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**FORMER CHIEF SPOKESPERSON FOR THE COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY IN
IRAQ, DAN SENOR TO SPEAK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

Gainesville, Fla.—Dan Senor, former Chief Spokesperson for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq and Senior Advisor to Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III, will speak on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the J. Wayne Reitz Union's Rion Ballroom at the University of Florida. His visit is free and open to the public, and Senor's appearance is co-sponsored by ACCENT Speaker's Bureau and Jewish Awareness Month. Doors open at 7 p.m. A brief press conference will take place promptly at 6:45 p.m. in room 235 of the Reitz Union. Proper credentials are required.

Senor served in the Middle East for 15 months as Senior Advisor to Presidential Envoy L. Paul Bremer III, the Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority. He rode into Baghdad on the first convoy of civilians into Iraq from Kuwait, less than two weeks after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime. Senor is one of the longest-serving American civilians in Iraq.

Senor received his undergraduate degree from the University of Western Ontario and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. After graduating from Harvard Business School, he worked for the Carlyle Group in Washington D.C. His speech tonight will address the current the situation in Iraq and the greater Middle East, noting the successes and challenges of the liberation of Iraq, the current state of the Iraqi government, the future of Iraq's fledgling democracy, and how it impacts America's interests in the broader Middle East and the War on Terror. Additionally, Senor will speak of his Jewish faith and the greater conflict in the middle east.

Jewish Awareness Month is an annual program taking place every March designed to enrich the lives of UF's Jewish students by providing them with fun, interesting, and hopefully enlightening programs about Judaism both as a culture and as a religion. JAM is also important to the non-Jewish students of Gainesville because it provides them with insight into a sometimes very different culture in a way that is exciting, enjoyable and non-intimidating. Through fascinating speakers, moving presentations and a lot of laughter, Jewish Awareness Month educates and engages both Jews and non-Jews about a very complex and beautiful religion and people.

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