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### **Former Ambassador to Israel to Speak at Montgomery College, Feb. 23**

*The Honorable Samuel W. Lewis Will Discuss "Arab-Israeli Peace: A Receding Horizon?"*

The Honorable Samuel W. Lewis, ambassador to Israel under Presidents Carter and Reagan from 1977-1985, will speak at Montgomery College's Theatre Arts Arena from 2–3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23. Ambassador Lewis will address the topic of "Arab-Israeli Peace: A Receding Horizon?" The Theatre Arts Arena is on Montgomery College's Rockville Campus, located at 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, Md. The event is free and open to the public.

Ambassador Lewis, a graduate of Yale and Johns Hopkins universities, spent 31 years as a career diplomat including tours of duty in Italy, Brazil, Afghanistan, Israel and Washington. He served as ambassador to Israel during the negotiation of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and the 1982 Lebanon War.

He also served as director of the Department of State's policy planning staff in 1993 and 1994. For the five years prior to his return to the State Department, he served as the first president and CEO of the United States Institute of Peace.

Lewis has been closely affiliated with the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, the Brookings Institution, the Johns Hopkins Foreign Policy Institute, and with research centers at Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Ambassador Lewis currently serves as a senior policy advisor to the Israel Policy Forum; and as board member of the American Academy of Diplomacy, Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Partners for Democratic Change and Search for Common Ground in the Middle East.

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