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AMERICA’S PRO-ISRAEL LOBBY TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL POLICY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. Pelosi, Congressional Leaders to Headline Conference

WASHINGTON -- The American Israel Public Affairs Committee’s annual Policy Conference is the most important event of the year for America’s pro-Israel community. This year’s AIPAC Policy Conference will be the largest ever, with more than 6,000 people participating and 5,500 going to Capitol Hill on the final day of the conference to lobby Congress in support of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

Media must pre-register: Portions of the conference are open to the press, but media must pre-register to attend by emailing a credential request to JCannata@aipac.org. Media attending must check-in at press registration on-site and provide photo ID and officially issued local, state or federal press credentials.

Headlining this year’s conference will be all four leaders of Congress -- Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and the Republican Leaders of both the House and Senate. Vice President Dick Cheney and Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni will also address the conference. This will be Speaker Pelosi’s first major address on Middle East policy since taking over the top spot in the House.

The Policy Conference events, scheduled for Sunday, March 11 to Tuesday, March 13, will include major speeches, panels and forums covering a wide range of issues concerning the U.S.-Israel relationship, Iran’s pursuit of nuclear weapons, and the future of the Middle East.

“This is the single most important weekend of the year for the pro-Israel community,” said AIPAC President Howard Friedman. “At a time of unprecedented challenge and opportunity in the Middle East, this is our opportunity to come to Washington and join with other Americans who share our passion for the U.S.-Israel relationship to ensure that our voices are heard in Congress.”

On the final day of the conference, thousands of AIPAC delegates will participate in over 500 meetings with members of the House and Senate, focusing on strengthening the U.S.-Israel relationship and American policy in the Middle East.

Consistently ranked as the most influential foreign policy lobbying organization on Capitol Hill, AIPAC is an American membership organization that seeks to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Israel. For more than 50 years, AIPAC has been working with Congress to build a strong, vibrant relationship between the U.S. and Israel. With more than 100,000 members across the United States, AIPAC works throughout the country to improve and strengthen that relationship by supporting U.S.-Israel military, economic, scientific and cultural cooperation.

In addition to the four top Democrat and Republican Congressional leaders – House Speaker Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Reid, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH), the Vice President, and Israeli Foreign Minister Livni, other conference speakers include: House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), House Foreign Affairs
Committee Chairman Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA), House Foreign Affairs Committee Ranking Member Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert (via satellite), Israeli Defense Minister Amir Peretz, Israeli Opposition Leader and Likud Party Chairman Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Sallai Meridor, Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh, Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Dan Gillerman, and many others of note.

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**FULL MEDIA SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2007**

**OPENING LUNCHEON PLENARY**  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

“Global Impact: Understanding Today's Middle East  
Special Address:  
Mr. Howard Friedman  
President, AIPAC  
Panelists:  
Ambassador Marc Ginsberg  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Morocco  
Dr. Robert Satloff  
Executive Director, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy  
The Honorable Ephraim Sneh  
Deputy Defense Minister, Israel  
Mr. R. James Woolsey  
Former Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Moderator:  
Mr. Dan Senor  
Former Spokesman, Iraq Coalition Provisional Authority

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM  
(The following occur simultaneously in various rooms. Please choose one.)

Panel Discussion – “Knesset Conversation: Leading Voices From Israel's Parliament”  
The Honorable Yoel Hasson  
Member of Knesset, Kadima  
The Honorable Gideon Sa'ar  
Member of Knesset and Parliamentary Group Chairman, Likud  
The Honorable Matan Vilnai  
Member of Knesset, Labor  
Mr. Tom Sawicki  
Director of Programming, Jerusalem Office, AIPAC

Panel Discussion – “Standing Together: Support for Israel in the African-American Community”  
The Honorable Bakari Sellers  
State Representative, South Carolina  
Mr. André Williams  
City Councilman, Miami Gardens, FL  
The Honorable Albert Wynn (D-MD)  
Member, Congressional Black Caucus, United States House of Representatives  
Mr. Jeff Mendelsohn  
National Outreach Director, AIPAC
Policy Briefing – “Battle Over Beirut: What the Struggle in Lebanon Means for the Future of the Middle East”
Dr. Walid Phares
Senior Fellow, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies
Mr. David Schenker
Senior Fellow in Arab Politics, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

Policy Briefing – “Danger in Damascus: Where is Assad Leading Syria?”
The Honorable Eliot Engel (D-NY)
Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs, United States House of Representatives
Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Amos Gilad
Director of Policy and Political Military Affairs, Ministry of Defense, Israel

Policy Briefing – “How Israel Makes Its Case to the World” (Ballroom A)
Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin
Foreign Press and Public Affairs Advisor to the Prime Minister, Israel
Mr. David Horovitz
Editor-in-Chief, The Jerusalem Post

