

advocacy and impact . . .



. . . across America and around the world

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## American Jewish Committee **Mission**

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*To safeguard the welfare and security of Jews.*

*To strengthen the basic principles of democracy and pluralism around the world.*

*To enhance the quality of American Jewish life.*

*To deepen ties between American and Israeli Jews.*

## Message from our president and executive director

Thank you for being part of AJC's diplomacy in motion. At the heart of our work is diplomacy. And that means nonstop advocacy—at the intersection of global politics, national affairs, and intergroup relations.

More so perhaps than ever before, issues touching on cultural, religious, and ethnic-oriented questions everywhere demand urgent attention. As you'll see as you read through the pages of this report, we are dedicated at AJC to tirelessly confronting these delicate issues.

The fact is that we bring to these issues a depth of institutional wisdom and a practical record of experience and expertise that goes back more than 100 years. We likewise bring something a bit more intangible. It's something that we think you'll agree makes an extraordinary difference.

We're referring to a passion for democratic values—for the abiding values of humanity that we know you share. Part of this is a profound commitment to human moral solidarity. And part of it, too, is an intense opposition to bigotry, intolerance, and the bloody dogmas of those who spread hatred and division.

Intolerance affects so many groups. But the Jewish people are painfully acquainted with it. As in the past, today's most worrisome radicals, today's most determined totalitarians, direct a bitter hatred toward the Jewish people and, to be sure, the Jewish state.

Only a brief overview of a few AJC activities and accomplishments can be covered in these pages—only an outline of the many ways AJC works to bring to the public arena your concerns, your ideals, and your hopes and dreams for the future.

We ask that, as you take a look at the pages of this report, you keep in mind the concept of diplomacy in motion. We ask that you view AJC's varied efforts through that lens. We believe that by doing so, you'll see the bigger picture and gain a better sense of AJC's clear and distinct global mission.

Advocacy groups like AJC have taken a place at the table of global affairs as never before. We trust that this Annual Report you hold in your hands will help explain why AJC has emerged as one of the world's leading global advocacy groups.

Of course, our many efforts—to defend human dignity, to strengthen intergroup respect, to champion Jewish communities and the people and State of Israel—are only possible because of your involvement and your generous support.

Please know how deeply grateful we are.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Sideman  
President



David A. Harris  
Executive Director



“ALL THE COLLECTIVIST DOCTRINES—NAZISM, FASCISM, RELIGIOUS FANATICISM, AND COMMUNISM—ARE THE NATURAL ENEMIES OF FREEDOM,” THE PERUVIAN WRITER MARIO VARGAS LLOSA RECENTLY PROCLAIMED. “DEFENDING THE INDIVIDUAL,” HE INSISTED, “IS THE NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF BELIEVING IN FREEDOM.”

AJC BELIEVES IN FREEDOM. AND WE WORK TO DEFEND THE DEMOCRATIC VALUES THAT MAKE FREEDOM REAL.

IN AN AGE WHEN DIPLOMACY IS NO LONGER THE EXCLUSIVE DOMAIN OF GOVERNMENTS, AJC STANDS AS ONE OF THE WORLD’S LEADING NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. OUR MISSION? TO BUILD ALLIANCES AMONG LIKE-MINDED NATIONS, RELIGIONS, AND ETHNIC GROUPS.

OUR PEERLESS GLOBAL PRESENCE, UNRIVALED ACCESS, AND CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ARE PUT TO POWERFUL USE—FORGING PARTNERSHIPS PLEDGED TO GUARD THE GREAT IDEALS OF MANKIND.

## *impact*



At an AJC conference, Sayyid Badr, Chair, Middle East Desalination Research Center and Secretary General, Oman’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs (r.), Jason Isaacson, Director, AJC’s Office of Government and International Affairs (l.); Roger Baskes; and his wife, Julie Baskes, Chair, AJC Program and Policy.

AJC executive director David A. Harris addressed the consuls general of all twenty-seven European Union member states in New York. He also addressed Berlin’s Council on Foreign Relations, among many other groups of leaders across America and around the world.

To strengthen ties to Arab and Muslim nations, AJC leaders traveled to Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Turkey, and Qatar. They met with top government officials and, in Bahrain, Morocco, and Turkey, with representatives of local Jewish communities.

An array of international guests addressed AJC’s 101st Annual Meeting. Among them: the presidents of Colombia and Latvia, the chairman of the World Economic Forum (Davos), Bosnia’s foreign minister, India’s state secretary, and the head of Morocco’s Office of Islamic Affairs.



French President Nicolas Sarkozy (r.) and AJC executive director David A. Harris during a light moment at an AJC event in Washington, D.C. Harris presented Sarkozy with AJC's Light Unto the Nations Award for his ardent opposition to extremism and anti-Semitism.

## Getting Heard in a Radically Globalized World

In this globalized, ever-more interconnected world, what sets AJC diplomacy apart? What's the key to our access and impact?

Two factors empower our advocacy on behalf of democratic values, human rights, and Israel's right to stand proudly among the nations: First is the credibility we've earned and the close contacts we've created. Second is our unparalleled presence.

In addition to our headquarters in New York, we maintain full-time offices in the key diplomatic hubs of Jerusalem, Geneva, Berlin, and Brussels. We likewise maintain bureaus in Paris, Mumbai, Rome, and Warsaw—each with staff members deeply rooted in the regions they serve. Strengthening our efforts are formal partnerships with twenty-four leading Jewish advocacy groups around the globe.

We've also developed a range of respected AJC international institutes. Each institute focuses intensively on a specific area of policy—human rights, the UN, and interfaith relations—or of regional concern—Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

Putting these resources to maximum use, we visit more than sixty nations annually. We also meet yearly with the presidents, prime ministers, and foreign ministers of over seventy nations during the UN General Assembly session.

NATO director of policy planning Jaime Shea recently pointed to one of our key goals in the global arena: **"AJC's Transatlantic Institute in Brussels stands on the front lines of bringing together political and civic leaders who wish to strengthen the bonds of friendship between Europe and America."**



Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, now president of Argentina, was one of the international leaders who addressed the more than 1,400 guests at AJC's 2007 Annual Meeting.

## Theology and Terror: Responding to the Iranian Threat

What's at the heart of the Iranian regime? A radical version of Shi'ite theology. Its core conviction? That all Muslims must strive to prompt—even provoke—the arrival of the Mahdi.

When this redeemer arrives, he'll bring every good tiding. Including elimination or conversion of the "kuffar," the infidels. He'll come, however, only after a clash of apocalyptic proportions.

Consider these ideas alongside Iran's unwavering support for international terrorism. Its horrific human rights record. And its call for Israel to be "wiped off the map." Is it any wonder, then, that the possibility of a nuclear Iran strikes fear? What will keep Iran's nuclear ambitions on hold? Only ongoing international pressure.

AJC has made our concern known at every one of hundreds of diplomatic encounters. We've produced a stream of op-eds and radio and newspaper advocacy ads. And we've released six related hard-hitting publications.

AJC president Richard Sideman and AJC executive director David A. Harris urged the UN Security Council to dare not roll the dice on this issue. They implored the Council to vigorously monitor Iranian compliance with international demands.

"This will demonstrate," they declared, "that the international community remains united and firm in its determination that Iran cease any quest for nuclear weapons capability."

## Friends Who Speak out in the Face of Fear

Social critics who dare confront extremist movements face enormous challenges. They stand in need of allies. Their safety must be ensured. Their message heard. Their warning heeded.

AJC has presented humanitarian awards—and extended our hand in friendship and in active international solidarity—to Muslim critics of radical Islam.

Among them: Mithal al-Alusi, a member of the Iraqi parliament; Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a Somali-born former member of the Dutch parliament; Magdi Allam, an Egyptian-born Italian journalist; and Salah Choudhury, a Bangladeshi journalist.

Choudhury tirelessly advocates for friendly Muslim-Jewish relations. At AJC headquarters, he declared: "I cannot let my country fall into the grips of the radicals." Human rights lawyer Irwin Cotler, a Canadian parliamentarian and former attorney general, serves as Choudhury's attorney. Cotler's past clients include Nelson Mandela, Jacobo Timerman, and Natan Sharansky.

"Speaking out, speaking up, and taking a strong public stand in defense of heroic prisoners of conscience, such as Mr. Choudhury, is entirely characteristic of the American Jewish Committee," said M.P. Cotler. **"AJC is engaged in a sustained international struggle on behalf of the abiding values of our common humanity, chief among them human rights and human dignity."**



U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Zalmay Khalilzad (l.) at an AJC meeting with Ambassador Alfred Moses, Chairman, AJC's Geneva-based UN Watch, which monitors the UN and works to ensure that the world body lives up to its Charter principles.

