

Dr. Ostrower to speak at David Howe Library on truth, myth, origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

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On Tuesday, Sep. 29, Alfred University History Professor Dr. Gary Ostrower will give a lecture discussing and analyzing the origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict from the late 19th century through the Six-Day War of 1967, which resulted in the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza by Israel. Admission is free to the event which begins at 7 p.m. in the Nancy Howe Auditorium at the David A. Howe Public Library, 155 N. Main St., Wellsville. This event is sponsored by the library and is open to everyone. Ostrower completed his undergraduate education at Alfred University where he studied under David M. Leach, a specialist in U.S. intellectual and diplomatic history. He then received both his master of arts and Ph.D. degrees in history from the University of Rochester studying under Akira Iriye. He served as the president of the Society for the Study of Internationalism from 1988-94, which promoted and publicized academic study in the field of international cooperation. He also served as mayor of Alfred from 1999 to 2005 after being a Republican member of the Village Board of Trustees for the previous 18 years. Ostrower has authored three books dealing with the history of international organization and also has contributed work to encyclopedias and historical journals such as International Organization and The Historian.