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## Massive Federated, US Based Pro-Israel Network

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### ***United Against a Nuclear Iran Donors Identified: Part of Massive Federated, US Based Pro-Israel Network***

"We have since worked with a broad coalition of Jewish and non-Jewish groups as well as with United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) to support legislative and regulatory actions requiring divestment from companies that do business with Iran, as well other sanctions. Florida has been a leader in adopting strong measures to isolate the Iranian regime in the areas of procurement, divestment and banking. We encourage local communities across the U.S to join Florida to pass

similar measures" said Tara Laxer, Florida Director of United Against a Nuclear Iran.<sup>1</sup> **Greater Miami Jewish Federation**

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The Jewish Federation and the Jewish United Fund are two of the donors to UANI. These nonprofit organizations are part of the wider US-based, pro-Israel juggernaut that shapes American national security strategy for Israel. Through connections, money, position and power they seek to immunize Israel from criticism for its mendacious, militaristic policies. They have succeeded in marginalizing discussion of America's dangerously pro-Israel policies to the extent that the subject is taboo: Criticize Israel and automatically receive the badge of anti-Semitism. Meanwhile US warfighters have an additional cross to bear in the world of Islam as they are seen as pawns of Israel. More's the pity American foes are energized by America's blind support of a tiny nation, strategically insignificant but with a stranglehold over American national security interests.

Matt Apuzzo writing for the New York Times recently reported that the US Department of Justice has asked that United Against a Nuclear Iran's donor lists and dollar amounts not be turned over in litigation involving a defamation lawsuit. "The Justice Department has temporarily blocked the group from having to reveal its donor list and other internal documents in a defamation lawsuit filed by a Greek shipping magnate the group accused of doing business with Iran. Government lawyers said they had a "good faith basis to believe that certain information" would jeopardize law enforcement investigations, reveal investigative techniques or identify confidential sources if released."

Alex Kane of Mondoweiss wrote a piece titled "'New York Times' profile of group bent on sanctioning Iran fails to mention Israel connections," back in June 2013. With a bit of effort he was able to find a number of UNAI's contributors.

Many of UNAI's donors can easily be found by doing some research on the World Wide Web. And what one finds, of course, is a superbly networked Jewish community, most on message advocating for the interests of the Israeli government. These pro-Israel nonprofits serve as the eyes and ears for Israel in the USA and as fundraisers/donors for groups like UNAI, who themselves take guidance from the Israeli government.

#### ***Jewish Agency for Israel, Jewish United Fund of Israel***

Americans know about the American Israel Political Action Committee and the influence they can bring to bear on American politicians and, through JINSA, American military commanders.

But fewer know about organizations like the Jewish Agency for Israel. Its annual report lists the 156 groups that make up the Jewish Federations of North America. They are located in nearly every major city in the USA.

The Jewish Agency for Israel had \$478 million in revenue for 2013, according to its annual report. In that reports trends section it indicates that the Jewish Agency will work with the government of Israeli to enhance the identity of young Jews around the world. Its donor list must be the envy of every nonprofit in America. The list includes the Tisch Foundation (movies), IKEA (furniture), Rothschild Foundation (banking), Charles E. Smith (construction in Washington, DC), Larry Ellison (Cisco Systems), John Hagee (Christian evangelical), and Siemens (telecommunications).

UANI received \$25,000 in funding from the Jewish United Fund of Chicago (JUF), a powerhouse fundraising organization connecting those of the Jewish community in Chicago. According to the organization's board meeting minutes from early 2013 (readily available online), JUF has revenues of \$206 million dollars. Of interest in those meeting minutes is a quote by Colonel Danny Tirza, the designer of the Security Fence that splits Israelis and Palestinians: "Not a single Palestinian home was damaged by the process [of building the fence]."

JUF allocated \$30 million for Israel and Overseas Operations according to the board minutes.

JUF was one of the founders of the Israeli Action Network-along with the Jewish Council for Public Affairs and Jewish Federations of North America--whose mission is to fight against the boycott, divestiture and sanctions movement in the United States. JUF indicated in its board meeting minutes that although the American Studies Association (ASA) passed a resolution in 2013 in favor of boycotting Israeli academic institutions, the Israeli Action Network made a number of non-Jewish contacts and were able to convince a number of American university presidents to condemn the ASA resolution. The ASA described the outcome of the vote for the resolution thus: "The members of the American Studies Association have endorsed the Association's participation in a boycott of Israeli academic institutions. In an election that attracted 1252 voters, the largest number of participants in the organization's history, 66.05% of voters endorsed the resolution, while 30.5% of voters voted no and 3.43% abstained. The election was a response to the ASA National Council's announcement on December 4 that it supported the academic boycott and, in an unprecedented action to ensure a democratic process, asked its membership for their approval."

What's UANI got that Obama's justice department does not want released?

Ask the FBI and other American counterintelligence agencies this question: How deep have Israeli operatives penetrated into America's critical infrastructure sectors, American intelligence agencies, and the US military?