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## Speakers

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**Adv. Liat Aaronson** is the Executive Director of the Zell Entrepreneurship Program at the IDC Herzliya, a leading private university in Israel. Liat is also a director of StartUp Seeds, a young technology entrepreneurship incubator in Israel.

**Ms. Rawia Aburabia** is an attorney at the Association for Civil Rights in Israel. She joined ACRI's Arab Minority Rights Department in September 2009 as a New Israel Fund Civil Liberties Fellow. As one of only five female Bedouin attorneys in Israel, she has been at the forefront of several civil rights initiatives, many of which focused on Bedouin women's rights. In addition, Ms. Aburabia is Israel's premier expert on polygamy in Negev Bedouin society, having completed her MA thesis, "Redefining Polygamy among the Palestinian Bedouins in Israel: Colonialism, Patriarchy and Resistance", on this issue. Prior to joining ACRI, Ms. Aburabia advocated for the individual and collective rights of Bedouin, particularly Bedouin women, in various government ministries, including the Prime Minister's Office, the Israeli Attorney General Office's Civil Department, and the Ministry of Justice, as well as through civil rights organizations such as Yedid. In addition, Ms. Aburabia is an active member of the international board of the Abraham Fund Initiatives, the Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality, and the Van Leer Institute Women's Working Group. She holds a BA degree in law and social work and an LL.M. from American University.

**Mr. Shai Agassi** is an Israeli entrepreneur. He is the founder and former CEO of Better Place, which developed a model and infrastructure for employing electric cars as an alternative to fossil fuel technology. Prior to founding Better Place, Agassi was President of the Products and Technology Group (PTG) at SAP AG until 2007. Throughout the 90s, Agassi successfully started and sold a number of technology startups in the areas of enterprise software, internet technology, multimedia and small business administration. Agassi has a BA degree in computer science and has been awarded a large number of patents in software, automotive and energy infrastructure.

**Mr. Ashraf al Ajrami** is the former Minister of Prisoners Affairs for the Palestinian Authority and an author and researcher who most recently published a book entitled "The Religious Media Rhetoric and Human Rights." Following the establishment of the Palestinian Authority, Al-Ajrami worked at the Information Ministry as Director of Israeli Affairs and later became Deputy Director of the external media. He played an active role in the Palestinian resistance and spent 12 years in Israeli prisons from 1984 to 1996.

**Prof. Jon B. Alterman** is the Zbigniew Brzezinski Chair in Global Security and Geostrategy and is director of the Middle East Program at CSIS, the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Prior to joining CSIS in 2002, he served as a member of the Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State and as a special assistant to the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs. He is a member of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel and served as an expert adviser to the Iraq Study Group (also known as the Baker-Hamilton Commission). In addition to his policy work, he teaches Middle Eastern studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and at George Washington University. Before entering government, he was a scholar at the U.S. Institute of Peace and at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. From 1993 to 1997, Alterman was an award-winning teacher at Harvard University, where he received his Ph.D. in history.

**Maj. Gen. (res.) Yaakov Amidror** is a former Major General and National Security Advisor of Israel, and was also the head of the Research Department of Israeli military intelligence. He has recently joined the BESA Center as the Anne and Greg Rosshandler Senior Fellow. Major General Yaacov Amidror served with the Israel Defense Forces for 36 years (1966-2002). During his military career, General Amidror was commander of the IDF Military Colleges, military secretary to the Minister of Defense, director of the Intelligence Analysis Division (responsible for the annual National Intelligence Assessment) in IDF Military Intelligence, head of a large scale technology project, intelligence chief of the Northern Command, and head of the "Devil's Advocate" branch of

Military Intelligence. Since retiring from the armed forces, General Amidror has published *Reflections on Army and Security* (Hebrew); and *Intelligence, Theory and Practice* (Hebrew), along with journal articles on strategy and intelligence matters.

**Mr. Michael Auerbach** was Vice President at Control Risks, a global risk consultancy firm, prior to joining Albright Stonebridge Group. Control Risks acquired Michael's previous firm, chaired by the late Theodore C. Sorensen, Social Risks in 2009. Michael has also worked for a number of blue chip new media companies including Viacom, Pseudo Programs, and Cable & Wireless. From there, Michael founded, and raised significant venture capital for, a technology incubator, Panopticon, Inc. Michael also held senior positions at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C. and The Century Foundation in New York where he concentrated on issues related to U.S. foreign policy, national security, and peace. Michael is a Term Member at the Council on Foreign Relations; National Security Fellow at the Truman National Security Project; Advisory Board Member to the Sorensen Center for International Peace and Justice at CUNY School of Law; and an Advisory Board Member at J-Street.

**Prof. Shlomo Avineri** is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He served as the Director General of the Foreign Ministry during Yitzhak Rabin's first government. He has also held many academic administrative positions, including Head of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University, Director of the Eshkol Institute for Research on Economic, Policy and Society in Israel, Dean of the Social Sciences Faculty, and Director of the Institute for European Studies. Prof. Avineri has held visiting positions at Yale, Cornell, and Oxford Universities, and in a number of research institutes around the world. He is the 1996 Israel Prize Laureate, and has published many books, including "The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx" (1968), "Hegel's Theory of the Modern State" (1972), and "Herzl - An Intellectual Biography" (2008). He graduated from the Hebrew University and the London School of Economics, and holds a Ph.D. in political science.

**Dr. Eitan Azani** currently serves as deputy executive director of the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya. He is a Colonel (Res.) in the Israel Defense Forces, with operational, research and academic experience in counter-terrorism in the regional and international arenas. As part of his position at ICT, Dr. Azani maintains working relations and advises both private and government entities on counter-terrorism issues. Dr. Azani lectures at the School of Government and Politics at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya and additional security and organizational establishments in Israel and abroad. Eitan Azani obtained his B.A. in Economy, Political Science and Geography at Bar-Ilan University, Israel and his M.A. (with honors) in the Security and Strategy Studies Program of Tel-Aviv University. Dr. Azani's Ph.D. dissertation for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was entitled "The Development of Revolutionary Islamic Movements a case study of Hezbollah."

**Lt. Gen. (res.) Ehud Barak** is the most highly decorated Israeli general, a former Prime Minister, Chief of Staff, and Defense Minister. In 1968 Barak completed a BA degree in Physics and Mathematics at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and in 1987, a MA degree in Systems Analysis at Stanford University in California.

**Mr. Rafael L. Bardají** was a former Spanish National Security Advisor to Prime Minister Aznar and is Director of the Friends of Israel Initiative. He also held the positions of Director of International Policy and Foreign and Security Policy Advisor to former President of the Government of Spain, José María Aznar, at the FAES Foundation. Rafael helped to create the Spanish think tank Real Instituto Elcano, was the senior Executive Advisor to the Spanish Defense Minister, is on the advisory board of the Special Operations command at NATO, and is a member of various private sector boards.

