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Arieli Discusses Peace On Visit to Canada

Col. (ret.) Shaul Arieli completed a successful three-city tour of Canada on behalf of CFPN in the first week of June. The Ashkelon-born peace advocate visited Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, discussing the prospects for peace in the Middle East under the Netanyahu Government.

In the IDF, Arieli was the Commander of the Northern Brigade in Gaza (at the level of Colonel). He later served as head of the Peace Administration under former P.M. Ehud Barak. Since retiring from the IDF in 2001, Arieli has participated in activities aimed at renewing the peace process and upholding the IDF's ethical standards in the Palestinian territories. He was among the leading negotiators in the Geneva Initiative in December 2003. In petitions to the High Court of Justice against the route of the separation barrier, Arieli acted as a "Friend of the Court" in his capacity as a Board member of the Council for Peace and Security.



Toronto

- spoke at a public event at Temple Sinai
- interviewed on Zelda Young Show on CHIN AM & FM Radio
- luncheon with Advisory Board and CFPN major donors at Stikeman Elliott boardroom
- met with Jay Brodbar, E. D. of the New Israel Fund Canada
- met with Amir Gissin, Israeli Consul General in Toronto
- spoke to a young Jewish audience at The House, co-sponsored by the Birthright Alumni Community and Hillel Toronto

Montreal

- spoke at a public event at Congregation Dorshei Emet, the Reconstructionist Synagogue
- delivered sermon at Erev Shabbat service at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom
- luncheon with CFPN Montreal Board at Herschel Segal's board room
- interview with Agnes Gruda of La Presse

Ottawa

- spoke at a public event at Temple Israel
- met with officials of the Middle East Peace Unit of the Dept. of Foreign Affairs
- met with Liberal MP Carolyn Bennett
- interviewed by the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin
- met with an official of the Canada-Israel Committee

Q&A WITH GALIA GOLAN

Prof. Galia Golan teaches at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy in Herzliya, Israel. She was one of the founders of Shalom Achshav. She is interviewed by Aviv Toren, a volunteer with Peace Now in Toronto. He is completing his specialist degree in the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations at University of Toronto.



Q Following the outcome of the elections during the past year, how long do you feel Netanyahu can hold together his coalition government?

I think he can keep a government for quite a long time, because if he should, by some miracle, decide to do something really important in terms of the peace process, some of the parties may leave but then presumably Kadima would come in so he would still be able to put together a government. That tends to be the general thinking here – that he is fairly secure, not because of the specific coalition but because he has Kadima in reserve theoretically if Shas or the extreme right wing parties should decide to leave.

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