

From the desk of

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Dear Friend:

Enclosed please find a copy of *Standing with Israel: Why Christians Support the Jewish State*. I believe that this is one of the most important books concerning Israel to be published in recent years. As I am certain you care about the future of Israel, I urge you to read this book.

Throughout the United States, millions of Christians are embracing Israel's cause and rising to her defense. For the first time in Israel's history, we are seeing the emergence of a significant pro-Israel movement outside of the Jewish community. Although we are in need of these friends, many in our community have remained indifferent or even hostile towards them. Given the long and tragic history of Christian anti-Semitism, many Jews are, quite understandably, suspicious of what they perceive as a sudden and inexplicable Christian change of heart.

During my time as the Ambassador of Israel to the United States, I had the privilege of working very closely with our Christian allies. In so doing, I learned that certain concerns about Christian Zionism are largely misplaced. I can assure you that most of those in the Christian community who have come to Israel's defense are true friends without ulterior motives.

This book confronts and dispels the myths that have grown up around Christian Zionism. It clarifies the significant differences between the Christians who persecuted us for so many centuries and those who embrace us today. In short, *Standing with Israel* provides a context in which to make a more informed decision about this alliance.

It is interesting to note that the author of *Standing with Israel*, David Brog, is a practicing Jew, the cousin of Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak, and served as Chief of Staff to Senator Arlen Specter. While writing this book, David met all of the leading Christian supporters of Israel in America. In 2006, when these leaders decided to form Christians United for Israel, they invited David to serve as the organization's Executive Director. Through the leadership of CUFI National Chairman Pastor John Hagee, Mr. Brog, and many others, CUFI has quickly grown to become the largest Christian pro-Israel group in America with a presence in all 50 states and in over 100 US cities.

I hope you are as touched by *Standing with Israel* as I was.

Sincerely,



Ambassador Daniel Ayalon

If you are encouraged by what you learn and would like to get involved in building bridges to our evangelical Christian friends, please feel free to contact David Brog at Christians United for Israel. He'll be able to put you in touch with pro-Israel Christians in your hometown or direct you to various pro-Israel projects in need of support. David can be reached at 210-477-4714 or david@cufi.org. To learn more about CUFI, you should visit their website at www.cufi.org.

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