**MK Omer Bar-Lev** is an Israeli politician and member of the Labor party. He is a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and head of the subcommittee on human resources and army training. In 1971, he joined the IDF and served as a fighter and as a team commander in Sayeret Matkal. He participated in both the Savoy Hotel and "Jonathan" operations, among others.

**Prof. Amir Barnea** is the former Dean and Founder of the Arison School of Business at IDC Herzliya. He is Professor Emeritus in Business Administration at Tel Aviv University. He currently serves in a number of senior positions in the Israeli business world, on public committees at the Bank of Israel and the Ministry of Finance, and at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Prof. Barnea is a former visiting professor at a number of universities, including Cornell University, Rice University in Texas, and New York University. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Policy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya. He holds a Ph.D. in finance and managerial economics from Cornell University.

**Ms. Zviya Baron** is the Principal at Petro Quantum, a Dutch based energy consultancy firm, serving as the Director of Alternative Energy, and leads this activity in Israel and internationally. She guides ongoing efforts to leverage the economic development of Israel through energy innovation. She is currently serving as the "in-house" advisor to the Energy Committee at the Israeli National R&D Council, which is aimed at promoting energy research and development. She also directs projects with corporations on various energy innovation strategy programs. Prior to heading Petro Quantum's alternative energy practice, Ms. Baron served as the CEO of an alternative fuels start up. In addition, she served as a consultant to various Israeli and Dutch entrepreneurs and start-up companies on marketing and business development strategies. Ms. Baron earned her MBA at the Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University in the Netherlands.

**Mr. Allan Hanoch Barkat** is the CEO of Dualis - Israel Social Venture Fund. Previously, he served as Managing Director of Apex Partners Israel, one of the world's leading private equity investment groups. Under his guidance, Apex's role included early-stage hi tech investments and transactions such as the acquisition of the controlling interest in Bezeq – a deal Apex concluded together

with the Saban Group and Arkin Communications. Before Apax, Allan was VP of Marketing and Sales at DSP Corporation, which was later purchased by Intel. He was also CEO of the Japanese office of DSPG. During the last few years Allan has chosen to focus on social projects, where he has combined his broad experience with social initiatives: he has served as Chairman of the Ness Fund, which granted loans to businesses in the Negev; was board member of a number of NPOs and served as a mentor for businesses in the Northern area of Israel. These ventures led him to believe that there is an opportunity and a real need to encourage social entrepreneurs to create profitable social businesses. Allan Barkat has a B.Sc in Computer Science from the Technion and an MBA from the international Kellogg-Recanati Program.

**The Honorable Han ten Broeke** is a member of the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy in the Netherlands. He has been an MP since November 30, 2006. He focuses on matters of foreign affairs and the Dutch defense. Ten Broeke studied political science with a specialization in international relations at Leiden University.

**Prof. Gabriel Ben-Dor** is a professor of political science at the University of Haifa's School of Political Science. He previously served as Head of the School, Head of the National Security Research Center, Rector of the University, and President of the Israel Political Science Association. He chaired two Governmental Commissions on Druze Education, and was the Chairman of the Governmental Committee of the Development of Infrastructure of Social Sciences in Israel. He has published seven books and over 120 articles on Middle Eastern politics, civil-military relations, conflict resolution, and ethnic politics. He holds a PhD in political science and Middle East Studies from Princeton University.

**Dr. Ayelet Ben-Ezer** is the Vice President for Student Affairs at IDC Herzliya. She has served as a faculty member and a lecturer at the Radzyner Law School at IDC Herzliya, the Law Faculty at Haifa University, and as a lecturer at the Law Faculty at Tel Aviv University. Dr. Ben-Ezer serves as an External Director at Dan Company for Public Transportation Ltd. and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Policy and Strategy at the IDC Herzliya. She served as an External Director at Koor Industries Ltd., Chairman of the Audit Committee, Chairman of the Financial Statements Review Committee, Chairman of the Merging Committee, and as a member of the Investment Committee. In addition she served as a Director at Tirat Zvi Ltd. and as a Director at Tnuva Galil LTD. She holds a Ph.D. in Law from Tel Aviv University.

**Ms. Gila Ben-Har** is the Executive Director of CET, the Center for Educational Technology. Ms. Ben-Har received both her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Bar-Ilan University specializing in curriculum, educational administration and technology in education. Ms. Ben Har's previous position was head of the Education, Culture and Sport Administration in the Municipality of Tel-Aviv-Jaffa, where she directed the planning and implementation of educational policy for four years. CET, the Center for Educational Technology, which Ben Har heads, is a non-profit organization that has been working to promote education in Israel over the past four decades, and is the leading player in the development and introduction of both printed and digital content for teaching, learning and assessment. She is a member of the first graduating class at the Mandel School for Educational Leadership in Jerusalem. During her studies, Ms. Ben Har researched new trends, decentralization and centralization of the education system, and the place of the education system in local government.

**Maj. Gen. (res.) Prof. Isaac Ben-Israel** is the Chairman of the Israel National Council for Research and Development and a professor at the Strategic Studies Program and the Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas at Tel Aviv University. He is the Chairman of the Israeli Space Agency, and a former Member of Knesset for Kadima. He served in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) for over 30 years in various roles, including: Head of the Research Branch of Air Force Intelligence, Head of Research and Development for both the IDF and the Ministry of Defense, and Head of Military R&D (MAFAT) at the Ministry of Defense. He has published numerous books and articles on military and security issues, and is a two-time recipient of the Israel Defense Prize. He holds a Ph.D. in the philosophy of science from Tel Aviv University.

**MK Naftali Bennett** is an Israeli politician. He is the Minister of the Economy, and the leader of the right-wing political party The Jewish Home, as well as the extra-parliamentary movement My Israel. After serving in the Sayeret Matkal and Maglan special forces units, Bennett became a software entrepreneur. In 1999, he co-founded and co-owned the encryption and network security software company Cyota. He has also served as CEO of Soluto, a cloud computing service. From 2006 until 2008 Mr. Bennett served as Chief of Staff for Benjamin Netanyahu. In 2011, together with Ayelet Shaked, he co-founded the My Israel extra-parliamentary movement.

