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Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Through Canadian Jewish and Palestinian eyes

(Ottawa, Canada February 20, 2007) Following the every successful launch of Potlucks for Peace public programs with the showing of "The Shape of the Future" documentary in January 2006, Potlucks for Peace is back again with a series of events aimed at initiating dialogue between Canadians of Jewish and Arab backgrounds with the final goal of finding peaceful solutions that fulfill the real aspirations of both sides. Both evenings are moderated by **CBC reporter Evan Dyer**.

Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Jewish Fear

March 12, 7 p.m. Library and Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa

Through the eyes of a Jew and a Palestinian in dialogue, we invite you to understand the concept of Jewish fear, its history, its presence at the root of the Israeli need for safety, its importance in understanding Israeli actions and Jewish reactions; its impact on Palestinians and the key role its understanding plays in achieving a long term solution for the on-going conflict in the Middle East.

Panelists: *Lawrence Greenspon and Monzer Zimmo*

Understanding the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: The Palestinian Right of Return

March 21, 7 p.m. Library and Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa

Through the eyes of a Palestinian and a Jew in dialogue, we invite you to understand the Palestinian Right of Return, its history, its presence at the root of Palestinians' need for justice, its importance in understanding Palestinian actions and Palestinians' right to equal humanity; its impact on Israelis and the key role its resolution plays in achieving a long term solution for the on-going conflict in the Middle East.

Panelists: *Samah Sabawi and Jonathan Wouk*

Potlucks for Peace (P4P) is an Ottawa-based Jewish-Arab dialogue group built on the premise that out of the willingness to engage in dialogue, solutions can arise. P4P members advocate peace, through peaceful means, for all. They understand the negative consequences of the concept of victory of one party over the other and believe in the value of both parties to the conflict being winners. P4P also strives to promote better understanding between the Arab and Jewish communities in Ottawa and communication with the general public by organizing events and other initiatives.

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