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2/09/09--Boston College Law School and the Anti-Defamation League are pleased to announce that the Israeli Ambassador to the UN will be lecturing at BC Law on April 2 at 4:00 pm in East Wing Room 115.

Shalev will speak on "Israel and the World: A View from the United Nations." Her lecture will be followed by a reception.

Shalev began her tenure as Israel’s fourteenth Permanent Representative to the UN on September 3, 2008, and is the first woman to be appointed to this position.

Prior to this, Shalev served as President of the Academic Council and Rector of Ono Academic College in Israel, and was a full professor of contract law at Hebrew University of Jerusalem until her early retirement in 2002. Shalev has taught contract law and comparative law in universities across the United States, Europe, and Canada, and is a leading expert in Israel in the fields of contract law and procurement contracts.

Shalev has written legal opinions and provided legal advice for public institutions, arbitrators and lawyers in Israel and throughout the world. She was Chief Legal Editor of the Judgments of the Supreme Court of Israel and legal editor of the Hebrew Encyclopedia. She has won several awards for academic legal research, including the Sussman Prize for Law (1989), the Zeltner Prize for Law (1991), and the Israel Bar Association prize (2003).

Shalev has written nine books and over one hundred articles in Hebrew and in English, and her contract law textbook is the standard textbook used in law schools and law offices throughout Israel.

Ambassador Shalev is also experienced in the public and private sectors, in addition to her prowess in academia. Prior to her appointment, she served as chairperson of the audit committees of Bank Hapo'almim and the Israel Electric Company, as well as on the boards of Ma'ariv; the Hadassah Medical Organisation, Fibi Holdings Co.; Koor Industries; Osem Investments; Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.; and Delek Ltd. Group.

The ADL was founded in the United States in 1913 to stop the defamation of the Jewish people. It seeks to ensure justice and fair treatment for all people and end unfair discrimination against any sect of citizens.