**Mr. Ron Ben-Yishai** is a commentator and reporter on military affairs for Yedioth Ahronoth and Ynet. He has held various senior positions in the print and electronic media including Chief Editor of Davar newspaper, a correspondent for Time, editor of numerous in depth interviews and research broadcasts on Israeli Channels 1 and 2, Yediot Aharonot's Political Correspondent in Washington, Special Assignment Correspondent for Yedioth Ahronoth, and Commander and Chief of the Israeli Army Radio. Mr. Ben-Yishai received various prizes for his work, including the Kinor David Award for Best Documentary in 1978, and a lifetime achievement award at the Eilat News Conference in 2008. He holds a B.A. in economics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**The Honorable Samuel R. (Sandy) Berger** is Chair of Albright Stonebridge Group, and is actively involved across the firm's engagements and regions, with a strong focus on Asia, Russia, Central Asia, and the Middle East. Drawing on experiences at the highest levels of government and in the private sector, Mr. Berger helps clients successfully navigate emerging economies and beyond. Mr. Berger has had a distinguished career in both the public and private sectors. From 1997-2001, he served as National Security Advisor to President Bill Clinton. In that capacity, Mr. Berger drove policy across a range of issues – the fight against

terrorism; Iraq; advancing the peace process in the Middle East; and strengthening the U.S. relationship with India and China, among others. Previously, he served as Deputy National Security Advisor during President Clinton's first term; as director of national security for the 1992 Clinton-Gore Transition; and as Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to Governor Clinton during the 1992 presidential campaign.

**Dr. Ronen Bergman** is a Senior Correspondent for Military and Intelligence Affairs for *Yedioth Ahronoth*, Israel's largest circulated daily newspaper and is also a contributing writer for the *New York Times Magazine* – writing extensively on Middle Eastern politics and affairs. Dr. Bergman is frequently interviewed by major US broadcasting and cable networks, the BBC, and Al-Jazeera. Dr. Bergman is the author of five bestselling Hebrew language non-fiction books, covering topics that range from government corruption and conflict in the Middle East to Israel's POWs and MIAs, the Iranian nuclear project, and Mossad activities. Throughout his journalistic career, Dr. Bergman has championed the causes of freedom of information and freedom of the press, often taking his battles with the Israeli security establishment to the courts in order to protect the public's right to know. These campaigns and the publications of his stories did not go unnoticed; Dr. Bergman is a recipient of several Israeli and International journalism awards. Dr. Bergman also received a PhD with distinction in History and International Relations from Cambridge University

**Mr. Meir Brand** is a member of Google's management team for SEEMEA (Southern and Eastern Europe, Middle East, and Africa) and is Managing Director for Israel, Greece and South Africa. Meir joined Google in September 2005 when he was appointed to set up and lead Google's operation in Israel as Country Director for Google Israel. Under his leadership, Google Israel grew to become the leading advertising platform in Israel. Since December 2009, he has also led the Greek and South African offices, both of which are currently undergoing substantial growth. To date, the company has almost 350 employees in these three countries in the various business and R&D centers. Meir has a 14 year successful track record as a business and marketing executive with leading global companies such as: Microsoft, Booz Allen & Hamilton and P&G. An experienced internet veteran, Meir joined his first internet company in 1999 as Business Development Manager at Excite@Home. He later moved to ICQ (formerly of AOL Group) as VP of Sales and Marketing. Meir holds an M.B.A. from Harvard University Graduate School of Business (Honors) and a B.A. in Economics from Tel Aviv University (Magna Cum Laude) and speaks English, Hebrew, Portuguese, and Spanish.

**The Honorable Dr. Ralf Brauksiepe** is a German politician and member of the conservative CDU party. Since the 1998 election, he has been a member of the Bundestag. Studying on a scholarship by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Brauksiepe earned his B.A. diploma in 1990 and his Ph.D. in 1995 from the Ruhr University Bochum. Between 1996 and 1998 he was a research assistant in Bochum.

**Dr. Oded Brosh** is a senior research fellow at the Institute for Policy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya. Currently a lecturer at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy of the IDC, Dr. Brosh previously taught at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and at Ben-Gurion University. He served as senior analyst at the Prime Minister's Office. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from the Hebrew University and completed postdoctoral studies at Harvard University. His research and teaching focus is on the issues of deterrence, strategy, WMD proliferation, and the Iranian crisis.

**Brig. Gen. Itai Brun** is currently heading the research division in the Israeli intelligence. Prior to this, he served as head of the Israel Defense Forces' Center for Interdisciplinary Military Studies. Before assuming that position in September 2006, he served as an analyst in the intelligence community, with special responsibility for political-strategic assessments and methodology. From 2001 to 2004, he headed the Analysis Department of Israeli Air Force Intelligence. In 1995-96, he served as an assistant to the legal adviser in the Israeli Ministry of Defense. He has published various articles on intelligence and air power, gives lectures at conferences on military and security related issues, and contributes articles and essays on topics such as the changing character of war and the role of intelligence in warfare. General Brun is a graduate of the IDF Command and Staff College and he also holds a B.A. degree in law studies from the University of Haifa and an M.A. degree in political science from the University of Tel Aviv. He was admitted to the Israeli Bar in 1996.

**Dr. Amnon Cavari** is a lecturer at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya. He earned his L.L.B. and M.A. in political science from Hebrew University, and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Cavari's primary interest is in American politics with a focus on the presidency, public opinion and political parties.

**Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman** is the Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy at CSIS. During his time at CSIS, he has completed a wide variety of studies on energy, U.S. strategy and defense plans, the lessons of modern war, defense programming and budgeting, NATO modernization, Chinese military power, proliferation, counterterrorism, armed nation building, security in the Middle East, and the Afghan and Iraq conflicts. Cordesman has traveled frequently to Afghanistan and Iraq to consult for MNF-I, ISAF, U.S. commands, and U.S. embassies on the wars in those countries, and he was a member of the Strategic Assessment Group that assisted General Stanley McChrystal in developing a new strategy for Afghanistan in 2009. He frequently acts as a consultant to the U.S. State Department, Defense Department, and intelligence community and has worked with U.S. officials on counterterrorism and security areas in a number of Middle East countries.

**Amb. Ran Curiel** is Deputy Director General for Western Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Previously he served as Israeli Ambassador to Greece, Counselor at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and as a member of the Israeli Delegation to the UN General Assembly. Ambassador Curiel holds an M.A. in European Studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and is a graduate of the National Security College.

**Mr. Henrique Cymerman** is a Portuguese Middle East news correspondent and winner of the 2012 Daniel Pearl Award, awarded by the ADL. Mr. Cymerman moved to Israel alone when he was 16 and graduated from Tel Aviv University with a degree in psychology. Mr. Cymerman holds an M.A. in Political Science and Sociology from Tel Aviv University.

**Mr. Jonathan Davis** is the Vice President for External Relations and Head of the Raphael Recanati International School, IDC Herzliya. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism. He previously served as Director of the Division for Development and Public Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Mr. Davis held a number of positions at the Jewish Agency, including the Managing Director of the National Company for Absorption and Immigration and emissary in Cape Town, Boston, and Rome. He received an M.A. in economics from Tel Aviv University.