Dr. Patrick Clawson
Deputy Director for Research, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy
Dr. Marvin Feuer
Director of Policy and Government Affairs, AIPAC

Policy Briefing – “Sunni, Shia and Radical Islam's War Against the West”
Dr. David Cook
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Rice University
Dr. Shai Feldman
Director, Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University

Policy Briefing – “Tentacles of Terror: The Global Reach of the Terrorist Network”
Mr. Daniel Benjamin
Director, Center on the United States and Europe; Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, The Brookings Institute
Mr. Peter Bergen
Author, "The Osama bin Laden I Know: An Oral History of al-Qaeda's Leader"

Town Hall Meeting – “How Is Israel Preparing to Counter Strategic Threats?”
Ambassador Dore Gold
President, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
Brig. Gen. (Res.) Michael Herzog
Chief of Staff, Ministry of Defense, Israel

BREAKOUT SESSIONS
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM
(The following occur simultaneously in various rooms. Please choose one.)

Panel Discussion – “Key Constituency: The Emerging Role of Hispanics in the Pro-Israel Movement”
Mr. Armando Guzman
Washington Bureau Chief, TV Azteca and Azteca America
Mr. Juan Rangel
CEO, United Neighborhood Organization
The Honorable Linda Sanchez (D-CA)
Member, Congressional Hispanic Caucus; Cochair, Democratic Israel Working Group, United States House of Representatives
Mr. Jeff Mendelsohn
National Outreach Director, AIPAC

Panel Discussion – “Securing the Homeland: How Israel and America are Working Together to Keep Us Safe”
Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Rani Falk
Director General, Ministry of Public Security, Israel
The Honorable Jim Langevin (D-RI)
Chairman, Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology, United States House of Representatives
Mr. David Cohen
Senior Attorney, Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck

Panel Discussion – “The Road to the White House: How Presidential Candidates Formulate Foreign Policy”
Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat
Partner, Covington & Burling
Mr. Ken Mehlman
Former Chairman, Republican National Committee
Dr. Norman Ornstein
 Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute

Ms. Jenny Cohen-Derfler
Manager, INTEL Corporation, Israel
Mr. Avner Halperin
CEO and Co-Founder, EarlySense

Dr. Marvin Feuer
Director of Policy and Government Affairs, AIPAC
Dr. Matthew Levitt
Director, Stein Program on Terrorism, Intelligence and Policy, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

Policy Briefing – “Radioactive Revolution: Iran's Efforts to Build a Bomb and Dominate the Middle East”
The Honorable Roger W. Robinson, Jr.
President and CEO, Conflict Securities Advisory Group, Inc.
The Honorable William C. Thompson, Jr.
Comptroller, City of New York

Mr. Ilan Berman
Vice President for Policy, American Foreign Policy Council
Mr. Brad Gordon
Director of Policy & Government Affairs, AIPAC
Brig. Gen. Shmaya Avieli
Air Attaché, Embassy of Israel
Mr. Amos Harel
Military Correspondent, Ha'aretz
Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Thomas McInerney
Former Assistant Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force and Director of the Defense Performance Review

Policy Briefing - Tentacles of Terror: The Global Reach of the Terrorist Network
Mr. Peter Bergen
Author, "The Osama bin Laden I Know: An Oral History of al-Qaeda's Leader"
Ambassador Husain Haqqani
Director, Center for International Relations, Boston University
The Honorable Brad Sherman (D-CA)
Chairman, Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, United States House of Representatives

Policy Briefing – “Understanding Radical Islam and Its War Against the West”
Mr. Steven Emerson
Executive Director, The Investigative Project on Terrorism
Dr. Martin Kramer
Wexner-Fromer Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy; Senior Fellow, Shalem Center; Olin Institute Senior Fellow, Harvard University

Policy Briefing – “What Will it Take to Revive the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process?”
Mr. Gidi Grinstein
CEO and Founder, The Re'ut Institute
Dr. Aaron David Miller
Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center
Dr. Barry Rubin
Director, Global Research in International Affairs (GLORIA) Center, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya; Visiting Scholar, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

DINNER PLENARY SESSION
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
“The United States and Israel: Tradition and Transcendence”
Featuring:
Pastor John Hagee
Founder and Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Church, San Antonio, TX
Dr. Michael Oren
Senior Fellow, Shalem Center
Honored Guest:
Mr. Eitan Wertheimer
President and CEO, Iscar, Ltd.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007

MORNING PLENARY SESSION
NOTE: DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 AM, FINAL MEDIA ACCESS BY 8:00 A.M.
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
“The United States and Israel: United We Stand”
Special Addresses:
The Honorable Dick Cheney
_Vice President of the United States of America_
The Honorable Tzipi Livni
_Minister of Foreign Affairs, Israel_
Featuring:
Mr. Howard Kohr
Executive Director, AIPAC

LUNCHEON PLENARY SESSION
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
(The following occur simultaneously, please choose one.)

