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SHALOM TV AIRING EXCLUSIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE OF 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Exclusive coverage of presentations and events from the 2006 UJC General Assembly, the largest annual gathering of Jewish community leaders, is being carried on Shalom TV, America's first national Jewish television network.

Among the full-length speeches available on Shalom TV are:



• [Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert](#) offering to meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas and promising to work tirelessly to bring kidnapped Israelis home.

"Here and again, I declare I am willing to meet Chairman Mahmoud Abbas immediately without any preconditions to discuss with him means for creating progress for our two peoples and hope for a better future in our region.

"This summer, soldiers from the IDF fought with resilience and heroism. This was Hezbollah's war; this was Iran's war. Hezbollah was dealt a blow they did not calculate, and were not prepared for. Israel's response proved we would not tolerate continued threats against us.

"Israel cannot accept a government led by an organization that denies our existence, actively pushes to destroy our society through unending terrorist attacks, or refuses to recognize former agreements signed between Israelis and Palestinians.

"There is only one ever-so-precious goal that Israel did not yet achieve. We have not returned home the abducted soldiers Udi Goldwasser and Eldad Regev. I promise you that Israel will do, that I will do, the utmost to bring back our dear sons."

• [Likud Chair Benjamin Netanyahu](#) calling upon the West to stop Iran's race for nuclear weapons.

"It's 1938, and Iran is Germany. And it's racing to arm itself with the atomic bomb. There are many people who will tell you otherwise, that it's not as bad. If somebody tells you that he's going to exterminate you, believe him. And I add to that, believe him and stop him. And this is a central issue of our time--this is what we must do. It's 1938; time is running out.



"We make comparisons, and some of them are not fully analogous. Yes, Iran raises religious supremacy as opposed to racial supremacy. But both [Iranian President] Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Hitler used the same techniques--slander and vilification of your victim. That, by the way, always preceded our people down the centuries. No one cared then, and no one seems to care very strongly now.

"Every other week he talks about erasing Israel from the map, and no one says a thing."



• [Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni](#) advising Israel to give up parts of biblical Israel for the sake of a democratic Israel.

"Jewish people have a certain right to all of *Eretz Yisrael*, but I also believe that I speak for not only the current government but the wide Israeli public when I say that it is our national goal to keep Israel a Jewish and democratic state. For both elements to live together and not in contradiction, and to assure our security, we have to give up part of *Eretz Yisrael*.

For this reason, we embarked on the painful process of disengagement hoping to create an opportunity for peace, though sadly we have received terror in return. To stand against these [terrorist] groups is to stand for peace."

Plus **Bernard Henri-Levi** and *Newsweek* Editor **Fareed Zakaria** discussing the dangers posed by Islamic fundamentalism to Israel and the rest of the Western world; and Yeshiva University President **Richard M. Joel**, JTS Chancellor-Elect **Dr. Arnold M. Eisen**, and HUC-JIR Provost **Rabbi Norman J. Cohen** on the future of American Jewry.

"The General Assembly is especially significant because it brings together thousands of caring Jews and reinforces the commitment of everyone who attends," said Shalom TV President and CEO Mark S. Golub. "It is essential that the greater Jewish community have access to the extraordinary minds who address the GA each year, and we feel that it is our responsibility to televise as much of the GA as possible. I am extremely grateful and proud to have worked with the UJC in bringing these shows to a wider audience."

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