## *a different kind of competition*



Klaus Schwab, Chair, World Economic Forum (Davos), discusses the changing global landscape at AJC's 2007 Annual Meeting.

He's a consummate master of competitiveness. The kind of competition he champions, however, sets him apart. Klaus Schwab heads the World Economic Forum (Davos). The organization is known for events that bring together the globe's most influential business, political, and religious leaders. Recently, AJC executive director David A. Harris participated on a Davos plenary panel with former British prime minister Tony Blair.

What's Schwab's driving idea? Innovative entrepreneurship—in private industry *and* the public realm. In particular, he applauds thoughtful partnerships that pave the way for economic and social progress.

"AJC understands very well how to build effective partnerships. That's one of its great strengths," declared Schwab, addressing our 2007 Annual Meeting. "AJC played such an important role in its first century, and I know that its role as a global nongovernmental organization will only grow in importance in its second century."

### **Exposing Extremists Seeking Cover While Building Bonds of Mutual Respect**

The Muslim Brotherhood—with affiliates throughout the world—says it only wants to put an end to poverty and corruption. Its repackaging efforts seem to be paying off.

Hamas, a Brotherhood branch whose bus bombings maimed and killed hundreds of Israeli civilians, has likewise gained a degree of success in its relentless campaign for legitimacy.

AJC—with our unique Division on Middle East and International Terrorism taking the lead—opposes the international acceptance of these and other extremist groups. And we've voiced our concerns to the White House, State Department, and Congress, to scores of our global diplomatic partners, and at counterterrorism conferences worldwide.

Yes, AJC exposes extremists seeking cover. But we also strive, by many means, to encourage Muslim moderates, and to build bridges between Muslims and Jews.

A newly launched AJC website, for example, [www.aslalyahud.org](http://www.aslalyahud.org), makes available an extensive collection of material in the Arabic language. All of it from Jewish sources.

The material focuses on Judaism and Jewish cultural involvement in the Arab world. It includes excerpts from scholars like Saadia Gaon and Maimonides and from contemporary Jews writing in Arabic. Also included is a richly detailed timeline of Jewish history.

To help reach out to Arab-speaking web users around the world, the website encourages visitors to respond and present questions.

This pioneering AJC website celebrates—and aims to advance—constructive components and helpful trends in Muslim-Jewish relations.



# National AFFAIRS

THE NEWBORN UNITED STATES WAS QUICK TO LEARN IT “COULD NOT RELY ON ANY TRIBAL OR NATIONAL IDENTITY,” EXPLAINS GORDON WOOD IN *THE RADICALISM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*.

TO BE AN AMERICAN HAD TO BE A MATTER OF COMMON IDEALS. THE SOLE SOURCE OF THOSE IDEALS? THE REVOLUTION. AS A RESULT, DEBATE OVER THE MEANING OF OUR REVOLUTIONARY HERITAGE WOULD “NEVER CEASE.”

IN THE NATION’S CAPITAL, IN STATEHOUSES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND THROUGHOUT THE CIVIC ARENA, AJC ENTERS ENERGETICALLY INTO THIS ONGOING STRUGGLE.

WE WORK TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ... PRESERVE SEPARATION OF RELIGION AND STATE ... AND BRING ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS TOGETHER. OUR AIM: TO BUILD AN INCLUSIVE AND STRONG AMERICA—A NATION EVER REACHING TOWARD THE GREAT CIVIC VALUES ITS FOUNDERS PROCLAIMED.

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Richard Foltin, AJC Legislative Director and Counsel (l.), and Stephen Dubin, Member, AJC Board of Governors, walk past the Capitol on their way to meetings with legislators in the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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AJC continues to play a leading role in the ongoing coalitional effort to pass the Workplace Religious Freedom Act. The bill would bolster the rights of workers with religious needs. It would also protect employers from employees who would abuse these rights.

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AJC presented our Congressional Leadership Award to Congressman Alcee Hastings (D-FL), Congressman Mark Kirk (R-IL), and Congressman Chris Shays (R-CT). “AJC has made a huge difference, not just for the Jewish people and Israel, but for all humanity,” said Congressman Shays.

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With the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, AJC cosponsored a five-day seminar on Catholic-Jewish relations for Latinos and Latinas in the ministry. The twenty-four participants studied with Catholic and Jewish scholars and engaged in dialogue with AJC members.

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U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) (r.); AJC Seattle Chapter President Moshe Dunie, center; and Rabbi Anson Laytner, Director, AJC Seattle Chapter, in back, at an AJC forum, in Washington, D.C., on strengthening America's energy independence.

## When AJC Goes to Washington and Washington Goes to AJC

While it's true that AJC's Annual Meeting draws AJC to Washington, it's also true that the gathering draws Washington to AJC. In addition to an array of international speakers, those who addressed the guests at our 101st annual event included fourteen members of the House and eight members of the Senate.

Others from the Washington scene who shared their thoughts included: Zalmay Khalilzad, U.S. ambassador to the UN; R. James Woolsey, former director of the CIA; Ambassador John Danforth, a former U.S. senator; Harris Wofford, a former U.S. senator who helped found the Peace Corps; and Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, president of George Washington University.

Danforth, an ordained Episcopal minister and author of two recent books on the intersection of faith and politics, warned: "The Constitution is not for the purpose of deciding social issues—it's about the structure of government."

Trachtenberg and Wofford discussed their efforts as part of AJC's Task Force on National Service. Trachtenberg served as chair of the thirty-member group. Its goal: to advance the idea that for young Americans, a year of voluntary national service should be the norm, not the exception.

## Petrodollars and the Damage Done: Encouraging National Energy Independence

What kind of waste can be great for America? The kind found in second-generation biofuels—such as cellulosic ethanol. These fuels can play a vital role in protecting our natural resources. And winning energy independence.

Indeed, AJC passionately promotes their use and development. But we also work to help cut America's use of petroleum. That's why we strongly advocate laws obliging automakers to boost fuel efficiency. And why we promote the promise of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Concern about the environment—and the damage done with American petrodollars—goes back thirty-four years at AJC. What's new is the presence on our staff of full-time energy experts and the rapid intensification of chapter-level advocacy.

In addition, 100 percent of energy used in our U.S. offices is linked to renewable sources. We've also pioneered in offering incentives to AJC employees to purchase a hybrid car. And we're in pursuit of full compliance with Green Building standards.

Are we making our voice heard? **"Among the many groups I've worked with, AJC is by far the most proactive and effective on the issue of energy security,"** declared Dr. Gal Luft, co-chair of the Set America Free Coalition, an alliance of groups dedicated to reducing America's dangerous addiction to foreign oil.

## Forging Alliances that Advance Cherished Civic Values

On any given day—in houses of worship and conference rooms across America—religious and ethnic leaders are tackling tough intergroup issues. Under AJC auspices, they're building bonds of mutual support. And forging coalitions that aim to advance America's most cherished civic values. The work, to be sure, is an old AJC tradition.

"When few dared speak out, AJC launched a campaign in 1911 in New York State to end discrimination in public accommodations in resorts and amusement parks," declared Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1965. The campaign led to a law that "served as a model for many other states."

Following in this path, a recent three-day meeting in Washington, D.C., co-sponsored by AJC, brought together AJC experts and thirty Mexican American community leaders.

"It was an exceptional opportunity to strengthen the growing ties between the Jewish and the Mexican communities in this country," said Arturo Sarukhán, Mexico's ambassador to the U.S., who addressed the gathering.

AJC maintains relations with more than 200 domestic religious and ethnic organizations. These efforts are mirrored by our extensive intergroup outreach in the world arena.



At an AJC forum on national energy independence, (l.-r.) Henry Dubinsky, Chair, AJC Energy Commission; Richard Buetikofer, Chair, Germany's Green Party; and Gal Luft, Co-Chair, the Set America Free Coalition.

## *working together for forty years*



Father John Pawlikowski of the Catholic Theological Union (r.) at our Chicago Chapter office with Chapter President Allan Reich.

Erudition, eloquence, passion, and participation. These are his tools. He's honed them to precision. And he employs them time and again—promoting social justice, encouraging intergroup cooperation, making the case for reconciliation.

Father John Pawlikowski is director of Catholic-Jewish Studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, one of the world's largest schools of theology. He also heads the International Council of Christians and Jews, an umbrella group of thirty-eight Jewish-Christian dialogue organizations worldwide. For more than twenty years, he served on the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

"I've worked closely with AJC for over forty years," says Father Pawlikowski. "In that time, I've developed a great appreciation for this organization. For its profound commitment to the Jewish people and its equally strong and active support for ethnic and religious solidarity."

