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## **Renowned Israeli human rights journalist Amira Hass on tour in Canada, Sept. 27 – Oct. 8**

Montreal, Aug. 24, 2011—Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME) and KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives are pleased to announce that they will co-host a lecture tour by renowned Israeli journalist Amira Hass from September 27 to October 8. Hass, a journalist with the mainstream Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* since 1989, has been covering daily life in the occupied Palestinian territories (OPT) since 1991. She is the only Israeli journalist to have lived full-time in the OPT: Gaza from 1993 to 1997, and the West Bank since 1997.

The tour will bring to Canada an important perspective and invite ongoing dialogue in hopes for peace. The tour – entitled “Palestine / Israel: Fear of the Future” – will include Ms. Hass’ views as a journalist on Palestinian and Israeli concerns, Palestinians’ experiences under Israeli occupation, and other analysis of unfolding events, including the upcoming Palestinian bid for statehood. The tour dates are as follows:

Sept. 27 - Victoria	Oct. 1 - Saskatoon	Oct. 6 – Toronto (York U.)
Sept. 28 - Vancouver	Oct. 3 - Hamilton	Oct. 7 - Ottawa
Sept. 29 - Calgary	Oct. 4 - London	Oct. 8 - Montreal
Sept. 30 - Winnipeg	Oct. 5 – Toronto (downtown)	

“This is an opportune moment for Canadians to hear an incisive Israeli journalist analyse the Israel-Palestine dynamic and Israel’s reaction to the prospect of Palestinian statehood,” asserted Thomas Woodley, President of CJPME. KAIROS’ Executive Director Mary Corkery states, “Ms. Hass, as an Israeli citizen who covers the concerns of both Palestinians and Israelis, will offer Canadian audiences a chance to hear a perspective that seldom reaches us.”

Ms. Hass herself is a recipient of the International Press Institute’s World Press Freedom Hero Prize (2000), the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize (2003), the International Women’s Media Foundation’s Lifetime Achievement Award (2009), and numerous other awards. Born in Jerusalem, she is the daughter of two survivors of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. She is the author of *Drinking the Sea at Gaza: Days and Nights in a Land under Siege*, and co-author of *Reporting from Ramallah: An Israeli Journalist in an Occupied Land*.

**About CJPME** – *Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME) is a non-profit and secular organization bringing together men and women of all backgrounds who labour to see justice and peace take root again in the Middle East. Its mission is to empower decision-makers to view all sides with fairness and to promote the equitable and sustainable development of the region.*

**About KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives** – *KAIROS has worked with Palestinian and Israeli partners on questions of human rights and just peace for over ten years. KAIROS unites eleven churches and religious organizations in faithful action for ecological justice and human rights.*

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