The Shi’a Crescent: Myth and Reality
Is Iran creating a Shi’a Arab Crescent composed of Iraq, Bahrain, Kuwait and al-Hasa in Arabia – oil-producing countries – as well as Lebanon and Syria, threatening the Sunni Arab regimes?

Date: Oct. 16, 2006
Time: 6 p.m. ..........Reception
     6:45 p.m. .......Lecture
     8 p.m. ..........Q & A
Location: Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh

Israel and the Palestinians: War or Peace?
In the aftermath of the Lebanon War, is the military conflict between Israel and the Palestinians going to escalate, and what are the prospects for a peaceful settlement?

Date: Nov. 14, 2006
Time: 8:30 a.m. ..........Reception
     9 a.m. ..........Lecture
     10 a.m. ..........Q & A
Location: Sewall Center, Robert Morris University

Speaker: Moshe Ma’oz, Ph.D.

Ma’oz is a professor in history of the Middle East at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, where he has served as chair of the Institute of Asian and African Studies, director of the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, and chair of the Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies. He also served as assistant advisor to Prime Minister Ben Gurion on Arab affairs, advisor to the Knesset Committee for Foreign Affairs and Defense, advisor on Arab affairs to Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, and member of advisory committees on Arab-Israeli relations to Prime Ministers Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin.

Ma’oz holds a Ph.D. in history of the Middle East from St. Antony’s College, Oxford University, England, and has authored numerous books, articles and monographs on Israeli-Palestinian relations, political and social issues of the area, and integration and conflict. As RMU’s Rooney Visiting Scholar for Fall 2006, Ma’oz will work with the School of Communications and Information Systems on various research projects while sharing his valuable personal, professional and academic experiences with the RMU community.

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