### **"A Proven Track Record" of Advocacy— In the Capital and Across the Country**

The U.S. Congress might be the world's most complicated legislative body. Long before a bill becomes a law, a range of committees must consider it. And influencing each committee could call for a separate strategy.

Naturally, then, progress on any piece of legislation takes tireless advocacy. Precisely the kind of advocacy AJC carries out in Washington, D.C., and in state legislatures across America. Has our involvement gained the regard of lawmakers?

**"AJC's extremely intelligent voice has won the deepest respect from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle,"** declared Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR). "In Washington and around the country," said Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), "AJC has built a proven track record on a range of vital issues." Which issues top our domestic agenda?

Energy security—cutting the country's use of oil from unstable, unfriendly, undemocratic governments. Religious liberty—ensuring both that no particular vision of faith be "established" or "preferred," and that all faiths enjoy the freedom they need to thrive. Immigration reform—urging a plan that combines respect for human dignity with awareness of security concerns.

AJC's extensive work with the Congress is matched by our intensive involvement with the courts. Since our earliest years, we have acted time and again as *amicus curiae*, "friend of the court"—on behalf of plaintiffs fighting for the values we hold dear.



E.J. Dionne, *Washington Post* columnist and Co-Chair of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, at an AJC symposium on the role of religion in society.

# Israel AND JEWISH COMMUNAL AFFAIRS

ISRAEL, OF COURSE, HAS ALWAYS HAD ITS ANTAGONISTS. ZEALOUS ARAB NATIONALISTS AND ISLAMISTS ... FAR-RIGHT ANTI-SEMITES ... FAR-LEFT BELIEVERS IN SOVIET THEORIES OF COLONIALIST CONSPIRACY.

SO WHAT'S NEW? WELL, IT'S QUITE NEW—AND DISTURBING—WHEN A FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT AND TWO PROFESSORS FROM PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES FEED THE WORST STEREOTYPES. AND CALL INTO QUESTION THE JEWISH STATE, ITS AMERICAN FRIENDS, AND ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH AMERICA.

IN AN ONGOING MEDIA CAMPAIGN AND IN OUTREACH TO POLITICAL, CIVIC, AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS INTERNATIONALLY, AJC ANSWERS BACK.

WE DEFEND ISRAEL FROM DEFAMATION ... WIN FRIENDS FOR ISRAEL EVERYWHERE ... CHAMPION THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY ... AND STRENGTHEN JEWISH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD. BY MANY MEANS, WE'RE HELPING BUILD A BRIGHT AND HOPEFUL JEWISH FUTURE.

## *impact*



Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni shares a word with AJC Executive Director David A. Harris after a meeting at AJC headquarters in New York.

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AJC presented two fully-equipped mobile intensive care units to Israel's Magen David Adom. These gifts, among others, were made possible by AJC's Israel Emergency Fund, which raised more than \$2.4 million during the Second Lebanon War.

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AJC celebrated the tenth anniversary of our Russian Jewish Leadership Program. The initiative provides top Russian American Jewish leaders with ten weeks of training by AJC experts in advocacy, media relations, and American Jewish communal affairs.

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The Jewish communities of Colombia and Greece each signed agreements linking their communities to AJC. Seeking to foster the fullest possible international cooperation, AJC has established formal partnerships with twenty-four Jewish communities around the world.

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Indian Muslim religious leaders visit Israel's Knesset as part of an historic AJC mission to Israel. They're accompanied by Priya Tandon, second from right, AJC's representative in India.

## Indian Muslim Leaders' Trip to Israel Provokes Protests, Makes History

It was an entirely unprecedented event. An historic and hopeful moment, perhaps some kind of turning point. No doubt, however, it had its vociferous detractors.

The AJC-sponsored visit to Israel by Indian Muslim leaders was met in India with threats of boycotts and scattered protests. In no way, however, did opposition dampen the enthusiasm of delegation leader Maulana Jamil Ilyasi, president of the All India Organization of Imams and Mosques.

Declared Ilyasi, who leads some 500,000 imams serving an estimated 174 million Indian Muslims: "The time for violence has come to an end, and the era of peace and dialogue between Muslims and Jews has begun."

The extensive influence in India of this delegation will "encourage the moderates," explained Rabbi David Rosen, AJC international director of Interreligious Affairs, as quoted in the *Jerusalem Post*.

The delegation met with, among others, Israeli president Shimon Peres, Israeli foreign minister Tzipi Livni, Israel's chief rabbis, and the heads of its Muslim Sharia courts. Said Peres: **"These meetings were of the utmost importance to Israel and the Jewish people."**

Another groundbreaking AJC trip brought to Israel a delegation of top journalists from Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation.

"There's new thinking in Indonesia, including in the government, about upgrading our relations with Israel," said participant Endy Bayuni, editor-in-chief of the English-language *Jakarta Post*. Bayuni spoke of the regular column in his paper by a former Israeli diplomat to southeast Asia.

AJC's Project Interchange, which conducted these trips, has so far brought to Israel more than 4,000 influential political, civic, and religious leaders from around the world.

# Israel AND JEWISH COMMUNAL AFFAIRS

## “BDS”: Countering Israel’s Opponents in the West

Have you heard of BDS? The acronym stands for boycotts, divestment, and sanctions. With these, anti-Israel elements in the West hope to bludgeon Israel into international isolation.

Britain’s largest academic union, for instance, recently dropped a proposed academic boycott of Israel. AJC played a key administrative role in gathering a list of 446 American university presidents who condemned the proposal.

In a *New York Times* ad, published by AJC, an initial group of 286 presidents signed onto a simple request by Columbia University president Lee Bollinger. They asked that their universities be boycotted too if Israel’s universities were targeted.

“It takes nothing less than an astute and truly strategic effort to successfully counter left-wing elements in the West who seek to demoralize Jewish communities and defame Israel,” declared Anthony Julius, a prominent British lawyer and academic.

**“AJC stands out,” he continued, “for its ability to take on the task in a way that will not backfire, but rather bring on board those who need most critically to be reached.”** In a 2000 British courtroom battle, with our steady behind-the-scenes support, Julius defeated Holocaust-denier David Irving.

An innovative new AJC website, Z-Word.com, gives insight about the Mideast and Zionism to Israel activists everywhere. The website explores a range of moral, political, and historical issues.

## How a Unique Jewish Leadership Conference Brings Together World’s “Best and Brightest”

Maxim Behar is CEO of Bulgaria’s top public relations firm. He’s also a tireless champion of Bulgaria’s Jewish community and a board member of Bulgaria’s Supreme Jewish Council.

He was one of 150 Jewish leaders from fifty-one countries who joined together in Washington, D.C., for AJC’s 14th International Leadership Conference. “I came back to Bulgaria full of ideas,” he said. “AJC attracts people who care deeply about the Jewish world, but also like to think in ways that are pragmatic and strategic.”

One presenter at this year’s gathering: Professor Yossi Shain, head of Tel Aviv University’s Hartog School of Government and Georgetown University’s Center for Jewish Civilization.

“At a time when Jews around the world are facing great dangers, as well as experiencing important triumphs, and when Jewish kinship bonds are under pressure, AJC connects Jewish leaders,” said Shain.

“The conference is an essential forum. The best and brightest gather to consider communal challenges, build professional ties, and strengthen their shared affinity with the State of Israel. Without a doubt, it is one of the most impressive efforts I have seen.”



At an AJC forum examining Israel’s future, (l.-r.) Einat Wilf, member, Israeli Labor Party Central Committee; Gidi Greenstein, President, Re’ut Institute; Dan Ben-David, Professor of Public Policy, Tel Aviv University; Dottie Bennett, Chair, AJC Project Interchange.

## The Improvisational Spirit of Jazz: Engaging Jewish Youth Today

Xavier University's jazz band belts out the music on the CD *New Orleans Crescendo*. Like all good jazz, the sound blends disciplined technique with free-flowing experimentalism and exhilarating improvisation.

These same alluring qualities infuse the outlook and activities of ACCESS: AJC's New Generation Project—which created the CD together with the Office of Black Ministry of the Archdiocese of New York.

An ACCESS delegation recently visited New Orleans to deliver a \$15,000 check—from the CD's proceeds—to Xavier, an historically Black institution that was hit hard by Hurricane Katrina.

