Israel such as Bill Mehlman, co-chair of Israel AFSI, and Herb Zweibon in New York presenting latest news and insight to the evangelical Christian audience on a popular am station. Christian leaders and pastors are also interviewed. Every program suggests an action in support of Israel.

Thousands of copies of our newspaper, "Israel Alert," are distributed in libraries, churches, synagogues, bookstores, restaurants, and state fairs. We continue to meet monthly with an attendance of from 45 to 70 and have acquired new members. We are participating in the card mailing program to Pres. Bush with postcards bearing the message of the billboards asking him to honor God's Covenant with Israel. We've distributed about 2,000 cards to the churches through our members. We asked the churches to have a prayer for Israel as part of the service on Sunday, October 26th, as part of a national effort being conducted by Rabbi Eckstein and his Christian associates.

We will be holding a breakfast dialogue between pastors and rabbis on "The Covenant Between God and the Jewish People- and the Land of Israel" at Cong. Shaarie Torah where we hold all meetings and which works with AFSI through its recently formed companion organization "Strength to the Wounded of Israel"- Together we have succeeded in sending 200,000 pounds of medical supplies through Northwest Medical Team to Gush Etzion and we are waiting for Bill Mehlman to name another hospital for us to do the same. Our latest project is to have churches adopt communities in Judea and Samaria.

SEATTLE: Isabella Ariel, Chair, isabelaariel@earthlink.net

Isabella Ariel Productions, with the assistance of Malkah Magadoff, continues to produce videos for Public Access Television; Channels 77 and 29 SCAN Broadcasting. These Videos are shown each Thursday Morning from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 A.M., in a weekly series entitled: "OVER THE BACKYARD FENCE" with Malkah Magadoff.

Our mission is that of educating the public; thus most of our videos contain actual documentaries of terrorism in the United States and Israel, as well as around the world. Recently we presented a two part series entitled "The World's Biggest Lie." Judging from the response, including requests for information and copies of our videos, we have quite a vast audience.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Richard Hellman, Chair, rahellman@cipaonline.org

AFSI worked closely with CIPAC -The Christian Israel's Public Action Campaign - in three days of pro-Israel advocacy. On Capitol Hill, September 8, 9, and 10, volunteers from around the U.S., led by AFSI and CIPAC staff, visited the most important House and Senate offices, with special emphasis on meeting the policy makers on key committees related to US policy on Israel. (See the AFSI in Washington report.)

CIPAC's most recent trip to Israel increased awareness and excitement about US foreign policy on Israel with the prospects of increasing tours to Israel for CIPAC youth and adult members, and the opportunity to create a Middle East Study Center on a prime piece of property overlooking the Jordan River Valley across from Mount Gilead.

Richard Hellman's trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma was very successful, involving speaking to three college classes and a campus assembly at Oral Roberts University. It resulted in the founding of CIPAC's first college campus chapter, producing some 300 youth contacts.

Dr. Judith James, D. Ed., new Director of campus outreach, will endeavor to reach the estimated 20,000 secular and Christian higher education campuses to integrate Israel, in equitable fashion, into university and curriculum student activities with linkups to Israeli campuses. In addition, an experienced editor has volunteered to develop newsletters and other materials to advance Israel's cause in the U.S.

AFSI offers sincere condolences to Richard Hellman, AFSI's Washington Chairman, on the loss of his beloved brother, Bruce. May he take comfort in knowing that our thoughts and love are with him at this difficult time.

AFSI IN NEW YORK

Helen Freedman, AFSI's Executive Director, was a guest speaker at the Manhigut Yehudit event, held at the Metropolitan Hotel in New York City on Sunday, September 14. The event was billed as "Ten Years Since Oslo - Remembering the Past and Building the Alternative for the Future." It coincided with the second anniversary of Sept. 11. **Moshe Feiglin**, founder, and President of Zo Artzeinu and Manhigut Yehudit, and candidate for Likud Chairman, along with **Shmuel Sackett**, International Director of Manhigut Yehudit, gave the Jewish alternative to the future - turning the state of the Jews into the Jewish State.

AFSI IN WASHINGTON

Herbert Zweibon, Helen Freedman, Bunny Horowitz, Rabbi Herzl Kranz, and Ira Kahn joined Richard Hellman in Washington, D.C. on September 8, 9, 10 to participate in an extensive schedule of meetings with Congressional leaders. They were joined by loyal AFSI members and CIPAC members in the three day outreach effort.

The primary message was that the Road Map was a Trap and should be scrapped immediately, and that the creation of a "Palestinian" state inside Israel would be suicidal for the Jewish State. The Elon Plan, which asserts that Jordan is Palestine, was offered as a solution.