**Mr. Dani Dayan** is the Former Chairman of the Council of the Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria (YESHA) and currently serves as its Chief Foreign Envoy. He established Elad Systems, where he served as CEO and Chairman. He continues to invest in high-tech companies and lectures at the Ariel University Center of Samaria. He holds an M.Sc in finance from Tel Aviv University.

**Prof. Alan M. Dershowitz** is a Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. Dershowitz, a graduate of Brooklyn College and Yale Law School, joined the Harvard Law School faculty at age 25 after clerking for Judge David Bazelon and Justice Arthur Goldberg. In 1983, the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith presented him with the William O. Douglas First Amendment Award for his "compassionate eloquent leadership and persistent advocacy in the struggle for civil and human rights." In presenting the award, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel said: "If there had been a few people like Alan Dershowitz during the 1930s and 1940s, the history of European Jewry might have been different." Professor Dershowitz has been awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree by Yeshiva University, Brooklyn College, Syracuse University, Tel Aviv University, New York City College, Haifa University and several other institutions of learning. He has also been the recipient of numerous academic awards including a Guggenheim Fellowship for his work on human rights, a fellowship at The Center for The Advanced Study of Behavioral Sciences and several Dean's Awards for his books.

**Mr. Fabrizio Di Michele** is a Member of the European External Action Service at the EU Council.

**H.E. José Manuel Durão Barroso** is the 11th and current President of the European Commission. He served as Prime Minister of Portugal from 2002 until 2004. He has held teaching positions at the Law Faculty of the University of Lisbon, in the Department of Political Science of the University of Geneva, and served as visiting professor at the Department of Government and School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. In 1995, he became Head of the International Relations Department of Lusíada University, Lisbon. In 1979, he founded the University Association for European Studies. He served as President of the Social Democratic Party, Vice President of the European People's Party, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

**Mr. Miroslav Dusek** is the Director and Head of the Middle East and North Africa, World Economic Forum. Mirek holds a B.A. in Political Science from Charles University in Prague, and concurrently, he obtained an Arabic language certificate at the Kuwait University. He also holds an M.A. in International Studies from the University of Reading in the UK. Formerly, he was Director at the American Information Center of the US Embassy in Prague, where he was responsible for public information programmes. Later on, he was a Public Diplomacy Specialist at the US Embassy in Baghdad, where he managed relations with Iraqi media and worked on a number of education and cultural projects. He joined the Global Leadership Fellows Programme in 2007, focusing on the Middle East and North Africa. Since 2011, he is the head of the region, responsible for the Forum's MENA summits and as well as for the Arab Business Council, among other engagements.

**Prof. Zvi Eckstein** is the Dean of the School of Economics at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya and the former Deputy Governor of the Bank of Israel. He is a member of the Faculty of the Eitan Berglas School of Economics at Tel Aviv University, and formerly held a position as the Head of the School of Economics. He served as a visiting professor at Yale, Carnegie Mellon, University of Pittsburgh, and Boston University. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Minnesota.

**MK Yuli (Yoel) Edelstein** is currently the speaker of the Knesset. Yuli Edelstein was born in 1958 in Chernovitz, Ukraine (part of the former USSR). He studied foreign languages at the Moscow Institute for Teacher Training. A former aliya activist and Hebrew teacher in Moscow and a Prisoner of Zion (1984-1987), he immigrated to Israel in 1987 where he served as Vice President of the Zionist Forum in Israel (1988-1996). In 1990 he graduated from the Jerusalem Fellows Program, and from 1990-93 was a Department Head at the Melitz Center for Zionist Education. In 1993-1994 he served as an advisor to then opposition leader MK Benjamin Netanyahu. He was a founding member of Yisrael ba-Aliya in 1996, and has been a member of Knesset since then, serving as a member of the House Committee, the Committee on the Status of Women, the Committee for Immigration, Absorption, and Diaspora Affairs, the Education and Culture Committee, the Internal Affairs and Environment Committee, the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee, and the State Control Committee. Yuli Edelstein served as Minister of Immigrant

Absorption, and as Deputy Minister of Immigrant Absorption. In March 2009, Edelstein was appointed Minister of Public Affairs and the Diaspora, serving until March 2013, when he was elected Speaker of the Knesset.

**Dr. Israel Elad-Altman** is a senior research fellow at the Institute for Policy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya. He has held a number of senior governmental positions both in Israel and abroad. A former lecturer at Tel Aviv University, Dr. Elad-Altman was also a research fellow at its Shiloah Institute for Middle Eastern Studies. He holds a Ph.D. in Islamic studies from the University of California.

**Prof. Yuval Elovici** is the director of the Telekom Innovation Laboratories at Ben-Gurion University, head of the Cyber Security Labs and a Professor at the Department of Information Systems Engineering of Ben-Gurion University. He holds B.Sc and M.Sc degrees in Computer and Electrical Engineering from the Ben-Gurion University, and a Ph.D in Information Systems from Tel Aviv University. He served as the head of the Software Engineering program at Ben-Gurion University for two and a half years. Prof. Elovici also professionally consults in the area of cyber security. In the last eight years he has led the cooperation between Ben-Gurion University and Deutsche Telekom. In addition, he has published more than 55 referred journal papers in leading journals, published over 100 papers in various conferences and co-authored a book on social network security and a book on information leakage detection and prevention. His main research interests are Computer and Network Security, Cyber Security, Web Intelligence, Information Warfare, Social Network Analysis and Machine Learning.

**Brig. Gen. Eitan Eshel** is head of R&D at the Directorate of Defense R&D, where he managed the R&D and FSD programs in different areas. He previously served as the head of the Electronic and EW systems division, the head of the UAV program, head of Radar branch in the Israel missile defense organization, and in various positions in the detection and identification branch. He did his B.Sc in electronic engineering at Tel Aviv University, and a MBA in business management and technology management at Tel Aviv University.

**Mr. Eran Etzion** is head of Policy Planning at MFAMr. Etzion is a career diplomat. He joined the Israeli Foreign Service in 1992 and completed its Cadets Course. He went on to become the Advisor to the Foreign Ministry Director General, a position he held from 1994 to 1996. In that capacity, he was directly involved in numerous peace negotiations and regional economic issues with the Palestinians, Syrians and others. In 1996 he was appointed Israel's Consul to the Pacific Northwest, based in San Francisco. In 2000, he was appointed Chief of Staff of Israel's National Security Council (NSC), a position he held until 2004. In this capacity, he was involved in a wide array of defense, foreign policy, homeland security and domestic policy issues. He was part of the core planning group for the Gaza Disengagement plan, participated in numerous interagency projects, cabinet meetings, strategic dialogues and international negotiations. In 2004 he was appointed Deputy Head of the NSC, in charge of the Foreign Policy Division. In this capacity, Mr. Etzion was responsible for policy planning and policy coordination processes in the Prime Minister's Office on a wide variety of issues. Under Mr. Etzion's leadership, the foreign policy department of the NSC dealt with policy matters regarding the Palestinian Authority, Syria, Turkey and other key Middle Eastern countries. It was also in charge of policy planning vis-a-vis the U.S., the EU, Russia, China and other major international actors. In May 2008, Mr. Etzion was nominated as Head of Policy Planning in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this capacity he has led a first-ever comprehensive "net assessment" of Israel's foreign policy, as well as the formulation of the Ministry's annual strategic goals. Mr. Etzion holds a B.A. (with honors) in Philosophy and Far Eastern studies and an M.B.A..

