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NATIONAL SUMMIT TO REASSESS THE U.S.-ISRAEL SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

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A historic nonpartisan symposium in which top diplomatic, military, intelligence, Congressional, academic, and other experts will discuss the impact on Americans of U.S. support for Israel.

Israel is often considered a key ally for the United States. More U.S. tax money has been given to Israel than to any other nation – currently over \$8 million per day. The U.S. provides Israel trading advantages, loan guarantees, weaponry, technology, and other perks. At the same time, the U.S. has a long record of vetoing Security Council resolutions regarding Israel.

The summit will provide expert analysis from a wide variety of perspectives on what such policies mean for Americans. Are they efficacious or damaging? Do they make the U.S. secure or place Americans in danger? Do they increase or decrease U.S. standing in the world? Do they benefit the economy or add to American financial troubles?

Attendees will have opportunities to ask questions and interact with an extraordinary array of experts discussing critical questions facing Americans today.

A few of the distinguished speakers:



Dr. Michael Scheuer retired 22-year CIA officer, head of the Usama Bin Laden Department, Chief of the Southwest/Southeast Asia Counternarcotics Operation, Chief of the Sunni Militant Unit. Author of *Imperial Hubris* and *Through Our Enemies' Eyes*. Adjunct professor at Georgetown University.



James J. David retired Brigadier General, active duty in and around the Middle East, decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Medal with Overseas Ribbon and bar, the Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Bronze Star Medal.



Stephen M. Walt Professor of International Affairs at Harvard; consultant for Institute of Defense Analyses, Center for Naval Analyses, and National Defense University; serves on editorial boards of a number of journals. Author with J.J. Mearsheimer, *The Israel Lobby*.



Paul Pillar retired 28-year career in U.S. intelligence, National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia; chief of CIA analytic units Near East, Persian Gulf, South Asia; member of National Intelligence Council's Analytic Group; Exec Assistant to CIA Deputy Director for Intelligence; Exec Assistant to CIA Director.



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