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NION Public Forum: March 15, 7:30pm, Room 2211 at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W.

A major misconception of our time is the identification of Jews with Israel. Many Jews do not support Israeli policies, or Canada's unqualified support of Israeli policies. But these Jewish voices have been silenced by mainstream Jewish organizations and the press. They have up to now been invisible, but that has begun to change, especially with the recent formation of Not In Our Name (NION): Canadian Jewish Voices Against Israel's Wars. The NION network came together during the summer of 2006, in opposition to Israel's war against Lebanon and the Canadian government's support of that war. NION has remained active and is growing. To learn more about NION come to NION's first public forum, on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, Room 2211 at OISE, 252 Bloor St. West. A diverse panel of Jewish Canadians will talk about their own participation in NION, how to encourage other Jews to speak out on their opposition to Israeli and Canadian government policies, and to build solidarity with other struggles for human rights, freedom and justice.

Speakers will include: Abbie Bakan, Smadar Carmon, Dan Freeman-Maloy, Charnie Guettel, Henry Lowi, David Noble, Clare O'Connor, Herman Rosenfeld, Suzanne Weiss and b.h. Yael

Moderator: Khaled Mouammar, President, Canadian Arab Federation