**Prof. Amitai Etzioni** served as a Professor of Sociology at Columbia University for 20 years, part of that time as the Chairman of the department. He was a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution in 1978 before serving as a Senior Advisor to the White House on domestic affairs from 1979-1980. In 1980, Etzioni was named the first University Professor at The George Washington University, where he is the Director of the Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies. From 1987-1989, he served as the Thomas Henry Carroll Ford Foundation Professor at the Harvard Business School. Etzioni served as the president of the American Sociological Association in 1994-95, and in 1989-90 was the founding president of the International Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. In 1990, he founded the Communitarian Network, a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to shoring up the moral, social and political foundations of society. He was the editor of *The Responsive Community: Rights and Responsibilities*, the organization's quarterly journal, from 1991-2004. In 1991, the press began referring to Etzioni as the 'guru' of the communitarian movement. Professor Etzioni received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley.

**H.E. Lars Faaborg-Andersen** Prior to taking up his position in September 2013 as Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the State of Israel, Ambassador-designate Lars Faaborg-Andersen had a distinguished career, spanning almost thirty years in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In recent years, a series of appointments also brought him into close contact with Middle East issues, including the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP). From 2000-2003, he headed the Ministry's Middle East and North Africa Department and during the Danish EU Presidency in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2002, he was the author of the original "Road Map for the MEPP" that was eventually approved by the Quartet on 22.12.02. As Denmark's designated Middle East Envoy, he also worked closely during this period with European Union Special Representative Miguel Moratinos. Middle East issues also appeared regularly on the agenda during his term as Deputy Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations (2003-2008) and, most recently, as Ambassador and Representative of Denmark to the Political and Security Committee (PSC) of the EU in Brussels (2008-2013). Here he was involved in every aspect of EU policy making on the Middle East.

**Mr. Moshe Fadlon** is Mayor of Herzliya. From 1994 to 2006 Fadlon was the director of city improvement (Shefa) in the Herzliya municipality, and from 2006 to 2013 was director of maintenance, security and logistics. Fadlon earned a B.A. in Political Science, Government and Politics, and an M.A. Public Administration from the University of Haifa.

**Amb. Yury Fedotov** was appointed as the Russian Federation Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Director-General of the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV) on 9 July 2010. He holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. Prior to his current position, Mr. Fedotov served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Court of St. James's in London for five years. Mr. Fedotov started his foreign service in 1972 as a member of the U.S.S.R. delegation to the United Nations Disarmament Committee in Geneva. He subsequently took up a number of diplomatic assignments in Moscow, as well as at the Embassies in Algeria and India.

**Dr. Karnit Flug** is the Governor of the Bank of Israel. Dr. Flug previously served as Deputy Governor of the Bank of Israel from July 2011, when she was appointed to the post by the Israeli Government. From July 2013 until November 2013, Dr. Flug served as Acting Governor of the Bank of Israel. Dr. Flug received her M.A. (cum laude) in Economics from the Hebrew University in 1980, and her Ph.D. in Economics from Columbia University in 1985. Dr. Flug has served on a number of public and government committees, including the Committee on Increasing Competitiveness in the Economy, the Committee for Social and Economic Change ("the Trajtenberg Committee"), the Committee for the Defense Budget ("the Brodet Committee"), and the Committee to Study Raising the Retirement Age for Women.

**Abraham H. Foxman** is the National Director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) since 1987 and is world-renowned as a leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry and discrimination. He is the co-author of *Viral Hate: Containing Its Spread on the Internet* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013) and author of *Jews & Money: The Story of a Stereotype* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), *The Deadliest Lies: The Israel Lobby and the Myth of Jewish Control* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007) and *Never Again? The Threat of the New Anti-Semitism* (HarperSanFrancisco, 2003). In the forefront of major issues of the day, including the rise of global anti-Semitism, the war on terrorism, church/state issues, religious intolerance and issues relating to the Holocaust, he consistently speaks out against hatred and violence wherever they occur. Mr. Foxman regularly confers with elected officials and community leaders here and abroad. He has had consultations in Europe, Russia, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, China, Japan, South Africa and Argentina, and with Palestinian leaders, on problems of ethnic hatred, violence, terrorism and promoting democracy. He has had six audiences with Pope John Paul II, four with Pope Benedict XVI, and recently met with the newly installed Pope Francis.

**Mr. Gideon Frank** has been involved with research and development for the Israel government and the business sectors, management and international nuclear policy and non-proliferation issues. Mr. Frank obtained his B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering and M.Sc. in Nuclear Sciences from the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology. After joining the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, he worked at the Research Reactor in Soreq Nuclear Research Center. Since 1990 he served in the Israel Atomic Energy headquarters and later became the Director General of the IAEA. Mr. Frank's international experience includes Scientific Counselor to the Israeli Embassy in Washington representing Israel as head of delegation in international conferences. Mr. Frank is currently the Vice Chair of the Board of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission.

**Prof. Jacob A. Frenkel** is Chairman of JPMorgan Chase International, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Group of Thirty (G-30), and Former Governor of the Bank of Israel. As the Governor of the Bank of Israel, he is credited with reducing inflation, liberalizing Israel's financial markets, and integrating the Israeli economy into the global financial system. He was a Vice Chairman of AIG, Chairman of Merrill Lynch International, Inc., Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Prof. Frenkel was a David Rockefeller Professor of international economics at the University of Chicago, where he earned his Ph.D. in economics.

**Mr. Roland Freudenstein** worked as a research fellow at the German Council on Foreign Relations, until he became a member of the foreign and security planning staff of the European Commission in Brussels in the 1990s. Subsequently, he became the director of the Warsaw office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and later held a leading function in the Foundation's central office in Berlin. After coming back to Brussels in 2004, he represented the German city state of Hamburg to the European Union. He is now, since 2008, Head of Research and Deputy Director of the Brussels-based Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies. He has contributed to debates and published extensively on European integration, international security, German-Polish relations, global democracy support and, recently, about the changes in the Middle East.