Some of the Members visited were: Sen. James Inhofe, Rep. Eliot Engel, Rep. Steve Israel, Sen. Arlen Specter, Sen. Sam Brownback, Rep. Todd Tiahrt, Rep. Steve Chabot, Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Sen. Bob Graham, Sen. Richard Durbin, Rep. Peter Deutsch, Sen. Diane Feinstein, Rep. Jim Saxton, Rep. Jim Ryun, Rep. Tom Tancredo, Sen. Hillary Clinton, and Sen. Charles E. Schumer.

Wednesday afternoon, from 4-7 P.M. there was an **ISRAEL-U.S. SOLIDARITY RALLY**, co-sponsored

by AFSI and CIPAC, held at the Banquet Room in the Rayburn House Office Building. Three hundred people attended, applauding enthusiastically as **Congressman Jim Saxton** was singled out as a Defender of Israel. The excitement continued as a dozen other Members of Congress, including Congressmen Engel, Ryun and Israel were awarded Friends of Israel citations. They pledged continued efforts on behalf of Israel.

Dror Vanunu was a special guest from Neve Dekalim in Gush Katif, Israel. Graciously hosted by Rabbi Kranz, Dror arrived in Washington for his very first visit to the U.S. in time to accompany AFSI on our Congressional visits. He spoke at the Rally, opening the eyes of many to the facts of the perilous existence of Jews in Gaza.

Dr. Rachel Ehrenfeld, author of *FUNDING EVIL, How terrorism Is Financed - and How to Stop It*, was also a featured speaker at the Rally. AFSI had arranged to have hundreds of copies of the book shipped to Washington for distribution to Members of Congress. A copy of the book was given at each appointment we covered, and autographed copies were distributed at the Rally. (The \$25 book is now available through AFSI for \$15 while supplies last. Contact AFSI immediately for your copy.)

Herbert Zweibon accompanied Israeli Member of Knesset, Dr. Arieh Eldad, of the National Union Party, and Member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs and Defense, Labor, Welfare and Health, the Committee for Scientific Development, and Chairman of the Ethics Committee, on a two day tour of Capitol Hill, Sept. 23, 24. Meetings were held with distinguished members of the House and Senate stressing the importance of the Elon Plan that Jordan is Palestine, and that the Arab/Israeli conflict is part of the threat that militant Islam poses to the entire world.



Rabbi Kranz, Dror Vanunu and Helen Freedman

AFSI WORKING WITH CHRISTIANS

AFSI supported the **Front Page Jerusalem Radio Network host Earl Cox** on his South Carolina Bus Tour, billed as "Start With Me in Support of Israel." A chartered bus filled with Evangelical Christians, along with members of the Jewish community, traveled throughout South Carolina on a two day trip handing out materials promoting support for Israel, and opposition to the Road Map. Cox promises that this was only the beginning, and additional tours will take place across America.

AFSI'S BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN

For six months AFSI's billboard campaign ran in 114 locations in ten different states. The boards read, "**And the Lord said to Jacob Unto thy offspring will I give this land!**" (Genesis 35:11-12) Pray that President Bush Honors God's Covenant with Israel. Call the White House with this message - 202-456-1111." The campaign has been temporarily suspended, with plans to re-start the program in a few months. However, we are still responding to urgent requests from churches and parishes throughout the country for bumper stickers and post cards.

The **One State Solution billboard campaign** received a great deal of media attention. Reports on it were found in Our Jerusalem, Arutz Sheva Israel National news, Christian radio stations and publications such as Ekklesia and the Apostolic Congress web site, the Israel Forum.com, and New York Magazine, Sept. 29, 2003. Herb Zweibon was interviewed by Haaretz for their International Weekly Edition, May 16, 2003.

A further phase of the campaign has been launched which involves Israelis who live across the 1967 borders to tour churches in the U.S. "to speak directly to congregations about Israel's connection to the land and how they can help maintain Israel's control of the area from the river to the sea."

AFSI SUPPORTED THE PRO-ISRAEL RUTGERS CAMPAIGN

Rutgers University was host to a three-day conference, October 10, 11, 12 of the New Jersey branch of the International Solidarity Movement, a Pro-Arab organization preaching hatred against Israel. AFSI wrote letters to N.J. Congressman Jim Saxton, Dr. Richard McCormick and to James McGreevey, Governor of N.J. protesting the goals of the "Palestine" Conference. Petitions were circulated. Rutgers Hillel, under the leadership of Andrew Getraer, sponsored a student led, student inspired counter-demonstration entitled **Israel Inspires**, which attracted thousands of pro-Israel supporters.

AFSI ALERTS

AFSI members were asked to contact their state's two Senators - and **Senators Lugar of Indiana and Biden of Delaware**, the Chairman and ranking Democrat respectively of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee - to do all they could to see that HR 1828, the House-passed Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act - identical to S. 982 that has over 76 Senate co-sponsors - passes the Senate.

AFSI wrote letters to the media about the dangers of **Malaysian PM Mahathir Mohamad's** anti-Semitic remarks to an Oct. 16 world gathering of the Organization of the Islamic Conference of Muslim leaders.