“Capitol Connection: Congress’ Role in Strengthening the U.S.-Israel Relationship”
Special Address:
Ambassador Dan Gillerman
Ambassador to the United Nations, Israel
Panelists:
The Honorable Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
_MEMBER, SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, UNITED STATES SENATE_
The Honorable Norm Coleman (R-MN)
_MEMBER, FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, UNITED STATES SENATE_
The Honorable Nita Lowey (D-NY)
_Chair, Appropriations State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee, United States House of Representatives_
The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)
_Ranking Member, Foreign Affairs Committee, United States House of Representatives_
Moderator:
Ms. Ester Kurz
_Director of Legislative Policy and Strategy, AIPAC_

“The Changing Face of Israel: Today’s Zionist Leaders”
Special Address:
The Honorable Tom Lantos (D-CA)
_Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, United States House of Representatives_
Panelists:
Mr. Seth Altholtz
_Chair, Israel Critical Capital Foundation, Project NIMRATZ_
Professor Uzi Arad
_Director, Institute for Policy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya_
Ms. Efrat Duvdevani
_Director General, Vice Prime Minister's Office_
Ms. Dalia Rabin
_Chairman of the Board, The Yitzhak Rabin Center_
Mr. Eliezer Ya'ari
_Executive Director, New Israel Fund, Israel_
Moderator:
Mr. David Horovitz
_Editor-in-Chief, The Jerusalem Post_

Campus Awards Luncheon – “Allies, Advocates and Activists”
NOTE: EVENT TAKES PLACE OFF SITE
Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street NW
AIPAC's annual recognition of top campus allies, exemplary pro-Israel advocates and the most accomplished AIPAC campus activists in the nation.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
(The following occur simultaneously in various rooms. Please choose one.)

Panel Discussion – “Faithful Allies: Building Ties with Christian Supporters of Israel”
Pastor Glenn Plummer
CEO, Fellowship of Israel and Black America (FIBA)
Reverend Sam Rodriguez
President, National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference
Reverend Robert Stearns
Founder and Executive Director, Eagles' Wings Ministries
Mr. Jeff Mendelsohn
National Outreach Director, AIPAC

Panel Discussion – “Politics.com: How Blogs are Changing Politics, Campaigns and Elections”
Mr. Paul Mirengoff
Author, Power Line Blog
Dr. Stuart Rothenberg
Founder and Publisher, The Rothenberg Political Report
Mr. Joe Trippi
Director, Trippi & Associates
Ms. Amy Walter
Senior Editor, The Cook Political Report

Panel Discussion – “Promising Partners: Israel's Deepening Ties to India and Turkey”
Ambassador Ronen Sen
Ambassador to the United States, Republic of India
Ambassador Nabi Sensoy
Ambassador to the United States, Republic of Turkey
Mr. Jeffrey Colman
Deputy Director of Policy and Government Affairs, AIPAC

Dr. Matthew Levitt
Director, Stein Program on Terrorism, Intelligence and Policy, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy
Ms. Leah Odinec
Assistant Director, Policy and Government Affairs, AIPAC
Mr. Steven Perles
Senior Attorney and Founder, Perles Law Firm
The Honorable Sarah Steelman
State Treasurer, Missouri

Policy Briefing – “Charting a Course: What Will It Take to Revive the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process?”
Mr. Gidi Grinstein
CEO and Founder, The Re'ut Institute
Mr. Avi Issacharoff
Middle East Correspondent, Ha'aretz
Dr. David Makovsky
Director, Project on the Middle East Peace Process, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy
Policy Briefing – “Israel and the World: The Appropriate Role for the International Community”
Mr. David Horovitz
Editor-in-Chief, The Jerusalem Post
Mr. Daniel Taub
Deputy Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel

Dr. Jonathan Adelman
Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver
Dr. Ariel Cohen
Senior Research Fellow, The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies, The Heritage Foundation

Dr. Shai Feldman
Director, Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University
Maj. Gen. Dan Harel
Defense and Armed Forces Attaché, Embassy of Israel
Mr. Jeff Kuhnreich
Deputy Director of Policy and Government Affairs, AIPAC

AIPAC GALA BANQUET
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

“Celebrating the U.S.-Israel Relationship”
Featuring:
The Honorable Harry Reid (D-NV)
Majority Leader, United States Senate
The Honorable Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Republican Leader, United States Senate
Greetings:
Ambassador Sallai Meridor
Ambassador to the United States, Israel
Special Address (via satellite):
The Honorable Ehud Olmert
Prime Minister, Israel

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

“Leadership Perspective: The U.S.-Israel Relationship”
Featuring:
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Speaker, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable John Boehner (R-OH)
Republican Leader, United States House of Representatives