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Avraham Burg is the youngest speaker ever in the history of the Israeli Knesset and is often referred to as one of the best speechmakers in politics.

ORANGE, Calif., March 30, 2005 Chapman University will host Avraham Burg, one of the most influential figures in Israeli politics and most recently noted for his pro-peace initiative, the Geneva Accord, Monday, April 4.

Burg's free lecture, starting at 7 p.m. in Beckman Hall 404, will address his views on how to approach the Middle East conflict and bring peace to the region.

Known for his strong support of peace in the Middle East and policy-making in Israel, Burg has a long record of activism. While he defends Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state, Burg holds the realist belief that whoever wants a full democracy with a Jewish majority cannot hold onto the entire land from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, because it is a land that has people of another nation with different national aspirations. I'm ready to go to a very long way to bring people together, from dialogue to acceptance and then compromise

The Geneva Accord proposed a negotiated peace agreement between Israeli and Palestinian leaders. Burg said that had the accord been approved by both governments, it would have resolved some of the thorniest issues of the Middle East conflicts and paved the way towards ending decades of bloodshed.

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