AFSI also pointed out the incomprehensible actions of former Clinton envoy to the Middle East, **Dennis Ross** in bringing three of Arafat's terrorist Tanzim to Washington for meetings with members of Congress - especially Democratic members, along with American Jewish officials and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, David Satterfield.

AFSI protests the shutdown of **Arutz 7 radio**. Long forced to operate from an off-shore ship, the radio station that reached 1,000,000 Israelis per day, and was the voice of the Nationalist camp of Israel, was silenced by order of the Attorney General. There was a huge outcry of protest, petitions were signed, and MKs Tzvi Hendel and Uri Ariel said they would not rest until Arutz-7 is once again allowed to broadcast.

AFSI contacted **Tzahi Hanegbi, Israel's Minister of Internal Security**, expressing concern about the brutal police treatment of Livnat Ozeri, the widow of Arab terrorist victim Nati Ozeri. We also spoke out on behalf of Itzhik Pass, Mati Shvo, Sela Tur and Noam Federman, all residents of Hebron, who have been harassed or arrested by the Israeli government without being given explanations for such actions.

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS TO THE PRESS

Ellen Zyroff of San Diego, CA. had her letter published in the Aug. 26 Jerusalem Post online. Excerpts are as follows: THE CONFIDENCE GAME "The term "confidence building" is Orwellian doublespeak. Yes, the release of 443 prisoners and the handing over to the PA security responsibility for terrorist breeding grounds are confidence builders, all right Confidence to do what? To crack down on terrorists, or to carry out more terrorism?...It would be much better in this war on terrorism to make the PA, Hamas, Hezbollah, etc. all feel completely confident that when Israel takes terrorists off the streets, they will not be back in circulation even one day earlier than their sentences dictate. "

George E. Rubin from The Bronx, New York had his letter published in the New York Post on Oct. 12, entitled NATIONAL PALESTINE RADIO. The letter is as follows:

"Bravo to Andrea Levin and The Post for exposing the extreme anti-Israel bias of NPR, better known as National Palestine Radio ("NPR: Anti-Israel All the Time," Opinion, Oct. 10). WNYC carries NPR locally, and also the stridently anti-Israel BBC. Those who send donations to WNYC are supporting those who want Israel to become "Palestine."

Charlotte Wahle, AFSI New York's loyal volunteer, has many letters published in the Jewish Press and the Aufbau, an English language German paper. Excerpts from her letter published in the Aufbau are as follows: FENCES FOR BAD NEIGHBORS - "In the case of Israel vs. the Arabs, no fence of any kind, electric wires, barbed wires or cement slabs, can ever be the solution. This so-called security fence is exorbitantly expensive and not worth it, like the Bar-Lev Line (constructed against the Egyptians) and the Maginot Line (erected against the Germans). Both, supposedly impregnable, gave a false sense of security and were successfully circumvent-

ed by the enemy. While this fence supposedly protects the Israelis within the "Green Line," those living outside the fence are mercilessly exposed. The fence makes very important statements to the Arabs: a) it is alright to attack and massacre Israelis outside the fence, and b) this is the forerunner of the border of a "Palestinian" state.

THE WORK OF ONE INDIVIDUAL

Philip Mabry, from Euless, Texas, an ardent AFSI member, has been tireless in fighting the many battles we are called upon to fight on behalf of Israel. He's a one-man watchdog against the United Nations, the Arab American world and its pressure on the Bush administration, Condoleeza Rice's refusal to define the war on terror as a religious conflict, the lengths to which the State Department will go to avoid an embarrassing "international incident," the criticism of General Boykin who spoke the truth about Islam, and the continued suspension provided in the Jerusalem Embassy Act, preventing the movement of the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. Phil's letters to the Congress on so many of these issues are examples to all of us of the power of the individual to act. As a result of his work, he has been invited to be listed in Who's Who in America.

AFSI WILL BE IN ISRAEL NOV. 16-23

No sooner does AFSI return from one trip to Israel than we begin to get requests about our next one. We've been working on the plans for months, and now the time has arrived. Thirty individuals, at least one-half of whom are trip alumni, will be traveling with us to Israel, departing on Nov. 16. We'll meet our superb guide, Era Rappaport, at Ben Gurion airport, and begin our travels through the Shomron, Haifa, the Lebanese border, the Golan, the Jordan Valley, Jerusalem, Negohot, Kiryat Arba/Hebron, Gush Etzion, Netzarim and Gush Katif in Gaza. With the assistance of AFSI/Israel member Winkie Medad, and former MK Michael Kleiner, we hope to ascend the Temple Mount, something AFSI has been trying to do for years, while it was closed to Jews and Christians. We will be bringing with us warm clothing for the residents of Safed, toys for the children of Emmanuel, and other items to be distributed to our friends in Israel. We have also had the great good fortune of having monies donated to us by AFSI members, unable to join us on the trip, but eager to contribute to the needy communities. We are grateful for this additional opportunity to show support to our beloved Israeli brethren.

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