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Zionism and Israeli Policy Options To Be Addressed in Talks at Cal Poly Feb. 3

SAN LUIS OBISPO - The myths and realities of Zionism and the policy options facing Israel will be explored in talks at Cal Poly on Feb. 3 as part of a winter quarter series the College of Liberal Arts is sponsoring on the history and current crisis of the Middle East.

Hagit Borer, chair of the Department of Linguistics at the USC, will talk on "Zionism: Myths and the Reality" at 6 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

Paul Berrin, political advisor to the consul general at the Consulate of Israel in Los Angeles, will present "Policy Options Facing the New Israeli Government."

Israeli-born Borer became active in the efforts for peace with justice in the Middle East in the early '70s. In 1977 she moved to the United States and enrolled in graduate school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

During the past three decades, she has been involved in a number of groups, including Women in Black (Israel and London). She is a frequent lecturer on the Middle East at college campuses throughout the United States and has published widely on the topic.

Berrin earned a bachelor's degree in Middle Eastern history from UC San Diego. He also studied at Hebrew University in Israel and later earned a master's degree in international management from the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Before joining the consulate, Berrin worked in Israel as an economic analyst for a Jerusalem-based consulting firm and in a similar capacity for Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The series of talks on the Middle East is being offered as part of a Cal Poly history course taught by Professor Manzar Foroohar. The forums will continue Feb. 10 with a look at "Iraq and U.S. Policy in the Middle East: The Human Rights Dimension."
Additional talks are scheduled on Feb. 17, Feb. 24 and March 10.

All presentations are free and open to the public. They are sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts and History Department. For more information, contact Foroohar at 756-2068 or mforooha@calpoly.edu.