ZoA Reveals the J Street anti-Israel Cabal behind the "Leading" Rabbis Letter on Iran Nuclear Deal

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Kenneth Bob, President of Ameinu and J Street Treasurer

When we posted yesterday about the Ameinu open letter from 340 "leading American Rabbis" supporting the President's Iran nuclear pact we noted the progressive socialist alliance anti-Israel background. Late yesterday, the Zionists of America (ZoA) put out a news release revealing the usual suspects; the interlock with J Street, the National Iranian American Council (NIAC), BDS-supporting Jewish Voice for Peace and Rabbis for Human Rights, "ZOA: Majority of 340 Pro-Iran Deal Rabbis are from J St & Other Israel-Hostile Groups." While the ZoA claims that the signatories of the open letter in support of the Iran nuclear pact represent less than 6% of the roughly 5,000 American Rabbis, we note that there more than 600 rabbis in the J Street Rabbinic Cabinet. Further, the leaders of the Reform Movement in America are also allied with the J Street Rabbinic group.

The ZoA news release reported:

The majority of the Iran Deal Rabbis come from the Sorosfunded J Street.

(George Soros is a self-described anti-Zionist billionaire.) Liberal

Professor Alan Dershowitz explained that J Street "always seems to be taking

positions that are anti-Israel." J Street U's new student board president is

an anti-Israel Muslim.

Ameinu (which is the group promoting the "340 Rabbis for Iran Deal") is closely tied to J Street. Ameinu appears to be serving as a front group for J Street here - since J Street has been so discredited. Ameinu National President Kenneth Bob doubles as J Street's Treasurer. Ameinu Vice President and Executive Committee Chair Judith Gelman is a member of J Street's Montgomery County, MD steering committee. Ameinu and J Street recently ran together on the same election slate. Other "340 Iran Deal Rabbis" include a board member of Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP). JVP is featured on the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) list of the "Top 10 Anti-Israel Groups in America," and actively promotes anti-Israel boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS). The Iran Deal Rabbis also include over a dozen significant contributors to the so-called "Rabbis for Human Rights" (RHR). RHR participates in anti-Israel demonstrations and, along with other anti-Israel groups, launched a website with false testimonies accusing Israel of human rights violations in Gaza. ZOA members witnessed an RHR Rabbi invent and widely publish false stories to demonize pro-Israel young people at the Israel Day Parade Concert in New York several years ago. 187 (the majority) of the Iran Deal Rabbis are members of

the "J Street

Rabbinic Cabinet."

12 of the Iran Deal Rabbis are members of the "J Street Rabbinic Cabinet Executive Council"

The Iran Deal Rabbis also include 2 (out of 3) of the J Street cabinet's co-chairs

13 of the Iran Deal Rabbis are significant donors to the falsehood-purveying "Rabbis for Human Rights."

Iran Deal Rabbi Linda Boltzmann is on the Board of Directors of the anti-Israel BDS group, "Jewish Voice for Peace." Rabbi Boltzmann is known as a "pioneer lesbian Rabbi." As a homosexual, she should be the first to condemn Iran's horrendous human rights record, which includes Iran's brutal executions of hundreds of innocent individuals for the sole reason that they are gay. Incredibly, she is fostering a deal that will give the Iranian regime hundreds of billions of dollars to continue its brutal oppression of gays and minorities. Iran Deal Rabbi Arthur Waskom states that the people at the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) are "people I trust and admire and respect." CAIR is an unindicted co-conspirator in the Holy Land Foundation case (the case against groups that sent funding to Hamas). CAIR is also

among the top groups that ADL has frequently condemned for its anti-Israel activities.

The ZoA also cited the J Street, NIAC connections, that we have noted in previous <u>posts</u>:

J Street has financial and other ties to the National Iranian American Council (NIAC), an apparent arm of the Iranian regime. Dissident journalist Hassan Daioleslam revealed that NIAC serves as a lobbying group for Iran, and that NIAC's president and founder, Trita Parsi, has a long-term close relationship with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif. J Street's financial filings revealed that J Street's initial funders included NIAC board member Genevieve Lynch. J Street's first national conference held an Iran panel with NIAC head Trita Parsi and Iran apologist Hillary Mann Leveret, who insisted that no sanctions be placed on Iran. At the J Street event, Leveret also condemned anyone who did not trust the Iranian regime as "reinforcing stereotypes of Iranian duplicitousness" and asserted that such "stereotypes" of Iran's Mullahs were "fundamentally racist." Leverett also compared Iran's mullahs to Israeli rabbis.

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Flynt and Hillary Mann Leverett

Flynt and Hillary Mann Leverett were a husband wife national security team during the Bush era. He originally worked at the CIA and met her while they both worked on the National Security Council Middle and Near East Staff. Flynt broke with the Bush Administration over the Iraq War. While both originally opposed to Iran, they suddenly flipped for the dark side becoming boosters for the theocratic Khomeinist revolutionary dictators in Tehran. Check out her bio at <u>The</u> <u>Race for Iran and Raveling to Iran.com</u>. Back in January 2010, we posted these comments from Ken Timmerman about this 'power couple" in a C-Span Washington Journal interview:

When Timmerman was asked about the Leverett *Times* op Ed by the *Washington Journal* moderator he told the callers about the 'real' Leverett. Flynt Leverett is an ex-CIA analyst who served in the Bush White House National Security Council as senior director of Middle East affairs. He broke with the Bush Administration over the Iraq war and alleged failure to conduct comprehensive negotiations with Iran. Timmerman dismissed that notion as being the 'fiction' of the Swiss ambassador to Tehran. Leverett is now a professor at the Penn State University School of International Affairs and director of the Geopolitics of Energy Initiative in the American Strategy Program at the Soros-funded <u>New America Foundation</u>.

Timmerman pointed out to the moderator that Leverett had promoted the false impression that Iran was supporting the US in Afghanistan back in 2001 to 2002. Timmerman noted that at that time there was satellite imagery of vehicles and aircraft crossing the Afghan Iranian border extracting al Qaeda foreign fighters and their families and as we now know bin Laden's extended family. The moderator went out of her way to note that Flynt Leverett had appeared several times on *Washington Journal*, as if that gave him some measure of credibility.

This episode illustrates the astounding cupidity of American mainstream media, who long ago lost the requisite due diligence conducting fact checking of the backgrounds of progressive groups that allege they represent the majority views of American Jews. But then the mainstream media appears to have become the megaphone for broadcasting the disinformation of the Administration. American media have abandoned what were traditional editorial standards of investigation into the representations by authors of what effectively is agit-propaganda. Our congratulations to the ZoA for disclosing the anti-Israel cabal of J Street, Ameinu, NIAC bankrolled by George Soros.