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Jim Carr visits Israel in role as Minister of International Trade Diversification

By **BERNIE BELLAN**
Jim Carr, the Member of Parliament for

Winnipeg South Centre, and now Canada's Minister of International Trade Diversification, returned recently from a six-day trip to Israel and the West Bank (from Sept. 2-6), in which he met with various Israeli and Palestinian officials and businesspeople – also Canadians currently working in Israel.

Carr, who is also one of the founding members of Winnipeg's Arab-Jewish dialogue, was accompanied on his trip by Canadian businesspeople, among them Winnipegger Mel Lazarek.

Carr, who had been to Israel many times previously (the last time being, he told me in an interview, was when he headed the Manitoba Business Council, and led a group to Israel seven years ago), said that "as a descendant of Jewish immigrants to Canada, I feel a tremendous sense of pride in what has been accomplished in building a modern, secure and thriving Israel. As Canada's first Jewish minister with an international focus, I am equally proud of the partnership between our two countries, one that continues to deepen with each passing



ELI COHEN, Israel's Minister of Economy & Industry (left) and **JIM CARR**, Canada's Minister of International Trade Diversification, in Israel

year." While in Tel Aviv, Carr met with Eli Cohen, Israel's Minister of Economy and Industry. The two ministers

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Tribute to Gail Asper Manitoba Opera's most successful fundraising event ever



GAIL ASPER (right) with the award named for her which was presented to her at a Gala Reception September 13, by **ELBA HAID**, Chair, Manitoba Opera Board of Trustees (left).

Manitoba Opera announced that the Gala Reception honouring Winnipeg philanthropist Gail Asper, held September 13, resulted in being the company's most successful fundraising event in its 46-year history. The event, held at the Manitoba Club, raised more than \$230,000 for Manitoba Opera's productions and education programs.

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Dimitri Lascaris, one of Israel's most outspoken critics, answers accusations that he's antisemitic

By **BERNIE BELLAN**

The Fort Garry Hotel was the scene the weekend of September 7-9 for what was billed as the Israel Palestine & International Law Symposium.

Among the featured speakers was Dimitri Lascaris, who is the chair of the board of an organization titled Canadians for Justice & Peace in the Middle East.

Lascaris's appearance here, however, turned out to be even more controversial than might otherwise have been expected - given his notoriety as one of Canada's most outspoken critics of Israel. Here's why:

On August 29 a demonstration was held in Toronto in front of B'nai Brith Canada's national office. The demonstration was ostensibly organized by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. Lascaris was also a principal organizer. The demonstration was also marked by the appearance of counter protesters who were there to defend B'nai

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DIMITRI LASCARIS

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