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ORANGE, Calif., Oct. 5, 2008 -- Acclaimed Israeli filmmaker Ilan Ziv will visit Chapman University the week of Oct. 13-17 to screen some of his documentaries for political science, peace studies and film classes. The public is invited to attend a pair of free screenings on Tuesday, Oct. 14 and Thursday, Oct. 16.

Ziv, born in Israel in 1950, came to the U.S. after fighting in the Yom Kippur War in 1973. He is a graduate of New York University's film school, and since 1980 he has devoted himself to creating documentary films, directing dozens of documentaries dealing with human rights and investigations of contemporary history. His most recent film, *Six Days, 1967: The War That Changed the Middle East*, opened theatrically in New York and was broadcast around the world in June. His many accolades include the Prix Europa (Europe's highest television award), the Silver Nymph and International Jury Award in Monte Carlo, the Cine Eagle in the United States, and the Best Documentary Award at Israel's Haifa International Film Festival.

The following screenings of Ziv's films are free and open to the public. For more information, the public can call 714-628-2767.

Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. – *Jesus Politics* (West Coast premiere)

Location: Folino Theatre, Marion Knott Studios, corner of Palm Ave. and Lemon St., Orange

Audience Q&A with filmmaker Ilan Ziv will follow the screening

In this film, Ziv meets with religious activists supporting the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates. *Jesus Politics* shows the efforts of Baptist activists for Obama, Catholics and evangelicals for McCain, and other groups. Through archival footage and interviews, the film provides a historical overview of religion in American politics, from the Great Awakening religious revivals in the 18th and 19th centuries, through 1960, when JFK asked voters to disregard his Catholic faith, through the rise of Jimmy Carter in 1976 as a "born again" Christian and the more recent rise of the Religious New Right. Sponsored by Chapman University's Department of Political Science.

Thursday, Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m. – *In the Name of the Victims*

Location: Irvine Lecture Hall, on the main Chapman University campus in Orange

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The World Jewish Congress and the Claims Conference have claimed and obtained hundreds of millions of dollars "in the name of the Jewish victims" of the Holocaust from Swiss banks, German companies and the German government. Ziv's explosive investigation follows three separate cases of Holocaust victims and their children who have been prevented from claiming their heritage because of the actions of the Claims Conference. In whose name are they acting? Can financial compensation bring closure to the sufferings caused by the traumatic events of history? Sponsored by Chapman University's Peace Studies Program.