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## **CJPME HOSTS DR. NORMAN G. FINKELSTEIN ON A CANADIAN TOUR**

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MONTREAL, April 20 / – Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME) is delighted to host Norman G. Finkelstein, author of numerous books on Zionism and the Israel-Palestine conflict, on a three-city Canadian tour. The tour will begin in Montreal on Saturday afternoon, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, continue in Ottawa on Saturday night, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and finish in Toronto on Sunday evening, May 4<sup>th</sup>. All event details can be found at <http://www.cjpme.ca>.

“We are very excited and pleased to host Mr. Finkelstein. He is a stimulating speaker who brings clarity and perspective to the discussion on Israel-Palestine,” says Thomas Woodley of CJPME. The lecture to be presented by Dr. Finkelstein is entitled, “Israel and Palestine: Roots of conflict and prospects for peace.”

Norman G. Finkelstein received his doctorate in 1988 from the Department of Politics, Princeton University, for a thesis on the theory of Zionism. He's currently an independent scholar.

In addition to Beyond Chutzpah: On the misuse of anti-Semitism and the abuse of history, Finkelstein is the author of four other books: The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the exploitation of Jewish suffering (2000), Image and Reality of the Israel-Palestine Conflict (1995), A Nation on Trial: The Goldhagen thesis and historical truth (with Ruth Bettina Birn) (1998); The Rise and Fall of Palestine: A personal account of the intifada years (1996). In April 2005, Finkelstein was the presenter for an hour-long documentary ("The Final Insult") based on The Holocaust Industry, to be broadcast on Channel 4 in the United Kingdom. He is also the subject of several independent film documentaries currently in production. In 2003 he was the keynote speaker on the main panel at the Rome Historical Book Fair and was a guest on Europe's main television news hour, the Sabine Christiansen show. In 2002 he delivered the annual memorial lecture in history at Alfred University.

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### **About CJPME**

*CJPME is a pan-Canadian grassroots advocacy organization uniting Canadians of all backgrounds who believe in justice, peace and security for all people in the Middle East. CJPME seeks to positively influence Canadian foreign policy in the Middle East and Canadian media coverage of the events and peoples of the region. CJPME values Canada's historical role as a neutral broker in the Middle East, and wants to promote better understanding among Canadians of Middle Eastern issues and dynamics.*

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