

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

- 9:00 AM **Registration Opens**
- 11:00 AM **Advocacy Task Force Meeting**
Briefings for Congressional Visits on Capitol Hill
- 1:00 PM **Capitol Hill Visits**
- 4:00 PM **Orientation for the Annual Meeting (First Timers)**
Concurrent Study Sessions
Abraham Joshua Heschel and American Judaism
Steven Bayme, Director, Contemporary Jewish Life
Jewish Roots of Interfaith Work
Rabbi David Rosen, International Director, Interreligious Affairs
- 5:30 PM **UN Watch Reception**
Project Interchange Reception
- 6:00 PM Opening Reception and Exhibit
Inside the Bad Arolsen Holocaust Archive
- Israel at Sixty**
- 6:45 PM Opening Plenary Dinner
The Future of Israel: The Promise and the Challenge
Haim Ramon, Vice Premier of Israel
Z-Word Presentation
The Jan Karski Award
Representative Tom Lantos, z'l
Response: **Annette Lantos**
- 9:00 PM Dessert Reception
- 9:45 PM Night Owl Films
Darfur Now
Crude Awakening
Golda's Balcony

2008

102nd Annual Meeting

Celebrating Israel at Sixty

America's Presidential Election

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

- Israel at Sixty**
- 7:30 AM Plenary Breakfast
National Council Meeting
The State of AJC
Election of Officers and Governors
Jewish Peoplehood Task Force Interim Report
The Durban Review Conference
Szabad Chapter Excellence Awards
Israel at Sixty and Energy Programming
Isaiah Award
His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America
- 10:30 AM Concurrent Sessions
Israel on Campus: Realities and Perceptions
What Israel Means to Me: Generational Perspectives
Zionism in the Twenty-First Century: Young Leaders and Tikkun Olam
- 12:30 PM Plenary Lunch
Confronting Radical Islam
David Makovsky, Director, Project on the Middle East Peace Process, The Washington Institute
Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Author, *Infidel*; human rights activist; Member of Dutch Parliament 2003-2006
Tawfik Hamid, Founder, Islamic Society for Liberty and Modernity; author, *Inside Jihad*
Mass Media Award
Youssef M. Ibrahim, Journalist, New York and Dubai
- 2:30 PM Concurrent Sessions
The Challenge of Countering Terrorism
Judith Miller, Adjunct Fellow, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research
Eric Greitens, Founder, Center for Citizen Leadership; U.S. Navy SEAL
Terrorism on Trial: Can Our Courts Handle It?
Neal Katyal, Professor, Georgetown University Law School
Representative John Conyers, Jr., Chairman, House Judiciary Committee



- 5:00 PM **Distinguished Leadership Award Fundraising Reception**
Honoring **David Rousso**, Chair, Community Services Commission
- 6:30 PM Plenary Dinner
Israel and the Community of Nations
Leaders of the European Friends of Israel (EFI)
Jana Hybášková, Chair, Delegation for Relations with Israel; Member of European Parliament, Czech Republic
Marek Siwiec, Vice Chair, EFI; Vice President of the European Parliament, Poland
Madeline and Bruce Ramer Award for Diplomatic Excellence
Alexander Downer, Foreign Minister of Australia 1996-2007
- 9:30 PM **National Leadership Council Reception**
The Capitol Steps

THURSDAY, MAY 1

- America's Presidential Election**
- 7:30 AM Plenary Breakfast
The Impact of the Global Economy on the International Political Agenda
Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund
Obiageli Ezekwesili, Vice President for the Africa Region, the World Bank
Marwan Muasher, Senior Vice President for External Affairs, the World Bank
Ana Palacio, Senior Vice President, the World Bank

- 9:15 AM **Energy Security and Independence: Policy Imperatives**
Shai Agassi, Founder, Project Better Place
Daniel Weiss, Senior Fellow and Director of Climate Strategy, Center for American Progress
David Sandalow, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution; author, *Freedom from Oil*
- 10:45 AM Concurrent Workshops
Focus on the Issues: Consulting with AJC Staff Experts
- 12:00 PM Plenary Lunch
Weaving an American Fabric: Creating a National Identity
Moderator:
Ray Suarez, Senior Correspondent, *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer*
Panelists:
Richard Alba, Professor of Sociology and Public Policy, SUNY Albany
Linda Chavez, Fox News commentator and syndicated columnist
Tamar Jacoby, Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute
Donald Kerwin, Director, Catholic Legal Immigration Network
Ali Noorani, Executive Director, Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Michael Fix, Vice President, Migration Policy Institute
Congressional Leadership Award
Senator Charles Schumer, D-NY



