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MEDIA ADVISORY

Israeli Young Political Leaders to Visit Atlanta, Columbus and Cobb County; Delegates to Engage in Dialogue with Local Political Leaders, Study American Political System

ATLANTA - From July 28 – August 1, 2007, seven young political leaders from Israel will visit Atlanta, Columbus and Cobb County, Georgia, as part of an eleven day political exchange program organized by the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL). Composed of delegates from across the Israeli political spectrum, this delegation is the sixteenth Israeli ACYPL delegation to visit the United States since ACYPL began conducting exchanges with the State of Israel in 1978. During this time, over one hundred and twenty young political leaders from Israel have traveled to the United States on ACYPL exchanges.

The delegation kicked off its program with meetings and briefings in Washington, D.C. and will arrive in Georgia on the heels of visits to Cleveland, Portsmouth and another Columbus, the capital of Ohio. While in Georgia, the delegates will be hosted by Jeff H. Breedlove of the Georgia State Senate Research Office and Muscogee County Superior Court Judge Bobby G. Peters, both of whom are alumni of ACYPL exchanges.

Who: Young political leaders from across the Israeli political spectrum:

- **Ms. Keren Barak** (Kadima Party) - Owner and CEO, Contacti Strategic Consultation and Government Relations Company
- **Ms. Nily Charush** (Labor Party) - Senior Political Adviser, Mr. Eitan Cabel, Member of the Israeli Knesset
- **Mr. Dror Lalush** (Labor Party) - Deputy Mayor, City of Tiberias
- **Mr. Gil Messing** (Kadima Party) - Deputy Spokesperson, Kadima Party
- **Mr. Alon Rozen** (Labor Party) - Member, Yavne City Council
- **Ms. Adi Shay** (Meretz - Yachad Party) - Political/Legal Consultant, Mr. Avshalom Vilan, Member of the Israeli Knesset
- **Ms. Klarina Shpitz** (Pensioners Party) - Parliamentary Aide, Mr. Yitzhak Ziv, Deputy Knesset Speaker

What: Program highlights will include:

- Meetings with U.S. Representative John Barrow, D-GA, members and staff of the Georgia State Senate, Cobb County Commission Chairman Sam Olens, Columbus Mayor Jim Wetherington, members of the Columbus City Council and the Muscogee County Superior Court, the Sheriff of Muscogee County and officials from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the Anti-Defamation League and the Atlanta Jewish Federation.
- A press conference at Columbus' Government Center at 10:15am on July 31, 2007.
- Visits to the home of the U.S. Army Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, the Kennesaw National Battlefield, and the headquarters of Home Depot and AFLAC.

When: July 28, 29, 31 & August 1, 2007 (Atlanta)
July 30, 2007 (Cobb County)
July 31, 2007 (Columbus)

Why: The purpose of this program is to:

- Expose the delegates to the American political system at the national, state and local levels.
- Give the delegates a new perspective on American culture.
- Allow the delegates to engage in dialogue on international issues and forge professional relationships with their American counterparts.

About The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL)

Recognized by the U.S. Congress as a pre-eminent catalyst for introducing rising political leaders and policy makers to international affairs and to each other, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) is a bi-partisan, not-for-profit international exchange organization based in Washington, DC. Since its founding in 1966, ACYPL has conducted programs and exchanges with more than 90 nations, producing a global network of several thousand alumni. Former ACYPL participants include 38 sitting members

of the U.S. Congress, 6 sitting U.S. governors and ambassadors, cabinet ministers and parliamentarians around the globe. For more information on ACYPL, please visit <http://www.acypl.org>.

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