

## **\$4.5 Million Gift Establishes Adelson Institute for Strategic Studies at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem**

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The Shalem Center and the Adelson Family Foundation, today jointly announced the creation of the Adelson Institute for Strategic Studies at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem. The Institute will be funded by the Foundation with a gift of \$4.5 million. The gift launches an academic and research institute that will develop, articulate and build support for the strategic principles needed to address the challenges currently facing Israel and the West.

The newly named Adelson Institute for Strategic Studies is part of the Shalem Center, a research and academic institute in Jerusalem. The Adelson Institute, whose founding chairman and head is Natan Sharansky, includes as fellows Lt. Gen (Res.) Moshe Yaalon, Martin Kramer, Michael Oren and Yossi Klein Halevi. The institute will explore topics ranging from democracy and security, to nationalism, terror and identity.

"Long-term strategies have to be built on values, not short-term interests. Real, lasting interests are always connected to values like democracy, respect for identity, religious tolerance, and freedom. The gift and vision of Sheldon and Miri Adelson will enable us to tackle the most serious challenges facing the Middle East and the West and to build long-view approaches and plans that will ensure the stability and peace of Israel and of the free world," said Adelson Institute Founding Chairman Natan Sharansky, a distinguished fellow at the Shalem Center

The first project of the Adelson Institute, the Conference on Democracy and Security set for Prague in June, has already attracted dozens of pro-democracy dissidents from around the world. The President of the United States, George W. Bush will address the conference.

Through a program of research, publications, education, public events and conferences, the Institute will advance ideas such as the:

- Spreading of human rights and democracy
- Opposition to totalitarian regimes
- Defense of national sovereignty and a Jewish state

In a bid to engage the broader academic and policy communities, the institute will also host visiting scholars able to analyze and make policy recommendations about issues of global importance.

"I am thrilled to be able to support an initiative that is equally critical to crucial issues facing Israel and the West, and we are especially excited to support Natan Sharansky, and his team with their remarkable track record of vision, scholarship and courage," said Sheldon Adelson.

Added Dr. Miriam Adelson, "We believe this institute will help secure values we hold dear, and we want to focus on securing that future. It's important to Israel, to the Middle East and to the whole world that democracy, human rights and freedom are safeguarded for generations to come."

"Israel is ideally suited to providing leadership to the West in responding to today's challenges, and Natan Sharansky and the fellows in his institute have a crucial role to play in providing the intellectual leadership and strategic thinking that are needed. We at the Shalem Center are delighted to receive the support of the Adelson Family Foundation, in order to launch the strategic studies institute, said Shalem Center President Daniel Polisar.

Dr. Adelson is an Israeli born physician who works in the area of treating substance addiction in the United States and Israel. Mr. Adelson is Chairman and CEO of Las Vegas Sands Corp. The Adelsons reside in Las Vegas, Nevada.