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UNRWA – Providing Humanitarian Relief or Prolonging the Palestinian Refugee Problem?

**Join us on May 19, 2014, for a Stimulating Side Event
At the United Nations Headquarters in New York
760 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017
Room Number 6 – First Floor**

09:45 - 10:15 Security check and Gathering

10:15 - 10:45 **Welcome Greetings**

Irit Kohn, Adv. President, The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ)

Hon. Ron Prozor Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations

10:45 - 12:15 **First Panel - The History of UNRWA and the Definition of Refugee**

Introduction of Speakers: **Alyza D. Lewin, Esq.** President, The American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (AAJLJ)

Prof. Alexander H. Joffe, Archaeologist and Middle East historian, is a Shillman-Ginsburg Fellow at the Middle East Forum. Joffe, has published widely on various aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict and American foreign policy in the Middle East, and is co-author of *Religion, Politics, and the Origins of Palestine Refugee Relief* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).

Prof. Asaf Romirowsky, Middle East historian, Executive Director of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME). Romirowsky has published widely on various aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict and American foreign policy in the Middle East, as well as on Israeli and Zionist history and is the co-author of *Religion, Politics, and the Origins of Palestine Refugee Relief* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).

12:15 - 12:45 Lunch break

12:45 - 13:30 **"UNRWA: Still UN-fixed"**

James M. Lindsay served with UNRWA as a lawyer and general counsel from 2000 to 2007, overseeing all UNRWA legal activities. He has also served with the U.S. Department of Justice and the Multinational Force and Observers.

13:30 - 14:15 **International Perspective on UNRWA**

“Disentangling the Political From the Humanitarian: Western Policies on UNRWA and the Quest For Peace.”

Dr. Einat Wilf, Senior Fellow, the Jewish People Policy Planning Institute, Israel; Adjunct Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

14:15 - 14:30 Coffee break

14:30 – 16:00 **Second Panel – Overview of US legislative efforts and suggestions for practical steps that can be taken to accomplish reform**

[U.S. Congressional Representative – TBA]

"UNRWA's Role in Perpetuating Refugee Status"

Steven J. Rosen, Director of the Washington Project of the Middle East Forum, former senior official of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)

16:00 - 16:30 **Closing Remarks**

Alyza D. Lewin, Esq. President, The American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists; Partner, Lewin & Lewin, LLP

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