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during the vice presidential debate (Oct. 2, 2008)
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[Sen. McCain's speech at AIPAC's Policy Conference \(June 2, 2008\)](#)

The Israel Project is hosting its [2008 Presidential Campaign Forums](#) in seven cities across the U.S. The events will offer Sen. John McCain's and Sen. Barack Obama's campaigns the opportunity to communicate their positions about Israel and Iran to American voters via top official surrogates.

The Campaign Forums will be held in Boston on Oct. 19; Chevy Chase on Oct. 23; Boca Raton on Oct. 26; Miami on Oct. 27; and Cleveland on Oct. 30. Previous Campaign Forums were held in New York City and Baltimore. The events are free and open to the public, but seats are limited and RSVPs are required. To register to attend one of TIP's

Campaign Forums in person, [click here](#). If you cannot attend in person but would like to listen by phone or watch online, [click here](#). For more information, please contact Sarah Marcus at sarahm@theisraelproject.org.

At the Boston forum, scheduled for Oct. 19, former American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) President and Democratic National Committee Chair Steve Grossman, representing the Obama campaign, and former B'nai B'rith International President and super-lawyer Richard Heideman, representing the McCain campaign, will participate in a debate. At the Chevy Chase event on Oct. 23, *Washington Post* editorial writer and columnist Ruth Marcus will moderate the debate between U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, representing the McCain campaign, and former EU Amb. Stuart Eizenstat, representing the Obama campaign.

TIP's 2008 Presidential Forums are taking place as Obama and McCain prepare to square off in the Nov. 4 general election. In [nationally televised debates](#) and speeches at the annual AIPAC Policy Conference in June, both candidates ([Obama](#), [McCain](#)) expressed strong support for Israel and for efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

At different times this year, both [McCain](#) and [Obama](#) traveled to Israel and visited Sderot, the southern Israeli city that has been the target of thousands of Qassam rockets and mortar shells fired by Iran-backed Palestinian terrorists from Gaza since Israel evacuated the area more than two years ago.

During their vice presidential debate, candidates [Sen. Joe Biden](#) and [Gov. Sarah Palin](#) expressed positions on the need to peacefully stop Iran and protect Israel .

Said Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi, founder and president of The Israel Project (TIP), *"The threat of a nuclear Iran affects all Americans across the political spectrum. That's why it is so important for both presidential candidates, Sen. Obama and Sen. McCain, to understand the danger of allowing Iran – the world's top state sponsor of terrorism – to obtain nuclear weapons."*

According to a [recent bipartisan poll](#) commissioned by The Israel Project, American support for Israel is at an all-time high of 69 percent, while only six percent support the Palestinians.

The poll, presented at the Democratic and Republican national conventions, also made clear that 81 percent of American voters think the international community should try to prevent Iran from further nuclear research because of the voters' overwhelming belief that a nuclear-armed Iran would pose a serious threat to the U.S. and Israel .

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