The funds will strengthen the university's educational summer programs for local high school students. **"Not only are we the beneficiaries of your ecumenically-minded members," said Xavier president Norman C. Francis, "but we are also participants in a growing relationship."**

In response to Katrina, AJC ACCESS members in their twenties and thirties have so far made four trips to New Orleans. They've gutted homes, gotten to know local college students, and met with religious and ethnic groups.

Other recent AJC ACCESS events: a wide range of lectures, workshops, and roundtables around the country; participation in fundraisers for Darfur and rallies for Israel; and diplomatic missions to Poland, Germany, Argentina, and Ethiopia.

Under the ACCESS umbrella, AJC also sponsors active university societies at Colgate, Cornell, Harvard, New York University, and Princeton.



The Vatican's Ambassador to Israel, Archbishop Antonio Franco, and AJC President Richard Sideman before a meeting at AJC's office in Jerusalem.

## *no ivory tower can contain her*



Harvard Professor Ruth Wisse with Leon Wieseltier, literary editor, *The New Republic*, at an AJC discussion on Jewish peoplehood today.

Ruth Wisse is a professor of Yiddish literature and comparative literature at Harvard University. Yes, this 2007 National Humanities Medal winner is an acclaimed scholar of Jewish language, literature, and culture. Yet she cannot be contained in an ivory tower.

Her latest book, *Jews and Power*, is just one example of her many bold contributions to the Jewish future. It's not merely a history. It's a celebration of the Jewish people's return to statehood. And a gripping account of the meaning—and importance—of that return.

"AJC represents a powerful combination of elements," explains Professor Wisse. "These include the best of the Jewish spirit, a deeply-rooted democratic ethos, and a sophisticated, yet relentless approach to defending Jewish communities worldwide and standing up for the people and State of Israel."



# AJC PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

WHAT SERVES BEST IN THE BATTLE FOR PUBLIC OPINION? IDEAS PUT FORWARD BY CREDIBLE, TRUSTED SOURCES. IDEAS BACKED BY AUTHORITATIVE RESEARCH.

RECENTLY, ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACTED AJC TO ASK FOR 1,000 COPIES OF OUR PUBLICATION *ISRAEL'S QUEST FOR PEACE*. THE MINISTRY IS USING IT AS PART OF ITS OUTREACH TO INTERNATIONAL LEADERS.

"THE PUBLICATION ACCURATELY AND CONCISELY TELLS THE STORY OF ISRAEL'S QUEST FOR PEACE, AND TELLS IT IN THE KIND OF THOUGHTFUL, BALANCED WAY WE BELIEVE WILL BE MOST INFLUENTIAL," EXPLAINED ILAN SZTULMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

AJC'S PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS GET OUR MESSAGE OUT. BUT WHAT REALLY SETS THESE EFFORTS APART IS OUR RECORD OF PRODUCING PUBLICATIONS—AND PROMOTING IDEAS—THAT CARRY THE CREDIBILITY NEEDED TO IMPACT PUBLIC OPINION.

## *impact*



AJC Executive Director David A. Harris records one of AJC's regular radio commentaries.

The new media tools are many: Among them blogs, podcasts, RSS feeds, and social networks. Our primary website, [www.ajc.org](http://www.ajc.org), shows web users how they can link into AJC applications of each and every one of these powerful communications tools.

Meanwhile, our presence in traditional media outlets continues to grow. AJC executive director David A. Harris's regular radio commentaries—on the issues most vital to us—now reach more than 35 million listeners on the CBS radio network.

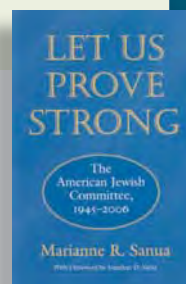
We are also quoted in highly influential publications, such as the *Economist*, the *International Herald Tribune*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *New York Times*, among many others. In addition, articles and op-eds by AJC leaders regularly appear in newspapers across the country and around the world.

## activism in “every corner of the world”

In the 1990s, AJC emerged as a “global nongovernmental organization, with offices and alliances and formal partnerships in every corner of the world,” writes historian Marianne Sanua in *Let Us Prove Strong, the American Jewish Committee, 1945-2006*.

The book was one of two finalists in the American Jewish Studies category of the 2007 National Jewish Book Awards. It’s an illuminating, independent account of AJC activism in America and around the world.

Part of that activism involves authoritative research. One example: *The War Curriculum in Iranian Schoolbooks*, published by AJC and the Center for Monitoring the Impact of Peace. Among its findings, the book reports how third-grade children are assured that “... the day will come when all Muslims will be united, liberate Palestine, and save Jerusalem from the hands of the enemies of Islam.”



Historian Marianne R. Sanua and her book *Let Us Prove Strong*.

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## PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN RELIEF— SENDING A MESSAGE OF HUMAN SOLIDARITY

THE MOST INEXCUSABLE CRIME IS INDIFFERENCE, INSISTS NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE ELIE WIESEL. “THIS IS THE DUTY OF OUR GENERATION,” HE DECLARED, “SOLIDARITY WITH THE WEAK, THE PERSECUTED, THE LONELY, THE SICK, AND THOSE IN DESPAIR.”

SEEKING TO FULFILL THAT SOLEMN DUTY, AJC HAS RESPONDED WHEN NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTER HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

WIESEL HAS SAID THAT AJC’S GLOBAL DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY “REPRESENTS YET ANOTHER SACRED DIMENSION OF ITS WORK.”



At a 1964 White House Conference on Immigration and Refugees, President Lyndon Baines Johnson greets AJC Honorary President Irving Engel. Leaders of organizations committed to these issues were invited to the conference, as President Johnson said, “to reason together and achieve the standards that history will record as being fair and just.”



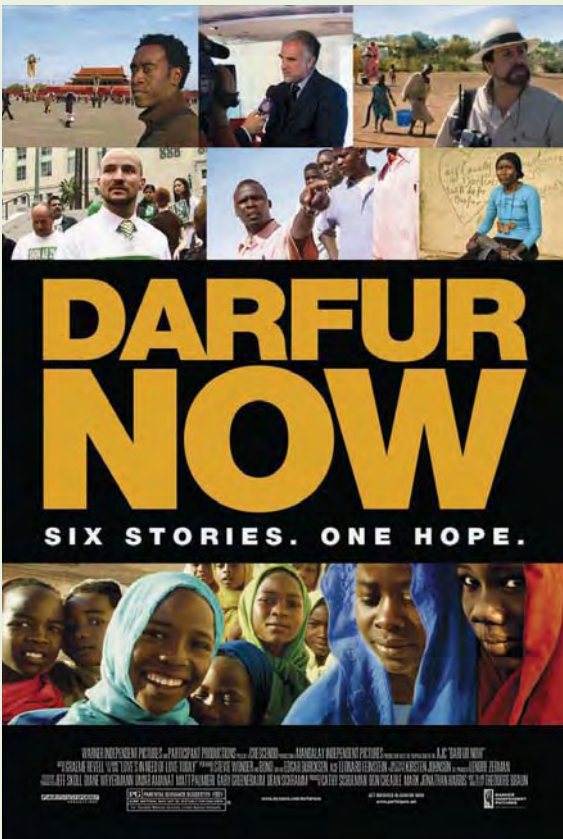
Sylvia Hassenfeld, President of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (r.), in 1991, accepts a check for \$60,000 from Mimi Alperin, then AJC Chair, National Executive Council, to assist with the Kurdish refugee crisis. Near the end of the Gulf War, great numbers of Kurds, fearing for their safety, fled Saddam Hussein’s Iraq.



As tensions flared between the French government and North African nationalist groups, AJC President Irving Engel (r.) and Honorary President Jacob Blaustein, traveled to Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria. The 1954 mission was part of an AJC campaign to protect the rights of Jews in North Africa and to ensure their freedom to emigrate safely.



At a help station in Sri Lanka run by IsraAID, an Israeli organization that coordinated relief efforts for many Israeli and Jewish organizations after the 2004 South Asian tsunami, AJC contributed funds from the nearly \$1 million we raised for tsunami relief to IsraAID, among others.



AJC assisted in the production of the acclaimed documentary *Darfur Now*, among a wide range of other Darfur-related advocacy efforts. The film includes the words: "Special thanks to AJC without whose commitment to human rights and tolerance this film would not have been produced."

When an earthquake in Turkey, in 1999, killed thousands, injured tens of thousands, and left more than a half-million people homeless, AJC launched a relief campaign that raised \$750,000. AJC's contribution financed a school in an Israeli-built village in the city of Adapazari.



