

AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE 2008
--FULL PRESS SCHEDULE--

MONDAY JUNE 2ND, 2008

OPENING PLENARY

9:30am - 11:15am

Halls D/E

Special Address:

The Honorable John McCain (R-AZ)

Republican Presidential Candidate

Panelists:

The Honorable Howard Berman (D-CA)

Chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, United States House of Representatives

Ms. Elizabeth Cheney

Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, United States

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Policy

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS TRACK I – Monday, June 2nd

11:45am - 1:00pm

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- **“Blocking the Bomb: How Divestment Efforts Are Helping Prevent a Nuclear Iran”**
Across the country, local and state-level efforts are underway to divest from Iran. Learn how this grassroots movement is helping starve Iran's nuclear program of much-needed cash.
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Florida State Senator

The Honorable Thomas DiNapoli*

Comptroller, State of New York

Ambassador Brad Gordon

Director, Policy and Government Affairs, AIPAC

- **“Making the Case for Israel”**
Delegates will learn about how to make the case for Israel and the U.S.-Israel relationship from two leading members of Congress.
Room 147AB

The Honorable Shelley Berkley (D-NV)

Member, Ways and Means Committee, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Eric Cantor (R-VA)

Member, Ways and Means Committee, United States House of Representatives

- **“The Presidential Situation Room: How Candidates Develop Their Foreign Policy”**
Join elite foreign policy experts as they go behind the scenes and explore the processes and personalities that help shape the policies of our top political leaders.
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- **“Uniting Issue: Why Israel Enjoys Bipartisan Support on Capitol Hill”**
Two leading members of Congress from opposite ends of the political spectrum explore why Israel brings Democrats and Republicans together.
Room 150AB

Moderator:

Ms. Ester Kurz

Director of Legislative Strategy and Policy, AIPAC

Panelists:

The Honorable Mike Pence (R-IN)

*Ranking Member, Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia,
United States House of Representatives*

The Honorable Linda Sanchez (D-CA)*

Member, Foreign Affairs Committee, United States House of Representatives

MONDAY DINNER PLENARY

6:30pm – 9:30pm

Halls D/E

Special Address:

Mr. David Victor

President, AIPAC

Panelists:

Professor Ruth Gavison

Haim H. Cohn Professor of Human Rights Law, Hebrew University

Dr. Michael Oren

Senior Fellow, Shalem Center

Mr. Natan Sharansky

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Mr. Leon Wieseltier

Literary Editor, The New Republic

Moderator:

Mr. David Horovitz

Editor-in-Chief, The Jerusalem Post

TUESDAY JUNE 3ND, 2008

MORNING PLENARY

10:00am – 12:00pm

Halls D/E

Special Addresses:

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice

Secretary of State, United States Department of State

The Honorable Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

Republican Leader, United States Senate

Featuring:

Mr. Howard Kohr

Executive Director, AIPAC

BREAKOUT SESSIONS TRACK IV - Tuesday, June 3

1:30pm - 2:45pm

(The following occur simultaneously in various rooms. Please choose one. Also, PLEASE NOTE, many of these session and topics repeat during Track V)

- **“Economic Security: Israel's Other Defense Line”**

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Room 207A

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Honored Guest:

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