

Scholars for Peace in the Middle East

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College campuses are the new front lines for the battle for Israel. Propaganda, passing as legitimate scholarship, is well-funded by Israel's enemies in America and around the world. College students, who will one day become our nation's leaders and decision makers, are unprepared and unable to fight alone against a steady rise of anti-Israelism, and often anti-semitism, on campus.

In 2002, concerned college professors and intellectuals formed **Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME)**, to promote Israel's right to live in peace with its neighbors within safe and secure borders. Today, 20,000 academics actively participate in the SPME email listserv from more than 400 campuses worldwide. Twenty campuses (and growing) have active SPME local chapters. Faculty are mentoring students and are working together to stand up for Israel and oppose the lies promoted by Israel's enemies.

- **SPME** is educating faculty to be mentors and resources for colleagues, students, campus professionals and community members seeking unbiased information about the Middle East.
- **SPME** is supporting new, academically significant scholarship that presents fair and balanced information.
- **SPME** is attracting members from diverse academic disciplines, faith groups, ethnic backgrounds, and national origins.

SPME recruits and empowers pro-Israel faculty to:

- Oppose boycotts of Israeli academics.
- Respond to false statements about Israel and Jews in textbooks, academic society presentations, professional literature and classroom lectures.
- Support faculty and students penalized for speaking in defense of Israel.

SPME strengthens its mission by:

- Publishing *SPME Faculty Forum*, a weekly briefing on campus activities from leading analysts.
- Promoting its active *Speakers Bureau*.
- Energizing *Campus ConsultNet*, its on-line resource service for SPME members seeking immediate consultation with distinguished authorities around the world.
- Establishing a dedicated faculty task force to monitor the political manipulation of sensitive, public health-related research.
- Creating an interdisciplinary journal of academically significant articles to address the issues of the Middle East, academic freedom and integrity.

SPME Partners with JNF

SPME has a cooperative venture relationship with JNF to spread its message. Increased support of this innovative joint effort to establish more SPME chapters and activities is critical.

SPME professors volunteer their time, and they frequently imperil their own careers by taking controversial stands. Their honesty and professional courage deserve our support.

Funding Opportunities:

- To establish and maintain an SPME administrative office: \$250,000/year
- To hold a major international conference: \$100,000.
- To fund a working group of scholars to produce a book: \$90,000
- To operate the administrative headquarters with faculty volunteers and support staff: \$80,000
- To maintain the SPME website (www.spme.net) and SPME Faculty Forum: \$35,000
- To support campus programming: \$5,000 per campus chapter per year
- To qualify for a position on the Honorary Board: \$10,000 or more



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