THURSDAY, MAY 1 (Con'td)

2:00 PM Concurrent Sessions

Weaving an American Fabric: Personal Journeys

The *America's Table*® profile films

Zainab Al Suwajj, Executive Director, American Islamic Congress

Sanjay Puri, Chairman, U.S. Indian-American Political Action Committee

M. Elena Letona, Director, Centro Presente; immigrant rights activist

Robert Corin Morris, Episcopal priest; interreligious leader

Where Did My People Go: Russian Jews on Three Continents—Personal Journeys

Igor Branovan, Chair, AJC National Committee on Russian-Jewish Affairs

Boris Gorbis, AJC National Committee on Russian-Jewish Affairs

Larissa Remennick, Chair, Sociology Department, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

Sergey Lagodinsky, Member, Jewish Community of Berlin Council, Germany

5:00 PM Buses depart for National Building Museum 4th and G Street, NW (G Street Entrance)

6:00 PM **102nd Annual Gala Reception and Dinner**

Visions for America

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton

Senator John McCain

Senator Barack Obama



Tzipi Livni

Global Visions

Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State

François Fillon, Prime Minister of France

Tzipi Livni, Vice Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel

Sergey Viktorovich Lavrov, Foreign Minister of Russia

The Miracle, Israel at Sixty film

Condoleezza Rice

Listing of invited speakers

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Charting the Future

8:00 AM Plenary Breakfast

Deterring Iran's Nuclear Development: Divestment from Iran

Jon Corzine, Governor of New Jersey

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of California

10:00 AM Concurrent Sessions

The West Bank and Gaza: Is There a Solution?

Khaled Abu Toameh, Columnist, *Jerusalem Post*

Smadar Peri, Middle East commentator, *Maariv*

Taghreed El-Khodary, Freelance journalist

Aharon Barnea, Senior Correspondent, Channel 2 TV News, Israel

Women in the Middle East: A Force for Change?

Dilsa Demirbag Sten, Journalist; government advisor, Sweden

Huda Nonoo, Shura Council Member, Bahrain

Mona Zulficar, Human rights leader, Egypt

Rania Atalla, U.S. Director, Women to Women International

12:00 PM Plenary Lunch

Peace Prospects in the Middle East

Salaheddin Al-Bashir, Foreign Minister of Jordan

Taieb Fassi-Fihri, Foreign Minister of Morocco

Oussama Romdhani, Director, Tunisian Agency of External Communication

Public Service Award

R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs 2005-2008

2:30 PM **15th International Leadership Conference**

ACCESS 20:20

Global Summit of the New Generation

World Jewry and the Jewish State: 60 Years Later
Panel of International Leaders

4:15 PM ACCESS 20:20 Concurrent Sessions

Creating a More Just America: Addressing Domestic Disparity

Energy Security: Considering the Alternatives

Israel's Place in the World: Framing the Diaspora Debate

6:00 PM ACCESS reception hosted by Washington Chapter

6:45 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services
Egalitarian and Traditional

8:00 PM Oneg Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 3

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Shabbat Services
Egalitarian and Traditional
Shabbat Study

11:00 AM 15th International Leadership Conference
Plenary Session

Defining Israel and Defending Israel's Interests to the World: A Diaspora Perspective

Stuart Eizenstat, U.S. Ambassador to the European Union 1993-1996

Alan Dershowitz, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; author, *The Case for Israel*

Walter Russell Mead, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

1:00 PM 15th International Leadership Conference
Plenary Lunch

Defining Israel and Defending Israel's Interests to the World: An Israeli Perspective

Shlomo Ben Ami, Foreign Minister of Israel 2000-2001

Rachel Korazim, Director of Education, Yad Vashem

Eran Kolirin, Director, *The Band's Visit*

3:30 PM ACCESS 20:20 Concurrent Sessions

Creating a More Just America: Foreign Policy at a Crossroads

Energy Security: Bold Visions

Israel's Place in the World: Pressing for Peace

5:30 PM ACCESS 20:20 Wrap-Up Session

Actionable Plans for Change

A conversation with **David A. Harris**

8:00 PM **Havdalah and Concluding Dinner Party**

Machaya K'lei Z'mer Band

The best music and dancing of the century
Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Avenue

MIDNIGHT Annual Meeting Concludes



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**CAPITAL HILTON
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

