

**Invitation to August 24<sup>th</sup> US Congressional Film Screening on UNRWA**

**Please join us for an exclusive, bipartisan screening of UNRWA Child Soldier, via zoom, on Tuesday, August 24th from 1:00-1:45pm EST.**

This exclusive premier screening of a new short movie UNRWA Child Soldier, shot on location this summer in Gaza - documents how thousands of UNRWA students, as young as 9 years old, were recruited to attend Hamas weapons training summer camps.

As Congress works through renewal of funding to UNRWA, conditions must be strengthened to ensure that American taxpayer dollars are not encouraging warfare and incitement against Israel and the Jewish people.



The US House of Representative recently approved language renewing aid to UNRWA, that requires UNRWA to "ensure the content of all educational materials currently taught in UNRWA-administered schools and summer camps is consistent with the values of human rights, dignity and tolerance and does not induce incitement."

When asked whether UNRWA is going to revise its curriculum, Tamara Al-Rifai, Director of Strategic Communications for UNRWA reports: "UNRWA neither has its own curriculum nor does it issue or print its own textbooks. In other words, the Palestinian Authority textbooks, which incite hate speech, will continue to be used in UNRWA schools.

This screening is hosted by the head of the Nahum Bedein Center for Near East Policy Research, Mr. David Bedein, MSW, and will feature comments from Knesset member Sharren Haskel, a member of the New Hope political party and a part of the new Israel coalition government.

Mr. David Bedein is an investigative journalist who has been studying and reporting on UNRWA since 1987. His full bio can be viewed here: <https://www.cfnepr.com/205640/Our-staff>

Sharren Haskel has been a member of the Knesset since 2015. She serves on the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and the International Affairs and Environment Committee. She currently heads the Knesset Caucus for UNRWA Reform. Her full bio can be viewed here: [https://www.knesset.gov.il/mk/eng/mk\\_eng.asp?mk\\_individual\\_id\\_t=950](https://www.knesset.gov.il/mk/eng/mk_eng.asp?mk_individual_id_t=950)

With critical challenges facing the American people today, foreign aid needs to be spent effectively and efficiently.

To RSVP, please use this Zoom link: <https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtc-uvrD8uH9GCgoOOUsKASsIEDf2dlpvl>

**\*Important Background Briefing Papers\***

<https://israelbehindthenews.com/2021/05/27/textbooks-used-in-unrwa-schools>

<https://israelbehindthenews.com/2018/02/06/david-bedein-leading-fight-unrwa-reform-initiative>

<https://israelbehindthenews.com/2018/10/16/unrwa-schools-in-the-gaza-strip-a-hotbed-for-islamic-radicalism-updated-october-2018>