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**Mr. Eyal Gabbai** was the Director-General of the Israeli Prime Minister's Office from 2009 to 2011. He served as director of the Government Companies Authority and the Israeli branch director of the Australian investment firm Babcock & Brown. Gabbai's public service career began in 1996, after completing his graduate degree in Business Administration, when he was appointed as the advisor to Justice Minister Tzachi Hanegbi. Gabbai served in that capacity until 1998, when he was appointed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to head the economics division of the Prime Minister's Office. After Netanyahu's loss in the May 1999 elections, Gabbai entered the private market, serving as Vice President of Business Development and International Relations at Bezeq International under CEO Uri Yosev from 1999-2001.

**Dr. Boaz Ganor** is the Ronald Lauder Chair for Counter-Terrorism, the Deputy Dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy, and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Founder and Executive Director of the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), and Head of the Terrorism and Homeland Security Studies program at the IDC. He is also the founder and President of the International Academic Counter-Terrorism Community (ICTAC). He is a member of a number of international advisory committees. He served as a consultant on counter-terrorism for the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Defense, the National Security Council, and the Ministry of Transportation. He has published a number of books and holds a Ph.D. in political science from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

**Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz** is the Chief of General Staff of the Israel Defense Forces. He held many senior command and staff positions including Deputy Chief of Staff, Defense Attaché to the U.S., Commander of GOC Army Headquarters, Commander of the Northern Command, and Commander of the Judea and Samaria Division. He holds an M.A. in political science from Haifa University and an M.A. in management of national resources from the National Defense University.

**Maj. Gen. (res.) Amos Gilead** is the Director of the Political-Military Affairs Bureau at Israel's Ministry of Defense. He served as the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories. He also served as Director of the Research Branch of the Intelligence Division of the Israel Defense Forces and as the IDF Spokesman.

**Dr. Erez Gilad** is a Post Doctoral Research Associate and member of the Mathematical Biology Research Group at Royal Holloway, headed by Professor Vincent Jansen. He obtained his B.Sc in Physics in 2001 and his Ph.D in Theoretical Physics in 2006, from Ben-Gurion University, under the supervision of Professor Ehud Meron. In August, 2006 he joined the EPSRC-funded project AMORPH: Amorphous Computing, Random Graphs and Complex Biological Networks. His research interests include the dynamics of epidemic on networks, or more specifically, the dynamical processes of the spread of a disease on different types of networks (e.g. social networks, computer networks) and the effects of the underlying network's topology on the spreading process and the outbreak dynamics of an epidemic. In addition, his research studies how information, which can also spread across the network, can interact with the dynamics of the disease and alter it.

**Prof. Galia Golan** is the Founder and Head of the M.A. Specialization in Diplomacy and Conflict Studies at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya. She specializes in international crises, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and current political issues. She was the Chairperson of the Department of Political Science, the Darwin Professor of Soviet and East European Studies, and the Chairperson of the Lafer Center for Women's Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She was a consultant to the Israel Defense Forces and the Foreign Ministry, and is the author of nine books on international relations and the Middle East. Professor Golan is a member of the editorial boards of the Israel Journal of Foreign Policy, the International Feminist Journal of Politics, and the Journal of Communist and Post-Communist Studies. Professor Golan is a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Policy and Strategy at IDC Herzliya. She is the recipient of the Israel Political Science Association Award for Lifetime Achievement, and holds a Ph.D. from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

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**Adv. Zvi Hauser** is the Former Israeli Cabinet secretary under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He served as media adviser to the ministry of communication, and head of the council of 'Cable and Satellite Broadcasting'. He was a partner at Goldferb-Levi-Eran-Meiri law firm, and served as a director for Dori media group. In the public sphere he was a board member of Namal Tel Aviv, Public Council to memorialize Herzl, and a member of a committee to preserve sites in Israel. Between 2009 and 2013, he served as the Cabinet secretary. Mr. Hauser received his L.L.B. from Tel Aviv University.

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**MK Isaac Herzog** is an Israeli politician and lawyer. He studied law at Tel Aviv University and Cornell University. He is currently a member of the Knesset, chairman of the Labor Party and Leader of the Opposition. He has previously served as government secretary, Minister of Welfare & Social Services, Minister of the Diaspora, Society, and the Fight Against Anti-Semitism, Minister of Housing and Building and Minister of Tourism. Herzog is chairman and whip of the Israeli-Australian Parliamentary Association. He is also one of the few Knesset members who still serve in the military reserve (with the rank of Major).



**Mr. Michael Herzog** is a retired brigadier general in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), and is the Israel-based Milton Fine International Fellow of The Washington Institute. Over the last decade, General Herzog has held senior positions in the office of Israel's minister of defense under ministers Ehud Barak, Amir Peretz, Shaul Mofaz, and Binyamin Ben-Eliezer. From September 2006 to October 2009, General Herzog served as chief of staff to Israel's minister of defense. From November 2001 to July 2004, he served as senior military aide to the Israeli minister of defense. In that capacity, he acted as the liaison between the defense minister and the IDF, prime minister's office, intelligence community, and Israeli defense establishment.

**Amb. Dr. Hans-Dieter Heumann** is a German diplomat and, since 2011, President of the Federal College for Security Studies. He was a local resident Fellow at the Institute for East-West Security Studies in New York. After his return to Germany, he worked in the Department of Arms Control and Disarmament of the Foreign Office, before becoming head of the Press Department of the Embassy in 1991-1994. In 1994 he returned to the Foreign Office, where he was a member of the planning staff and then, from 1997 to 1998, Head of the Parliament and Cabinet Unit (Unit 011). In 1998 he moved to the Ministry of Defense and was Head of Unit for NATO in the Planning Staff of the Federal Ministry of Defense until 2000.

**MK Dr. Ronen Hoffman** is an Israeli academic and politician who currently serves as a member of the Knesset for Yesh Atid. An expert in crisis management, conflict resolution and anti-terrorism policy, Hoffman founded the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, and served as its CEO between 1996 and 1997. In 1999 he completed his Ph.D. at King's College London, dealing with Syrian-Israeli Peace Negotiations from 1992-1995. He then worked as a senior lecturer at the Institute focusing on governance, diplomacy, international relations and political psychology between 2001 and 2012. Dr. Hoffman has also worked as a policy advisor to the Ministry of Defense.

**Mr. Yossie Hollander** is the Chairman of the Israeli Institute for Economic Planning. Recently he founded the Our Energy Policy Foundation, an open-source expert discussion of U.S. energy policy under the public eye. A successful serial entrepreneur and philanthropist, Hollander has 40 years of experience in and is among the pioneers of the Israeli software industry. He founded New Dimension Software Ltd., and was the Chairman and CEO of the firm. Mr. Hollander now serves on the Executive Board and the Management Committee of the Weizmann Institute of Science, where he launched a renewable energy initiative.

