

## **The Palestinian presidential elections of January 9, 2005**

In preparation of the Palestinian presidential elections of January 9, 2005, the Peace and Democracy Forum (PDF) AND the Palestinian Peace Coalition (PPC/GI) in corporation with (IR AM/M) held public meetings with key personalities in the Issawiyya area and in the old city to explain the importance of voting. The public was informed of the Israeli law and the Pal-Isr agreement pertaining to the participation of Palestinian residents in East Jerusalem.

The office helped journalists interview the new Israeli Minister of Interior (Offir Pires-Paz) who also classified the law regarding such participation and the interviews were published in Al- Quds and Al-Ayyam Arabic newspapers.

On election day the office setup a call in center to help overcome problems and the lawyer Daniel Seidemann was instrumental in following up matters on voting sites and through the call-in center.