

Alliance for Middle East Peace Meeting

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Forging
Friendships in a Contentious Region: Congressman Rothman Meets with the Alliance
for Middle East Peace

(Washington,
DC)-On Wednesday, March 12, 2008, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn)
welcomed representatives from the Alliance for Middle East Peace to his office
in Washington, D.C. The group's members spoke to Congressman Rothman about their
work to promote a peaceful co-existence between Israelis and Palestinians.

"Peace
in one of the most contentious regions on earth, and an end to one of one of the
most intractable conflicts of our time, are dreams that will not be achieved without
struggle and hardship." said Rothman. "Yet, Gandhi once said that a
small body of determined spirits, fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission,
can alter the course of history. The young men and women here today, determined
spirits all, are living proof of that fact."

The
Alliance for Middle East Peace is a broad coalition of non-governmental organizations,
all dedicated to generating constructive dialogue and building closer relationships
between Arabs and Jews. Toward this end, Alliance members meet annually with a
wide variety of individuals and organizations, from USAID and State Department
officials to policymakers like Congressman Rothman.

The
organization's members work to further their cause by raising awareness of reconciliation
programs, securing resources for co-existence funding, and improving the capabilities
of existing peace organizations. The Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP) has
been pursuing these goals since 2004.

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Pictured
(L-R): Benjamin
C. Gass (Coordinator, Middle East Search for Common Ground), Avi

Meyerstein (Founder, ALLMEP), Hannah Layla Messkoub of Morristown, NJ (One Voice Movement/PeaceWorks Foundation), Rep. Rothman, and Emma Sarnat (Foundation Outreach and Media Coordinator, ALLMEP)