**Mr. Ron Huldai** is Mayor of Tel Aviv. In 1998, Ron Huldai was elected the ninth Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo, the first Modern Hebrew city, founded in 1909. He was reelected for his fourth consecutive five-year term in 2013. Mr. Huldai served as commander of two of Israel's largest air force bases and retired from the Israeli Air Force with the rank of Brigadier General. He was the principal of the renowned Gymnasia Herzliya, among Israel's most prestigious high schools. Huldai is a distinguished graduate of the United States Air Force's American Air War College, and holds a B.A. in General Studies from Auburn University of Montgomery.

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**Mr. Meir Javedanfar** is an Iranian-born Israeli Middle East commentator. He left Iran in 1987, eight years after the Iranian Revolution and now lives in Israel. He worked as a foreign affairs commentator at BBC Persian. With Yossi Melman, he has co-authored *The Nuclear Sphinx of Tehran: Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the State of Iran*. Javedanfar speaks Persian, Hebrew, English, Spanish, and Portuguese and currently teaches a course on contemporary Iranian politics at IDC Herzliya.

**Mr. Moshe Kahlon** is a Former Israeli politician and member of the Likud party. He holds an L.L.B. from Netanya Law College and a B.A. in political science and general studies from Haifa University. Kahlon served as Director of the Scientific Industrial Center (1993-1999) and was the personal representative of the Defense Minister in the Haifa and North Region (1996-1999). He was a public representative in the Haifa Labor Court (1999-2001) and served as Bureau Chief and Senior Advisor to the Minister of Public Security (2000-2002). He has also been a member of the Council and Directorate of the Aguda Lemaan Hachayal, a member of the Council of Maccabi Haifa, Director of Matzila, a community for the prevention of crime (2001-2002), and Chairman of Ethos, a company for Art, Culture and Sport in Haifa (2005-2006). An active lobbyist, he chaired the lobbies for Haifa and nearby towns, for the Israeli Police and Prisons Services, and for closing social gaps. He has also been a member of various lobbies, among them the war against drugs, the environment, and Ethiopian immigrants. In March 2009, Moshe Kahlon was appointed Minister of Communications and later also as Minister of Welfare and Social Services (Jan 2011), serving until March 2013.

**Prof. Sergey A. Karaganov** is Honorary Chairman of the Presidium of the Council on Foreign and Defense Policy of Russia. He is also Dean of the School of World Economics and World Politics, National Research University—Higher School of Economics, Moscow. Professor Karaganov has been a member of the Trilateral Commission since 1998, and served on the International Advisory Board of the Council on Foreign Relations from 1995 until 2005. He has also been Deputy Director of the Institute of Europe at the U.S.S.R. (now Russian) Academy of Sciences since 1989. He is known as the progenitor of the Karaganov Doctrine, which states that Moscow should pose as the defender of human rights of ethnic Russians living in the 'near abroad' for the purpose of gaining political influence in these regions.

**Mr. Menachem Kidron** has served as Director of the Israel Space Agency in the Ministry of Science and Technology since January 2012. Kidron, who was born in Germany, holds a B.A. degree in chemical engineering from the Technion in Haifa. His professional career began in 1972 with Rafael, where he worked in engineering and in rocket propulsion system development, eventually becoming administration head and field director of propulsion systems and explosives. He went on to serve as Senior Deputy CEO and as head of Rafael's Manor - Advanced Defense Technologies Division. As part of his professional activity, Kidron spent two years in the United States, at Stanford University and at New York University, where he worked on the development of lightweight structures and on ways of employing coal for energy production. His most recent positions at Rafael were Senior Deputy CEO and Division Director and since 2009 he has headed the Space Systems Administration. In the context of his latter role, Kidron has been responsible for the fiscal management of a NIS 500 million per year enterprise, as well as for unit policy, long-term planning, research and resource management, cultivating the unit's technological infrastructures, marketing, business development and representing the company abroad.

**The Honorable Senator Bogdan Klich** was the Minister of Defense in Poland. While at his post, Senator Klich ended the military draft and took significant measures towards the modernization of the Polish military. From 2004-2007, he was a member of the European Parliament and an active advocate for the human rights activists in Belarus. While a member of the Polish Parliament (2001-2004), Senator Klich served as the vice-chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs as well as the Committee on National Security. Senator Klich held the post of Deputy Minister of National Security between 1999- 2000 and was responsible for Polish cooperation with NATO as well as the deepened military cooperation with Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Slovakia and the Ukraine. He founded the prestigious Institute for Strategic Studies in Kraków, which specializes in national security issues and international relations.

**MK Dr. Adi Koll** is an Israeli social activist and politician who currently serves as a member of the Knesset for Yesh Atid. Koll obtained her L.L.B. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She later obtained an L.L.M. and a J.S.D. in law at Columbia University. In 2005 she started working as a lecturer at Tel Aviv University, and was also a member of the faculty at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev from 2009 until 2013. She founded the University of the People, which provides free university courses taught by students at Tel Aviv University.

**Ms. Inbal Kreis** is the head of the "Arrow 3" development project at the Malam factory of the Israel Aerospace, managing a large team of developers.

**Amb. Dr. Heinrich Kreft** is ambassador and director for public diplomacy and dialogue among civilizations in the German Foreign Ministry. Prior to his tenure as ambassador, he served as senior foreign policy advisor to the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag and was a member of the German Council of Foreign Relations. Kreft was stationed for diplomatic terms in both Tokyo and Washington, D.C. and served for many years as part of the Foreign Policy Planning Staff. He has held visiting fellowships at the Henry L. Stimson Center, the Heritage Foundation and the Woodrow Wilson Center. He has published numerous pieces on major political power and economic relations, international security and European, American and Asian political and economic affairs.

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**Brig. Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser** is Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs. He was formerly head of the Research and Analysis and Production Division of the IDF Directorate of Israeli Military Intelligence. Kuperwasser holds a B.A. in Arabic Language and Literature from Haifa University and an M.A. in Economics from Tel Aviv University.

**Mr. Amit Lang** is Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Economy. As a young man, he participated in Judo contests eventually competing in the 1992 Olympic Games. He earned his B.A. from the Academic College Tel Aviv Yafo, an M.B.A. from the Academic college of Management, and an M.A. in public policy from Tel Aviv University. In 2007 he became the Deputy of Budget Director at the Ministry of Economy. In 2010 he became the manager of the department of economics, business development, regulation and relationship operators at Partner Communications Company Ltd. until becoming Director General of the Ministry of Economy.

**MK Yair Lapid** is the Israeli Minister of Finance and chairman of the Yesh Atid Party. Prior to his entry into politics in 2012, he was a journalist, author, TV presenter, writer and news anchor. The Yesh Atid Party, which he founded, became the second largest party in the current nineteenth Knesset. In September 2013, Mr. Lapid was ranked number 1 on the "The World's 50 Most Influential Jews" list compiled by the *Jerusalem Post*.

