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## Avraham Burg, Former Speaker of Israel's Knesset, to Speak April 3

**Thursday, April 3**

**Lyon Conference Center, Argyros Forum 209**

**Avraham Burg, Former Speaker of Israel's Knesset**

**Struggling Toward Peace in a Time of Terror**

**7 p.m.**

Avraham Burg, former speaker of Israel's parliament, the Knesset, and controversial best-selling author (*God is Back, Defeating Hitler*) will give a talk entitled *Struggling Toward Peace in Times of Terror*. For more than 20 years Burg has been a leading figure in Israeli politics. After being wounded by a grenade in 1983 during a peace rally against the Lebanon war, Burg's rage against the state of affairs convinced him to get involved and make a difference. By the mid-1980s, he was Shimon Peres advisor on Diaspora Affairs and in 1988 was elected to the Knesset. In 1995 he took over as head of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). In 1999, at age 44, Burg was elected speaker of the Knesset the youngest speaker in its history. In a bold move that captivated national and international audiences, he became the first speaker to invite his Palestinian counterpart to address the Knesset. He has also written for such publications as *The Guardian* and *International Herald Tribune* and has appeared on various TV programs, including *Crossfire* and *The Early Show*. While defending Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state and protect its citizens, Burg is a straightforward realist; he says: "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. **Sponsored by the Peace Studies Program, Associated Students and the Office of Social Justice. Admission is free and open to the public. More information: 714-289-2050.**