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**New Book by Dr. Joyce Starr - *"Israel's Impossible Era: The Human Element in U.S.-Israel Relations"* -
Helps Defuse Tensions in the U.S.-Israel Relationship**

April 24, 2015, Miami, Florida. [Israel's Impossible Era: The Human Element in U.S.-Israel Relations](#) by author Dr. Joyce Starr provides an insider's view of U.S.-Israel relations during the peace process era. First-hand interviews with Israeli giants and key players are dramatized by previously unpublished vignettes. "Israeli founders were never too weary to talk about bilateral relations or American foreign policy," Starr notes. The author also presents 70 rare photographs of Israeli and US leaders in "Kodak" moments.

Steeped in myths, hopes, quarrels, and frustrations, the "romantic" phase of American-Israeli relations began and ended with Israel's founding generation of leaders and the impossible feats they achieved. Starr contends that better understanding of cultural and personality clashes during this era – the human element – could help defuse tensions in the post-love affair, "mature" phase of bilateral relations. What did officials *really* say privately about their counterparts? How did Americans and Israelis describe the weaknesses and strengths of the other side? How were expectations dashed or fulfilled?

Survival, peace and dreams were at stake – an Israeli yearning for commitment versus American demands for respect. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned that Americans have no sense of humor. An American negotiator nearly had a heart attack during a tense session with Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. What really happened when the Jonathan Pollard spy scandal broke? Secretary of State George Shultz invited Prime Minister Shamir to his home for a breakfast of pancakes. What could go wrong? Why was Prime Minister Menachem Begin so admired by American diplomats?

As Don Sider of *Time Magazine* said about Dr. Joyce Starr's work, *"She has woven many diverse monologues into a chorus."* This book is a must-read for those who hope to strengthen frayed ties. Director of the Near East Studies Program of the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) for over a decade, Starr served in both Democratic and Republican Administrations. Sociologist and historian, she has authored numerous books on Israel and the Middle East while leading groundbreaking international projects.

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