



Republican Jewish Coalition Fact Sheet **The Facts for Jewish Voters in 2008**

WHY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY TRUSTS JOHN MCCAIN

- **Sen. McCain has a 25-year voting record supporting Israel.** John McCain's 25-year voting record supporting Israel is unparalleled. He has co-sponsored dozens of pieces of pro-Israel legislation, including the Kyl-Lieberman resolution, the Palestinian anti-Terror Act and the Iran Freedom Support Act. *"The bond between Israel is not just a strategic bond, though that is important. The more profound tie between our two countries is a moral one. We are two democracies whose alliance is forged in our common values."* Sen. McCain speech to JINSA, 12/6/06.
- **Sen. McCain's Supports the Right Policies on Iran:** Sen. McCain recognizes that Iran's provocations are not the time for the United States to get weak-kneed. Sen. McCain supports increasing tough sanctions on Iran to ensure they do not develop nuclear weapons. *"There have been negotiations, there have been discussions, there have been packages of incentives offered to the Iranians, which have been rejected time after time. It's time for action and it's time to make Iranians understand that this kind of violation of international treaties, this kind of threatening of their neighbors, this kind of continued military action cannot continue without costs."* MSNBC, 7/9/08.
- **Sen. Lieberman Supports John McCain:** "John McCain has proven that we can trust him to do what is right for our country, not only when it is easy, but when it is hard; to do what is necessary, not only when it is popular, but when it is not; and to tell us the truth, not only when it is easy to hear, but when it is not... He will push all of us to work together to solve our biggest problems, and defeat our most dangerous enemies."—Sen. Joe Lieberman, 12/07.

BARACK OBAMA'S SHAKY MIDDLE EAST POLICIES

- **Barack Obama Wants to Have a Presidential Summit with Heads of States in Muslim Nations Excluding Israel:** Barack Obama is the only presidential candidate committed to holding a Muslim Summit in the first 100 days of his presidency where Barack Obama would exclude Israel and meet with regimes like Iran and Syria which refuse to acknowledge Israel's right to exist and are state-sponsors of terrorism. (*Reuters*, 1/30/08.)
- **Barack Obama is Committed to Having a Presidential Meeting with Iranian President Ahmadijhad in His First Year without Preconditions:** Barack Obama is the only Presidential candidate who has repeatedly committed if elected to meet with Iranian Pres. Ahmadijhad without preconditions. Iranian Pres. Ahmadijhad continuously calls for the destruction of Israel and refuses to acknowledge its right to exist, insults the Israeli people by calling the State a "stinking corpse", and claims the holocaust is a myth. (*ABC News*, June 4, 2008.)
- **Barack Obama Opposed Kyl-Lieberman:** In September 2007, Barack Obama opposed a bipartisan resolution that designated the Iranian Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization. The Kyl-Lieberman resolution passed in the US Senate with an overwhelming vote of 76-22 and Democratic Senators supporting the resolution included Sen. Clinton (D-NY); Sen. Reid (D-NV); Sen. Durbin (D-IL) and Sen. Levin (D-MI) among many others. (*ABC News*, June 4, 2008.)
- **Barack Obama Flip-Flopped on an "Undivided Jerusalem":** To impress pro-Israel voters in June 4, 2008, Barack Obama declared that Jerusalem "must remain undivided". Twenty-four hours later after pressure from Palestinian and Hamas officials, Obama and his advisors backtracked leaving a divided Jerusalem up to negotiations. (*CNN*, June 6, 2008.)

WHY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY DOES NOT TRUST BARACK OBAMA

Barack Obama's Troubling Advisors and Associations: Why do Merrill McPeak, Rashid Khalidi, Louis Farrakhan, Jeremiah Wright, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and many more all feel comfortable with an Obama presidency?

- **National Co-Chairman and Military Advisor Merrill McPeak:** As national co-chairman for Barack Obama's presidential campaign, **Merrill McPeak** has a history of harboring anti-Israel policies. When asked to cite the problem preventing Middle East peace, McPeak responded, "**New York City. Miami. We have a large vote—vote, here in favor of Israel. And no politician wants to run against it.**" (*Oregonian*, 3/27/03.)
- **Palestinian Activist Rashid Khalidi:** **Former PLO spokesperson Rashid Khalidi** was an early supporter of Barack Obama's. When Barack Obama ran for Congress in 2000, Khalidi held a fundraiser at his house for Obama's campaign. Among multiple events and meetings, Barack Obama attended a 2003 dinner in honor of Rashid Khalidi where several anti-Israel statements were made including statements comparing Israeli government actions to terrorist actions and **comparing Zionist settles in the West Bank to Osama Bin Laden**. In 2004, Khalidi encouraged the crowd to help Obama in his 2004 US Senate saying: "You will not have a better senator under any circumstances." (*Los Angeles Times*, 4/10/08.)
- **Former President Jimmy Carter:** President Jimmy Carter is known widely as being one of America's most unsupportive political figures regarding Israel. Barack Obama allowed Jimmy Carter to speak at the Democratic National Convention on Aug. 25, 2008. Carter recently met with Hamas opposing strict orders from the State Department. (*CNN*, 4/13/08.) No friend to Israel, in his book "Palestine: Peace Without Apartheid", Jimmy Carter put the onus of Middle East problems on Israel, likened Israel's policies to apartheid and alleged that Palestinian suicide bombing would stop once Israel changed its behavior. (*UPI*, 1/26/07.)
- **Board Member of the Woods Foundation:** From 2000 to 2002, Barack Obama served as a member of the Board of Directors to the Woods Foundation. While a member of the Board, Barack Obama gave \$75,000 to the Arab American Action Network, which funded a Palestinian art exhibit called *Al-Nakba*, "the catastrophe" about Israel's founding in 1948. Barack Obama served on the board **with William Ayres, member of the terrorist underground group, the Weathermen Underground, a group that planted bombs at the US Capitol and the Pentagon in the 1970s.** (*Los Angeles Times*, 4/10/08.)
- **Zbigniew Brzezinski:** Brzezinski supports the findings of Walt & Mearsheimer's book "The Israel Lobby"; **supports including Hamas in diplomatic talks with Israel;** and several other policies, which are not supported by the pro-Israel community. Brzezinski is a former National Security Advisor for **President Jimmy Carter**. More than just a casual advisor, Brzezinski has campaigned with Obama and introduced him at a campaign event in Iowa in September 2007. Barack Obama praised Brzezinski calling him "one of our most outstanding thinkers."