A doctor at Israel's Western Galilee Hospital shows visiting AJC solidarity mission participants a new medical scanning machine, paid for with the help of a major gift from AJC's Emergency Solidarity Fund. The fund contributed more than \$2.5 million toward humanitarian relief efforts in the wake of the 2006 Second Lebanon War.



Archbishop Demetrios inspects damage done to the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, which stood in the shadow of the World Trade Center. AJC contributed more than \$500,000 toward 9/11 relief efforts, including an allocation toward the rebuilding of the church.



On four occasions, young leaders from AJC's ACCESS program headed to New Orleans to meet with local leaders and college students, express support, and help with hands-on recovery work in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. AJC's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund contributed more than \$1 million toward humanitarian assistance efforts.



# HONORING SOCIAL VISION AND CIVIC CONCERN

LEADERS FROM BUSINESS, LAW, ENTERTAINMENT, AND OTHER FIELDS SERVE AS  
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ON THESE PAGES ARE PHOTOS OF SOME OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE  
WHOSE GENEROSITY AND INVOLVEMENT HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE.



AJC honored Josef Ackermann, Chairman of the Management Board and the Group Executive Committee, Deutsche Bank. L. to r.: Jerry I. Speyer, Chairman and CEO, Tishman Speyer; New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg; Josef Ackermann; AJC Honorary President Bruce M. Ramer; Leon D. Black, Founding Partner, Apollo Management L.P.



Our Chicago Chapter paid tribute to W. James Farrell, retired Chairman and CEO, Illinois Tool Works, at its Civic Achievement Award Dinner. L. to r.: Lester Crown, Chairman, Henry Crown & Company, and Chairman, AJC President's Cabinet; W. James Farrell; Ronald J. Gidwitz, Partner, GCG Partners.



The Herbert H. Lehman Human Relations Award was presented to Gerald Rosenfeld, CEO, Rothschild North America, Inc. L. to r.: Roy J. Zuckerberg, Senior Director, Goldman Sachs Group, and Associate Chairman, AJC Board of Trustees; Paul J. Fribourg, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO, ContiGroup Companies, Inc.; Harold Tanner, AJC Honorary President; Gerald Rosenfeld; Alan C. Greenberg, Chairman, Executive Committee, the Bear Stearns Company; Gershon Kekst, President, Kekst and Company.



Fashion industry leaders joined AJC to honor Jackwyn L. Nemerov, Executive Vice President, Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation, and Myron E. (Mike) Ullman, Chairman and CEO, J.C. Penney Company, Inc. L. to r.: Michael Gould, Chairman and CEO, Bloomingdale's, and Chairman, AJC Board of Trustees; Ralph Lauren; Jackwyn L. Nemerov; Myron E. Ullman; Howard D. Schultz, Chairman, President and CEO, Starbucks Corporation.



At our Los Angeles Chapter Dorothy & Sherrill C. Corwin Award Dinner, AJC honored Richard Cook, Chairman, The Walt Disney Studios. L. to r.: Robert Iger, President and CEO, the Walt Disney Company; Richard Cook.



Our National Human Relations Award Dinner honored Eric S. Zorn, Executive Vice President of Wal-Mart Stores and President of Wal-Mart Realty. L. to r.: Milton Cooper, Chairman and CEO, Kimco Realty; Eric S. Zorn; Richard S. Sokolov, President, Simon Property Group.



AJC presented our Learned Hand Award to Charles "Casey" Cogut, global head of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP's Mergers & Acquisitions Group. L. to r.: Roger S. Aaron, Managing Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; Charles "Casey" Cogut; Paul S. Levy, Founder and Senior Managing Director, JLL Partners LP.



At our publishing industry dinner, AJC paid tribute to Donald E. Graham, Chairman of the Board and CEO, the Washington Post Company. L. to r.: Donald E. Newhouse, President, the *Star-Ledger*; Michael Gould, Chairman and CEO, Bloomingdale's, and Chairman, AJC Board of Trustees; Arthur O. Sulzberger, Jr., Chairman and Publisher, the New York Times Company; Donald E. Graham; New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg; Lally Graham Weymouth, Special Diplomatic Correspondent, *Newsweek*.

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IN THIS LAND OF DIVERSITY, WE SHOULD NEVER TAKE FOR GRANTED AMERICA'S UNIQUE TRADITION OF PLURALISM. INSTEAD, WE MUST APPRECIATE IT. AND WE MUST DEFEND IT AGAINST THOSE INDIFFERENT TO "COMMON IDEALS AND A SINGLE SOCIETY," WROTE THE HISTORIAN ARTHUR SCHLESINGER, JR., WHO PASSED AWAY THIS YEAR.

DESPITE HIS CAUTIONARY WORDS, SCHLESINGER HAD GREAT FAITH IN OUR NATION'S DEMOCRATIC DESIGN. WHY? HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT ENCOURAGED BOTH A "PHILOSOPHICAL BOND OF UNION AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN CIVIC PARTICIPATION."

ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, AJC CHAPTERS ARE IMMersed IN THE CIVIC REALM. THEY WORK TO ADVANCE OUR AGENDA. THEY BUILD PARTNERSHIPS AND CELEBRATE DIVERSITY—WHILE STRENGTHENING THE DEMOCRATIC "BOND OF UNION" THAT DISTINGUISHES AMERICA.

AS LOCAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES BECOME INCREASINGLY INTERTWINED, OUR CHAPTERS' RENOWNED LOCAL AND STATE ACTIVISM IS MATCHED BY ACTIVISM IN THE WORLD ARENA.

### *impact*



Blanche Foster, Director of the Darfur Rehabilitation Project, addresses the nearly 150 high school students who attended a daylong conference on helping stop the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. The advocacy conference, entitled *Do the Write Thing*, was cosponsored by our Metro New Jersey Chapter.

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Thirty pastors are taking part in the first series of our Los Angeles Chapter's new course on the Jewish community, the Jewish faith, and the State of Israel. The course, taught completely in Spanish, will help prepare the pastors to teach their church congregations about these issues. The program will conclude with an AJC mission to Israel for a select group of participants.

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Nearly 150 high school students in New Jersey participated in a daylong conference on Darfur, *Do the Write Thing*. Cosponsored by our Metro New Jersey Chapter, the event focused on journalism as an advocacy tool. The keynote speaker was veteran television journalist Nick Clooney, father of Darfur activist actor George Clooney.

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AJC's Greater Miami and Broward Chapter hosted a gathering that brought together local Jewish leaders and UN ambassadors from Albania, Iraq, Kenya, the Republic of Burundi, and the Republic of Uzbekistan. Discussions focused on treatment of Israel at the UN and Iranian government violations of UN resolutions regarding its nuclear program.

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Members of AJC's Oregon Chapter meet with Congressman David Wu (D-OR) in Washington, D.C., during AJC's 2007 Annual Meeting. Clockwise from upper left: Congressman Wu; AJC Oregon Chapter Director Emily Gottfried; National Board Member and National Advocacy Chair Susan Abravanel; AJC international guest Sydney Chalskason of Johannesburg, South Africa; National Board Member Kenneth Lewis; Congressman Wu's staff member Elsa Mei Tung; and AJC international guest Arne Behrensen of Berlin, Germany, a staff member for German Green Party MP Kerstin Müller.

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## *"bringing people together"*



Ohio Governor Ted Strickland (r.) at a meeting with AJC Cleveland Chapter President Alan Melamed.

In the past, he's served as a minister, psychologist, college professor, and congressman. In fact, in 2005, as a congressman, he participated in an AJC Project Interchange trip to Israel. Today, Ohio governor Ted Strickland is still filled with enthusiasm about the experience.

The governor's enthusiasm, and idealism, often shine through.

"What could we do if we weren't afraid? If we weren't afraid to work in common purpose for the common good? If we weren't afraid to trust each other?" he asked in a public address.

He also recently declared: "We're fortunate to have AJC chapters in Cincinnati and Cleveland. Our state and nation depend upon organizations such as AJC that work to bring people together. We are grateful for your contributions to Ohio, to America, and to the world at large."

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John Rosen, Director of Development  
Ferne Hassan, Asst. Director

### **Metro New Jersey**

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Allyson Gall, Director  
John Rosen, Director of Development  
Sari Klinghoffer, Assistant Director

### **New York**

Billie Gold, President  
Diane Steinman, Director  
Liza Kramer, Asst. Director  
Linda Senat, Dir. of Int'l Relations

At Northeastern University, our Boston Chapter hosted its third annual *America's Table* event, a celebration of America's democratic culture and traditions.

L to r.: Chapter President Ken Levine; Chapter Board Member Barry Bluestone; Dr. Joseph Aoun, President of Northeastern University; and Nadav Tamir, Israeli Consul General to New England.