**Amb. Itzhak Lebanon** served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for the State of Israel to the Arab Republic of Egypt from 2009-2011. Mr. Lebanon first entered the field of public service in Jerusalem in 1969 as an assistant for Arab Affairs to Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. He joined the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1972 and served in various positions to the United Nations, Venezuela, Colombia, France and Canada. In 1994 he was a member of the Israeli delegation for the peace talks in Washington D.C. In 1994 he was appointed Consul General of Israel to New England, a position he held until 2002. Upon his return to Israel, Ambassador Lebanon was promoted to the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United Nations in Geneva. Subsequently, he became spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Arab World.

**Dr. Noam Lemelstrich Latar** is the Founding Dean of the Sammy Ofer School of Communications at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, and Chairman of the Israel Communication Association. He is a member of the Governing Body of the Israeli Press Council. He pioneered the teaching of new media at Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, and Ben-Gurion University, and is one of the founders of the Tel Aviv University School of Journalism. His current research focuses on data mining and the effect of artificial intelligence on the media.

**Mr. Amir Levi** is Director of the Budgets Department in the Ministry of Finance. He holds a B.A. in economics and political science, and an M.A. in economics, both from the Hebrew University. He served in various positions in the budget department such as deputy director and director to transportation, energy, water and agriculture. Between 2006-2013, he served as the CEO of 'Shikun Vebinyu Energia Mithadeshet'.

**Mr. Ram Levi** is founder and current CEO of Konfidis, a cybersecurity and strategy solutions start-up. Specializing in security for cyberspace and space. Mr. Levi serves as Cybersecurity advisor to the National Research and Development Council, Ministry of Science and Technology and Space and is a senior researcher at the Yuval Ne'eman Workshop for Science, Technology and Security, Tel Aviv University. In 2011 he served as Secretary of the Prime Minister's National Cyber Initiative Task Force that spearheaded the government resolution on establishing the National Cyber Directorate. In 2010 he was a co-author of the President of Israel's committee on the Israeli National Space Policy, where he co-authored the national civilian space policy. Mr. Levi is co-founder and former CEO of Excyber Ltd. - a strategic cybersecurity consulting company.

**Mr. Moe Levy**, is the Executive Director of the Asper Foundation. Moe Levy received his Bachelor of Commerce Hons. and Masters in Business Administration in Finance from the University of Manitoba. He began a career in government and achieved the position of Managing Partner within the Manitoba Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism. He continues to lecture at the Asper School of Business and was also instrumental in creating the Asper Centre for Entrepreneurship at the Faculty of Management, University of Manitoba. He was made a Fellow of the Asper Centre in 2003. Between 1993 and 1999, Mr. Levy was the CEO and President of The Canadian Heritage Co., one of Canada's largest retail catalogue companies. In 1999, he was appointed the Executive Director of The Asper Foundation and reported to the late Dr. Israel Asper, and continues to hold this position. He is also a Special Advisor and Board member of the \$351 million Friends of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, one of the major projects being spearheaded by The Asper Foundation. He sits on various boards including the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Associates, and the Asper Centre for Entrepreneurship, the Asper Jewish Community Campus among others, and devotes his time to various charitable causes.

**Mr. Rami Levy** Owner & CEO, Rami Levy Hashikma Marketing. He opened his first store at 1976 of 40 square meters. Today Rami Levy operates a chain of 27 discount supermarkets in Central and Northern Israel employing over 5,000. It also distributes wholesale to 450 stores in and around Jerusalem. The company has diversified into retail clothing sales, real estate, and cellular communications, with 20 stores of Rami Levy Communications selling cellular phone services at a discount. Levy is also a member of the Jerusalem City Council.

**Dr. Ariel (Eli) Levite** is a nonresident Senior Associate in the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment. He is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Fisher Brothers Institute for Air and Space Strategic Studies. He served as the Principal Deputy Director-General for Policy at the Israeli Atomic Energy Commission as well as Deputy National Security Adviser for Defense Policy and Head of the Bureau of International Security and Arms Control in the Israeli Ministry of Defense. Levite was a Visiting Fellow and Co-leader of the Discriminate Force Project at the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) at Stanford University and a Senior Research Associate and Head of the project on Israeli security at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

**Dr. Alon Liel** is the Former director general of the Foreign Ministry of Israel and Israel's ambassador to South Africa Dr. Alon Liel is the former Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the Israel-Syria Peace Society, and an International Relations lecturer at Tel Aviv University and the Herzliya Interdisciplinary Center. Dr. Liel held numerous positions in the Foreign Ministry, including the Israeli Ambassador to South Africa, Consul General in Atlanta, Foreign Ministry Spokesman, and Charge D'affairs of Israel in Turkey.

**Judge (Emeritus) Micha Lindenstrauss** is a graduate of the Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has served as Military District Prosecutor and Legal Advisor of the IDF in Samaria (West Bank) during 1965-1970. In 1970 he was appointed Advisor to Minister Shimon Peres in matters of the territories and rehabilitation of Arab refugees. During 1970-1972 he served as Court Martial presiding judge. In 1972 he was appointed as judge to the Magistrate Court in Haifa and in 1982 to the District Court. In 1995 he was appointed as Vice President of the District Court of Haifa and Head of the Court's Criminal Justice Department. In

1999 Justice Lindenstrauss was appointed as President of the Haifa District Court. He served as Chairman of the Israeli Association of Judges until July 2005. During 2000-2005, he was the Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Speaker of the Knesset for granting subventions to N.P.Os. He also served as Chairman of the Movement for a Better Israel and of the Israel American Friendship Society. He represented the Israeli Judges in the European Association of Judges and has been active for over twelve years on the Board of Directors of the Justice for the World Foundation. He is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law at the University of Haifa. Justice Micha Lindenstrauss was sworn in as State Comptroller and Ombudsman in the Knesset on June 29, 2005, and began his seven-year term on July 4.

**Ms. Tallie Lipkin-Shahak** is editor and radio anchor at Gali Zahal, serving as chief editor and anchor of the show "security zone." In 1982 she was appointed to be the head military reporter of "Davarr" newspaper, becoming the first woman in the Israeli newspaper industry to serve in such a position. For seven years Ms. Lipkin-Shahak hosted the television show "The Third Time" in Telad and "Erev Hadash." She has been involved in editing documentaries such as "Moments in October," "Milkud 82," and "Children Write to Rabin." Ms. Lipkin-Shahak is also active at the group "women aid" which aides sexually assaulted women.

**MK Tzipi Livni** is the Israeli Minister of Justice. She is Chair of the Hatnua Party and Former Head of the Opposition in the Knesset. She has held several senior ministerial positions in Israel's governments, including Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Justice, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Absorption, and Minister of Construction and Housing. She was Director-General of the Government Companies Authority and served in the Mossad and was awarded a prize for quality government. An attorney by training, she specialized in commercial law, public law, and real estate. She holds an L.L.B. from Bar-Ilan University.

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