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ISRAELI SECURITY DOVE ON THREE-CITY TOUR

TORONTO—[May 11, 2009]

Canadian Friends of Peace Now (CFPN) today announced a three-city Canadian tour by Israeli Col. (ret.) Shaul Arieli, a former commander of the Northern Brigade in Gaza, to speak on "Israel's New Government and Prospects for Peace."

Col. Arieli, 49, has had a distinguished career as a military officer and has played an important role as a peace campaigner.

In the Israel Defense Forces, he served in commanding posts in the Paratroopers Unit, was the Commander of the Northern Brigade in Gaza (at the level of Colonel), and was responsible for the evacuation of the Gaza Strip in 1994. As part of his military service, he was responsible for the preparation of the negotiations with the Palestinians, as head of the Interim Agreement Administration under the Rabin government, and head of the Peace Administration under the Barak Government.

Since retiring from the Israel Defense Forces in 2001, Col. Arieli has been dedicated to advancing an Israeli-Palestinian final-status agreement, and was among the lead negotiators of the non-governmental Geneva Initiative in 2003. He is currently a Fellow and Senior researcher at the Economic Cooperation Foundation, and is a Board member of the Council for Peace and Security, an organization of Israeli "security doves."

In recent years, Col. Arieli has provided expert opinions to different organizations and authorities. In a number of petitions to the High Court of Justice against the route of the separation barrier, he acted as a "friend of the court". In this capacity, he convinced the court to require the Security apparatus to alter the route in a manner that would provide security to Israelis while ensuring the least possible damage to the Palestinian population.

In Toronto, Col. Arieli will present the Harvey Yalonetsky Memorial Lecture at Temple Sinai (210 Wilson Avenue) on Monday, June 1st at 7:30 pm. In Ottawa, he will speak at Temple Israel (1301 Prince of Wales Drive) on Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:30 pm. In Montreal, he will speak on Thursday, June 4th. at 7:30 pm at The Reconstructionist Synagogue, 18 Cleve Rd., Hampstead, and Friday, June 5th at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrook West during the service which begins at 8:00 pm