

The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: From Breakthrough to Breakdown?

Ambassador Afif Safieh

Monday July 31, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

The Palestinian Ambassador to the USA will discuss current happenings and future possibilities for Israel and Palestine and the continuing decisive role of the US government in the conflict.

**Veterans Auditorium,
846 Front Street, Santa Cruz**

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\$50 donation includes evening program plus tickets to a 9:00 p.m. reception for Ambassador Safieh & a copy of Safieh's recent book "Palestinian Diplomacy"

Afif Safieh is head of the Palestine Liberation Organization delegation to the United States in Washington, DC. Ambassador Safieh served for a dozen years as PLO representative to the Holy See (Vatican) and the United Kingdom before his appointment to Washington in October 2005.

The Ambassador will address the stalled peace negotiations, the role of Hamas in the Palestine National Authority, building alliances between Israelis and Palestinians, and joining efforts of progressive Israelis and Palestinians with peace and human rights forces in the USA. We also will be raising funds to help offset the deepening humanitarian public health tragedy in Gaza and the West Bank. Afif Safieh is from a Jerusalem Christian family. He is a remarkably articulate, pragmatic, courageous, persuasive and forward-looking advocate for a political resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Ambassador Safieh is a great bridge-builder among the many Palestinian, Jewish and other people around the world working for a just and sustainable resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Safieh will also speak on Sunday July 30 at 6:30 at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. *Safieh's visit to California is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee in San Francisco and the Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz. Local cosponsors of Ambassador Safieh's presentations include the Palestine-Israel Action Committee and the Middle East Working Group, and Monterey County Citizens for Middle East Peace.*

For more information, to purchase tickets for the evening program and/or the reception, please contact the Resource Center for Nonviolence, (831) 423-1626 or www.rcnv.org.



***"All I can
hope for is
that America
will reconcile
tomorrow its
power with its
principles."***

— Afif Safieh