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**Atlanta, GEORGIA** – The Consulate General of Israel to the Southeast, in partnership with Jewish Life at Duke, is proud to kick-off its preparations for the 2009 annual consulate student conference. The event will take place at Duke University's Freeman Center for Jewish Life on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and will be the coordinated effort of the Israeli Consulate, Jewish Life at Duke, and other community organizations. The program will be planned with the help of a student steering committee. The conference will bring together students from across Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; all eager to learn more about the Middle East's lone vibrant democracy.

*"We are very excited to work along side the Duke University community,"* said Ambassador Reda Mansour, Consul General of Israel to the Southeast. *"We are proud to play our part in bringing this educational opportunity to the young people of North Carolina and the Southeast."*

The Consulate's annual student conference is part of the office's mission to help Americans get past the headlines, to see the real Israel. Today's Israel is a dynamic democracy, full of lively debate and robust political discourse. The country is at the forefront of technological innovation and serves as a hub for telecommunication, computing, and green advancements. In the past the conference has included speakers such as South Carolina State Representative Bakari Sellers, acclaimed Israeli playwright Motti Lerner, and CNN Senior Editor of Middle East Affairs Octavia Nasr.

Jewish Life at Duke is comprised of the Freeman Center for Jewish Life and the Rubenstein-Silvers Hillel. The Freeman Center provides a home for Jewish life on campus while the Rubenstein-Silvers Hillel provides exciting and innovative programming throughout the Duke community. Jewish Life at Duke is a department within the Division of Student Affairs of Duke University. The Rubenstein-Silvers Hillel is accredited by Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

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