Outspoken human rights advocate and featured speaker Ayaan Hirsi Ali greets AJC Palm Beach Chapter President Robert Greenberg and chapter members Gary and Amy Betensky after a chapter event at Florida Atlantic University that drew more than 800 guests. The event was part of a chapter series entitled "Israel Among the Nations."

**Orange County**

Miki Sholkoff, President  
 Rabbi Marc Dworkin, Director  
 Leah M. Wyman, Asst. Dir.

**Palm Beach County**

Robert Greenberg, President  
 Danielle Levin, Director  
 Eric Ross, Assistant Director

**Philadelphia**

James A. Rosenstein, Esq., President  
 Ilana Wilensik, Director  
 Rebecca Karp, Asst. Director

**Pittsburgh**

David Brody, President  
 Lisa Steindel, Director  
 Sue Simmons, Program Asst.

**Portland**

Michael Simon, President  
 Emily Georges Gottfried, Director

**St. Louis**

Matt Coen, President  
 Nancy Lisker, Director

**San Diego**

Tad Seth Parzen, President  
 Linda Feldman, Director

**San Francisco**

Mark Bostick, President  
 Ernest Weiner, Director  
 Kelly Ramot, Assoc. Director  
 Jonathan Feldman, Director of Development



At a community-wide Chanukah celebration, U.S. Congressman Howard Berman (D-CA) lights the menorah as Sandra Mandel, Assistant Director, AJC Los Angeles Chapter, looks on. The Los Angeles Chapter event annually draws a diverse crowd of political, civic, and religious leaders.

**Seattle**

Moshe Dunie, President  
 Rabbi Anson Laytner, Director

**Washington, D.C.**

Roberta Baruch, President  
 Melanie Maron, Director  
 Nadine Greenfield-Binstock, Assoc. Dir.  
 Robyn Sotolov, Assistant Director  
 Ester Schaeffer, Director of Development  
 Maggie Auerbach, Assistant Director,  
 Washington Campaign

**Westchester**

Harriet Schleifer, President  
 Laura Lewis, Director  
 Jordan Gerstler-Holton, Assistant Director

**West Coast Florida**

Andy Maass, President  
 Brian Lipton, Director of Development



The French Consul General in Atlanta, Philippe Ardanaz, and Atlanta Chapter President Sheri Labovitz hold an Israel @ 60 award, which our Atlanta Chapter presented to those countries with consulates in Atlanta who voted at the UN in 1947 for the establishment of the State of Israel.

# Financial REPORT AND HIGHLIGHTS

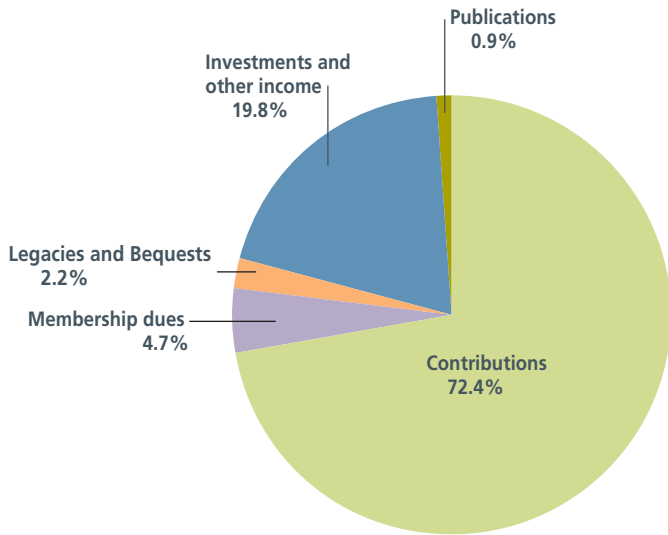
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**Combined  
Balance Sheet,  
June 30, 2007**  
(\$000)

<b>Assets</b>	Cash and cash equivalents	\$	16,678	
	Contributions receivable, net of allowance for uncollectibles		28,548	
	Investments, at fair value		85,370	
	Prepaid expenses and other assets		5,110	
	Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$13,788K		7,715	
	<b>Total Assets</b>	\$	<u>143,421</u>	
	<b>Liabilities</b>	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	7,207
		Deferred revenue		47
		Accrued unfunded special retirement benefits		1,122
		Accrued postretirement medical benefit plan		1,937
Liability under split-interest agreements			1,393	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			<u>11,706</u>	
<b>Net Assets</b>	Unrestricted		35,194	
	Temporarily restricted		39,759	
	Permanently restricted		56,762	
	<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>131,715</u>	
	<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	\$	<u>143,421</u>	

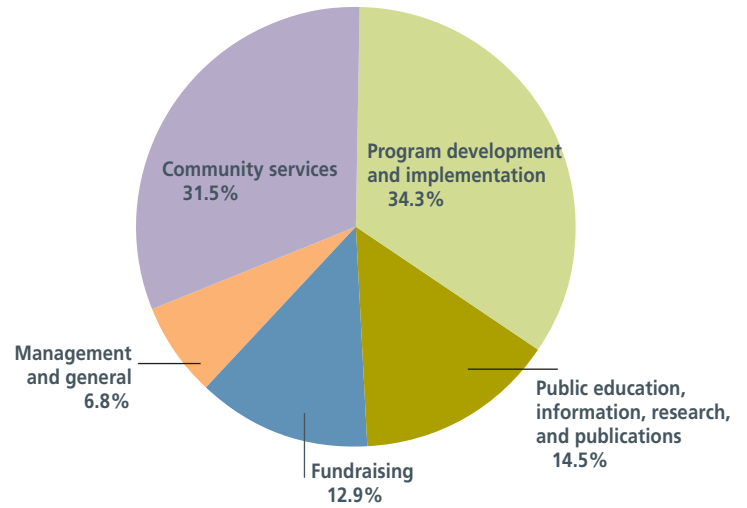
**Statement of Activities,  
Fiscal Year  
Ended June 30, 2007**  
(\$000)

<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>				
<b>Public Support</b>	Contributions	\$	51,615	
	Membership dues		3,356	
	Legacies and bequests		1,599	
	<b>Total Public Support</b>		<u>56,570</u>	
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	Publications		618
		Rent, net		412
		Interest and dividends		2,197
		Appreciation on investments		10,361
		Other		1,097
		<b>Total Other Revenue</b>		<u>14,685</u>
	<b>Total Public Support and Other Revenue</b>		<u>71,255</u>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Program Development</b>	Domestic policy		1,739	
	Interreligious affairs		1,330	
	Government and international affairs		11,673	
	Contemporary Jewish life		1,486	
	<b>Program Delivery</b>	Community services and membership		15,308
Public education, information, research and publications			7,027	
Thanks To Scandinavia			428	
<b>Total Program Services</b>			<u>38,991</u>	
<b>Supporting Services</b>	Management and general		3,305	
	Fund-raising		6,265	
	<b>Total Supporting Services</b>		<u>9,570</u>	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<u>48,561</u>	
	<b>Excess of public support and other revenue over expenses before non-operating items</b>		<u>22,694</u>	
	Effect of adoption of SFAB re. pension and post-retiree benefits		481	
	Spin-off of Commentary net assets		(8,690)	
	<b>Excess of public support and other revenue over expenses</b>		<u>14,485</u>	
	Net assets July 1, 2006		117,230	
	<b>Net assets June 30, 2007</b>	\$	<u>131,715</u>	



**INCOME**

Public Support	79.4%
Other Revenue	20.6%



**EXPENSES**

Program Services	80.3%
Supporting Services	19.7%

## TREASURER'S Report

The American Jewish Committee is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, tax ID #EIN 13-5563393. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, 8.8% of total income was applied to fundraising expenses. 80.3% of total expenses was applied directly to program services.

Based on the percentage of our income used for fundraising versus programming, we are listed among the *Chronicle of Philanthropy's* "Philanthropy 400." This is an impressive distinction when you consider that there are over 800,000 publicly supported nonprofits in America.

In addition, three other independent charity watchdog organizations—the American Institute of Philanthropy, *Forbes* Annual Survey, and Charity Navigator—awarded AJC their highest marks. In fact, Charity Navigator has recognized AJC with its highest four-star rating for the third consecutive year, declaring that AJC "outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible. This exceptional designation ... differentiates AJC from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Please note that all the financial information in this report was obtained from our certified annual financial report.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Ramer

Treasurer



AJC, IN DECEMBER 2007, DEDICATED A WALL OF HONOR IN OUR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, RECOGNIZING ALL THOSE WHO SO GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO OUR ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN, THE CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN: A FUND FOR THE FUTURE.

