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**RHODES SCHOLARS TRAVEL TO ISRAEL WITH PROJECT INTERCHANGE**

March 10, 2008 - Washington - Project Interchange is hosting an educational seminar in Israel for U.S. Rhodes Scholars currently studying at Oxford.

The group will tackle complex issues in politics, human rights, and majority/minority rights; they will explore diverse perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; Israeli culture and development; and the political relationship between Israel, the U.S. and the greater international community. John Thomason, associate director of AJC's Chicago Chapter, will accompany the group.

Now in its twenty-fifth year, Project Interchange, an educational organization, is dedicated to first-hand introductions of Israel to current and future American and international leaders. Project Interchange has brought over 4,000 prominent figures to Israel on week-long seminars, which include meetings with a variety of leaders throughout Israel. Each seminar is tailored to address the interests of its delegation (e.g., immigrant absorption, education, counter-terrorism, politics, and environment), while exposing participants to differing viewpoints on controversial issues in Israel and the Middle East, as well as the Israeli-Palestinian and Israel-Hezbollah conflicts. Project Interchange is an institute of the American Jewish Committee, the oldest human relations agency in the United States.

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