

Stephen and Heather share their love . . . for the Israeli Military

That's Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Chapters Books co-owner Heather Riesman "Just days after a Montreal family visiting in Lebanon was wiped out by an Israeli missile this summer, Harper was widely criticized for calling Israel's attacks on Lebanon 'measured.'" (National Post, Sept 30, 2006) "Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Canada-Israel Committee, the Jewish community's lobbying arm on Israel, said, 'We are enormously appreciative of the support that the government has extended to Israel.'" (Canadian Jewish News). As her appreciation of Harper's endorsement of the Israeli military invasion of Lebanon, Heather Riesman left the Liberals to join the Tories.

♥This Valentine's Day join an open discussion with Daniel Freeman-Maloy♥

CANADA'S FOREIGN POLICY AND THE INFLUENCE OF THE ISRAEL LOBBY

Wednesday, February 14th, 7:30 pm

Alma VanDusen Room, Vancouver Public Library

350 W. Georgia (Downtown)

There are forbidden fruits, hidden loves, and suppressed discussions.

In the United States, one of these long suppressed discussions finally is beginning to raise its head in public. Former President Jimmy Carter, in his new book *Palestine: Peace not Apartheid* states that the Israel lobby tries to suppress constructive, open discussion of Palestine and Israel, and that it is urgent to end this unhealthy situation. The lobby's sustained, vicious, personal attacks on Carter only confirm his assertion. Two prominent, establishment professors at Harvard and Chicago, Walt and Mersheimer, argue the same in an essay published in the *London Review of Books*.

Should Canadians be any less bold than these, to speak freely about what shapes and mis-shapes our government's Middle East policy, particularly with a federal election on the horizon?

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Dan Freeman-Maloy is a Toronto-based activist and writer. At York University, he is active through the Palestine Solidarity Committee. In 2004, not long after he was elected as an editor of the student newspaper (*Excalibur*), the university president tried to suspend him for three years for participation in Palestine solidarity activities on York's campus. The president claimed the suspension was imposed because of his use of a megaphone at two campus demonstrations. One of these demonstrations was held in opposition to an "appreciation day" for the Israeli military organized by Zionist groups at York.

York's administration lifted the suspension in August of 2004 as a result of legal and political pressure, including an impending judicial review of the suspension and a call from the York University Senate to reverse the decision. Daniel Freeman-Maloy has since filed a lawsuit against the York president and administration on grounds including misfeasance in public office, breach of academic freedom and defamation. The lawsuit alleges, among other things, that the president's efforts to punish him were "motivated at least in part by antipathy to (his) support for Palestinian human rights."

Freeman-Maloy has been active in Palestine solidarity campaigns in Toronto as well as in social justice campaigns relating to Canadian foreign policy in Haiti, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Recently, he has written for ZNet ([HYPERLINK " " www.zmag.org](http://www.zmag.org)) and other progressive publications regarding Canadian foreign policy on Israel-Palestine, the biases of the Canadian media when it comes to the Israel-Palestine conflict, and the role of "Israel advocacy" groups in Canada. In his article "AIPAC North: 'Israel advocacy' in Canada," Freeman-Maloy traces the recent development of Canadian "Israel advocacy," and its relationship to U.S. groups like the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). AIPAC is the pro-Israel lobby group in the United States that former President Carter, in his new book *Palestine: Peace not Apartheid*, charges with being a major obstacle to an open, informed and serious debate in his country about Israel-Palestine.

For Freeman-Maloy's articles on the Israel Lobby in Canada see Z-Net:
<http://www.zmag.org/content/AllByAuthor.cfm?lname=FreemanMaloy&fname=Dan&startrow=1>

And see his article in *Canadian Dimension*:
<http://canadiandimension.com/articles/2006/10/28/708/>