THIS FIVE-YEAR CAMPAIGN WAS COMPLETED IN 2006 AND EXCEEDED ITS GOAL, RAISING \$107 MILLION: \$67 MILLION IN ENDOWMENT FUNDS AND \$40 MILLION IN SPECIAL GIFTS.

THE WALL WAS DEDICATED BY THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE CAMPAIGN, HAROLD TANNER, JULIE BASKES, AND BRUCE RAMER, ALONG WITH DAVID HARRIS. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THIS LEADERSHIP TEAM, HAROLD TANNER DECLARED: "WE LAUNCHED THIS CAMPAIGN IN CELEBRATION OF OUR FIRST CENTURY OF SERVICE AND TO HELP THE AGENCY ENTER ITS SECOND CENTURY IN A STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.

"TODAY, WE ARE HERE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THAT GOAL AND TO DEDICATE THIS WALL OF HONOR TO YOU. IT IS INDEED THANKS TO YOU THAT WE HAVE AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT JUST PROGRAMMATICALLY SOUND, BUT FISCALLY SOUND AS WELL."



Centennial Campaign Co-Chairs (l. to r.) Bruce Ramer, Julie Baskes, and Harold Tanner, with David Harris, at the dedication of the Centennial Endowment Campaign donor recognition wall at AJC national headquarters in New York.

## Diamond Circle

Helen and Martin Kimmel

## Platinum Circle

Thanks To Scandinavia  
and The Sanna and Victor Borge  
Memorial Fund

## Leadership Circle

Rhoda & Jordan Baruch Family  
Arthur & Rochelle Belfer  
Foundation, Inc.

## Benefactor Gifts

Julie & Roger Baskes  
Dottie Bennett  
Toni & Richard Berkman  
& family, in memory of  
Allen & Selma Berkman

## Patron Gifts

Anonymous  
Marion & Stanley Bergman  
Dorian Goldman & Marvin Israelow  
Barbara & E. Robert Goodkind

## Supporter Gifts

Virginia & Roger Aaron  
Stanford M. Adelstein  
Mimi & Barry Alperin  
Stephen Beiner  
Janine Behrman  
Chatham Valley Foundation  
Dorothy & Sherrill C. Corwin  
Foundation  
Sylvia & Robert Elman

## Friendship Gifts

Anonymous  
Vicki & William Abrams  
Estate of Else Adler  
Annenberg Foundation  
Allen Berkman  
Kenneth S. Brown  
Marcia Burnam  
Toby & Leon Cooperman  
Betty & Stuart Cotton  
Michael M. Davis  
Stephen V. Dubin  
Ellen & Henry Dubinsky  
Patricia & Edward Falkenberg  
Jeanne & Joseph Farcus  
Lois & Larry Frank  
Louise & Gerald Franks

## Sponsorship Gifts

Adele & Norman Agin  
Estate of Anny M. Baer  
Jerry & Kathy Biederman  
Joan & Allen Bildner  
Daniel Igor Branovan  
Shirley & Martin I. Bresler  
Estate of Matthew Brown  
Susan & Sidney Cole  
Carol & Herbert L. Corbin  
Ned Dubilo & Grace Zimmerman  
Dorothy & Seth Dubin  
Carol A. Feinberg  
Samuel Fishman  
Martine & Stanley Fleishman



# CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN A FUND FOR THE FUTURE

**\$10 million**

**\$5 million to \$9.99 million**  
Harriet and Robert Heilbrunn

**\$2 million to \$4.99 million**

Jacob & Hilda Blaustein Foundation and the David & Barbara B. Hirschhorn Foundation

Irma L. & Abram S. Croll Charitable Trust  
Joyce & Irving Goldman Family Foundation

Kaplan Foundation  
Charley & Kenneth Levine

Irma & Paul Milstein Family  
Nicki & Harold Tanner

**\$1 million to \$1.99 million**

Shirley & Milton Cooper  
Marilyn & Richard Davimos  
Goldstein Family Foundation  
Brindell Gottlieb

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Greenberg  
Julius Koppelman  
Ora & Joseph Mendels  
Alfred H. Moses & Family

Michael F. Price Foundation, Inc.  
Madeline & Bruce M. Ramer  
Carol & Mort Siegler  
John H. & Marianne Slade

Zell Family Foundation,  
Sam & Helen Zell

**\$500,000 to \$999,999**

Mr. & Mrs. Harris L. Kempner, Jr.  
Robert and Arlene Kogod  
Ruth & Sidney Lapidus

Karen & Paul Levy  
Joanne & Joel R. Mogy  
Estate of Beryl Oppenheimer

Elaine & Charles I. Petschek  
Lee & Lawrence J. Ramer  
Estate of Nathaniel Ratner  
Schifter Family Foundation

Skirball Foundation  
Roy J. Zuckerberg Family  
Foundation

**\$250,000 to \$499,999**

Vickie & Jack Farber  
Ellen Tanner Farkas  
Cheryl Fishbein & Philip Schatten  
David Fleeman  
Fuller Family Foundation  
Joseph L. & Emily K. Gidwitz  
Memorial Foundation  
Bernie Goldberg  
Robert I. Goldman Charitable Trust

Michael Gould  
Sally & Bob Gries  
Fleur & Leonard Harlan  
Judi & Roy Kaufman  
Michele & Judah Kraushaar  
Lynn & Jules Kroll  
Beth & Ira Leventhal  
Carol & Albert Lowenthal

Dolly Maass in memory of  
Richard Maass  
Mary & James A. Miller  
Barbara & Herbert T. Mines  
Arleen & Robert Rifkind  
Lori & David Rousso  
Jill & Richard Sideman

Shonni J. Silverberg &  
John M. Shapiro  
Jane Silverman  
Judy & Donald Simon  
Dick & Marcia Volpert  
Vicki & Ron Weiner  
Lynn & Robert Zimmer

**\$100,000 to \$249,999**

James O. Freedman  
Beatrice Friedman  
Estate of Nathan Galston  
Estate of Josephine T. Gang  
Estate of Martin Gang  
Barbara & Howard A. Gilbert  
Lawrence D. Ginsburg  
Golder Family Foundation  
Meg & Bennett Goodman  
Marjorie & Jack Gorby  
Leonard Grossman  
Marlene & Marshall B. Grossman  
Monroe Guttmann Foundation &  
The Pittsburgh Terminal Corporation  
Foundation  
Morton R. Hirschberg Charitable Trust

Alan S. Jaffe  
Suzanne Denbo Jaffe  
Martin & Wendy Kaplan  
Bobbi & Arthur S. Karafin  
Francine & Samuel Klagsbrun  
Linda & Benedict Kohl  
Morton Kornreich  
Richard H. Levin  
Karen & Mont Levy  
Toni & Jesse Margolin  
Phyllis & Bertram K. Massing  
Sandra & Edward H. Meyer  
Carole & Michael E. Miller  
Ann & Walter Nathan  
Carol & Stuart Nelkin

Nancy Reichman &  
Charles Gwirtsman  
Aaron Rose  
Deborah & Douglas Rosen,  
in memory of Jean &  
Milton Feinberg  
Drs. Shirley & Morton Rosenberg  
Mildred & Robert H. Rosenthal  
Debbie & Naty Saidoff  
Marilyn & Robert Schwartz  
Selig Family  
Linda & Steve Selig, Cathy Selig  
Donna & Larry Shelley  
Rose L. Shure  
Tobyanne & Arnold Sidman  
Ruth & Leslie Simon

Alan B. Slifka Foundation  
Ken Smith  
in memory of Evelyn &  
Herbert Smith  
Mary Ann & Stanley Snider  
in memory of Herbert T. Mines  
Sylvia & David Steiner  
Susan & Fred Stern  
Mary & Steven Swig  
Estate of George Szabad  
Thomas I. Unterberg  
Jane & Philip Waterman  
June & Leonard Weinberg  
Gary Zimmerman

**\$50,000 to \$99,999**

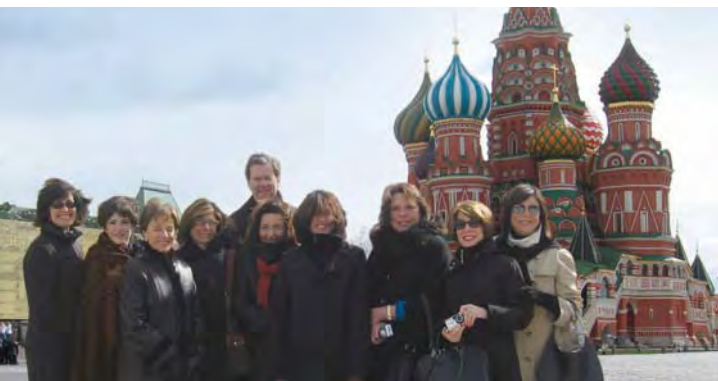
Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Fox  
Amy & Lawrence Freundlich  
Beth & William Furman  
Victor J. Goldberg  
Alice & Donald Goldsmith  
Sandy & Bill Goodglick  
Carol & Allen Gown  
David & Giulietta Harris  
Frances A. Hess  
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Charlotte G. & Alexander  
Holstein  
Susan O.W. & Paul L. Jaffe  
Philip Kirsh

Francine & Edward Kittredge  
Nancy & Rik Kohn  
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Susan & Jack Lapin  
Sandy & Jack Levin  
Eva F. Lichtenberg  
Amy & Frank Linde  
Phyllis & Kenneth D. Makovsky  
Susan & Fred Mardell  
Carol & Bert Maxon  
Tom & Susan Meier  
in memory of Carolyn K. Meier  
Linda & Hilton Mirels  
Jean & Jordan Nerenberg

Reba & Steven Orszag  
Faith & David Pedowitz  
Jo-Ann & Michael P. Price  
Eva & Fred Rawicz  
Lynne & Allan Reich  
Denice H. Rein  
Jill & Michael Rosenbaum  
Naomi Harris Rosenblatt &  
Peter R. Rosenblatt  
Robert Rosenson Trust  
Lyn & George Ross  
Stephanie & Stuart Saft  
Victoria E. Schonfeld &  
Victor Friedman

Seigle Family Foundation  
Cookie Shapiro  
Linda & Gilbert Snyder  
Patricia & David Squire  
Esta & Alvin Star  
Marion Stoltz-Loike & John Loike  
Terri & Barry Wallach  
Robert Weinberger  
Elisabeth & Alexander Weindling  
Sherry Weinman & Michael Umansky  
Julie A. & Peter M. Weil  
Honorable & Mrs. Dov S. Zakheim  
Ruth & Sidney Zilber

This Honor Roll acknowledges Centennial Campaign commitments as of June 30, 2006. Each gift listed includes annual giving from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2006.



An AJC delegation, including leaders of our Women's Campaign Board, met in Russia with, among others, Sergey Lavrov, Russia's Minister of Foreign Affairs; Igor Ivanov, Secretary of the National Security Council; U.S. Ambassador William Burns; Israeli Ambassador Anna Azari; and members of the Russian Jewish community.

## WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN BOARD

Our Women's Campaign Board plays a vital role in supporting the work of the American Jewish Committee. The board has long attracted community-minded philanthropic leaders from throughout the New York metropolitan region.

The Women's Campaign Board holds a variety of events, social and educational in nature, that raise around \$1 million a year for AJC projects.

## DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP EXPERTISE

The Hilda Katz Blaustein Institute provides training in leadership skills for select groups of current and prospective AJC leaders. The training is designed to enhance knowledge of AJC's philosophical and organizational principles; to deepen understanding of Jewish identity and American Jewish life; to strengthen connection to the national organization; and to build bonds between lay and staff leaders.

The Sholom D. Comay Leadership for the Future Fellowship, named in honor of our late beloved president, works to cultivate the national leadership potential of outstanding young leaders. Through participation in the Board of Governors, AJC's primary decision-making body, the program brings a select group into the center of major AJC initiatives.

Shulamith Bahat, AJC associate executive director and director of Leadership and Board Services, manages the activities of the Hilda Katz Blaustein Leadership Development Program and the Sholom D. Comay Fellowship Program.

The Emerging Leadership Council is a unique forum for alumni of the Sholom D. Comay Fellowship, designed to facilitate the continued involvement of its graduates at the national level.

The Rosenthal Fellowship awards graduate school students scholarships for summer positions at the State Department, Department of Defense, and on Capitol Hill. The Fellowship was established in memory of Harold Rosenthal, killed in 1976, at age twenty-nine, during a terrorist attack in Istanbul, while traveling as an aide to Senator Jacob Javits (R-NY).

The American Jewish Committee Fellows Program, funded by the Goldman Family Foundation, is a highly competitive program open to undergraduate students in their junior or senior years. The program seeks to develop future leaders in the fields of politics, management, public relations, business, and diplomacy.



Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak and AJC Associate Executive Director Shulamith Bahat at the Herzliya Conference, in Herzliya, Israel. AJC is a founding sponsor of the conference, which brings together leading policy and opinion makers for discussions on Israel's national security.

# Remembering

## OUR LEADERS AND FRIENDS

**Norman Agin**, a devoted leader and dear friend, served as a member of AJC's Board of Governors and, earlier, in various leadership posts at our Central New Jersey Chapter, including as president, treasurer, and campaign chair. In 2006, on the occasion of AJC's 100th anniversary, he received the chapter's Centennial Leadership Award.

**Morris Fine**, deeply connected to AJC for seven decades, joined the staff in 1937. As head of our Jewish Research and Information Service, he led AJC efforts to combat Nazi propaganda in the U.S. In 1946, he was appointed editor of the *American Jewish Year Book*, a position he continued to hold over the years while also assuming other leadership roles. In 1974, he was appointed Director of Foreign Affairs. With his sharp intellect, quiet demeanor, and unbounded passion for Jewish well-being and security, he made invaluable contributions to AJC, the Jewish people, and the civic good.



**Morris Fine in 1975.** He joined our staff in 1937 and was closely connected to AJC for seven decades.

**Claire Flom** was the beloved wife of our dear friend Joseph Flom. Claire and Joe were partners in life and in philanthropy, together crafting a legacy of kindness and compassion that continues to benefit our society and enrich our lives.

**Lisa Goldberg**, a wise and compassionate individual, was president of the Charles H. Revson Foundation. At Revson, over a twenty-five year career, she played an extraordinary role, inspiring and dynamically championing innovative initiatives, in Israel and America, that advanced democratic values, Jewish life, and Jewish culture. We were privileged to work together with her in pursuit of her passion for building a new generation of Jewish leadership.

**Harriet Heilbrunn**, beloved friend and generous benefactor, lived a remarkable life of meaning and valor. Along with her cherished late husband, Robert, she determined to help build a better world. Throughout her nearly seven decades with Bob, and later on her own, she remained devoted to a host of philanthropic causes. Both Bob and Harriet were members of AJC's Board of Governors and National Leadership Council. In 1997, they established AJC's Harriet and Robert Heilbrunn Institute for International Interreligious Understanding, greatly expanding AJC's interreligious work. In 1998, they endowed AJC's Robert and Harriet Heilbrunn Humanitarian Relief Fund, allowing AJC to respond quickly and effectively to crises at home and around the world.

# Postscript

## A HALF-MILLION VIEWS OF HUMAN LIBERTY



Websites like YouTube sometimes face criticism for the percentage of “pop” fare they feature. It seems, however, that they do draw an audience interested in weightier things—such as the struggle for human liberty.

The fact is that two dramatic AJC videos have become huge YouTube hits. Nearly 600,000 people have clicked their way to these videos.

One of them shows an AJC professional, Hillel Neuer, offering provocative testimony before the UN Human Rights Council.

Neuer, director of AJC’s UN Watch, delivers a clear message: By obsessively focusing on Israel, while turning away from serial violators of basic human rights, the Council damages the UN and delays the progress of freedom.

As you can see in the video, the Council president disliked Neuer’s sharp critique. But others responded with ringing praise—including the editorial pages of more than twenty newspapers. Among them, the *Wall Street Journal* and *International Herald Tribune*.



The other video tells the inspiring story of a 1944 AJC-NBC radio broadcast of the first Jewish religious service conducted from liberated German soil. “The light of



religious freedom has pierced through the darkness,” proclaims Rabbi Sidney Lefkowitz.

Today, a new adversary who would cast a dark shadow over the aspiring human spirit challenges the world. In Afghanistan and Iraq, American and allied soldiers battle warriors of this brutal creed.

AJC has long taken a stand for hope—pushing back against bigotry and extremism, while advancing the dignity and rights of all. We continue today to speak out for hope.

And for the abiding values that Israel’s ancient prophets called the source of hope.

Through YouTube and other media—and through a host of acclaimed projects, programs, and partnerships—we get our message out on a scale wider than ever before. Of course, our ongoing efforts, such as those you’ve read about in these pages, depend on the support and involvement of friends like you.