

2026 Herzliya Conference

Between National Security and National Resilience:
Will We Navigate to a Safe Harbor?

30.6–1.7.2026

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Tuesday, 30 June 2026

3:00PM | Reception & Registration

4:00PM | Opening Ceremony

**Between National Security and National Resilience:
Will We Navigate to a Safe Harbor?**

Prof. Uriel Reichman

Founding President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors,
Reichman University

Prof. Boaz Ganor

President of Reichman University;
Founder of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT)

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Prof. Amos Gilead

Executive Director, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS),
Chairperson, Annual Herzliya Conference Series, Reichman University

President of the State of Israel

Hon. Isaac Herzog

The Israeli State Comptroller and Ombudsman

Matanyahu Englman

In an interview with: **Attila Somfalvi**, Political Commentator

Ambassador of the United States to Israel

H.E. Mike Huckabee

The Evolving Global and Regional Strategic Map

Part 1: The Campaign in Iran - Is the Balance of Power Shifting?

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Amikam Norkin

Former Israeli Air Force Commander; Founder & Managing Partner, Ace Capital Partners;
Founder & Chairman of Aerospace Spirit

Tamir Pardo

Former Head of the Mossad

Tzachi Hanegbi

Former National Security Advisor & Head of NSC; Former Minister of Internal Security;
Minister of Justice

David Makovsky

Ziegler Distinguished Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy;
Director, Project on Arab-Israel Relations, U.S.

Moderator: Yoav Limor

Keshet 12 Anchor; Senior Defense Analyst, Israel Hayom

Part 3: The Global Strategic Map - A View from Washington (Live)

Barak Ravid

Global Affairs Correspondent at Axios; CNN Analyst;
Channel 12 Correspondent in Washington

In a conversation with: Dr. Shay Har-Zvi

Research Fellow, Head of the International and Middle East Arenas, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), Reichman University

Are the Free Press and Electoral Integrity at Risk?

Hon. Prof. Hanan Melcer

Former Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel; President, Israeli Media Council

In a conversation with: Brig. Gen. (Res.) Avi Benayahu

Strategy, Communications, and Crisis Management Consultant; Former IDF Spokesperson and Commander of Galei Zahal; Analyst, Channel 12; Columnist, Maariv

A Half-People's Army: No Equality, No Security, No National Resilience

MK Yuli (Yoel) Edelstein

Former Chair of the Knesset Foreign Affairs & Defense Committee

In a conversation with: Maj. Gen. (Res.) Prof. Amos Gilead

Moderated Discussion:

Adv. Shvut Raanan

IDF Reservists' Wives Forum

MK Dan Illouz

Member of the Knesset; Likud

Adv. Ayelet Hshahar Saidof

Founder and Head of the Mothers on the Front Movement

Maj. (Res.) Shahar Varon

Co-founder of "Shoulder to Shoulder"- Israeli Young Reservist Movement; Beyahad (Together) Party

Moderator: Lior Akerman

Research Fellow, Head of National Resilience Section, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), Reichman University

Minister of Aliya and Integration

Hon. MK Ofir Sofer

In an interview with: Dikla Aharon Shafran

Political Correspondent & Presenter, Kan-Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

7:30AM | Registration and Reception

8:00AM | A Special Strategic Briefing (for invitees only)

8:45AM | Herzliya Assembly

The Herzliya Plenary Sessions Will be Held Consecutively

Iran Between Risk and Opportunity

Gideon Frank

Former Head of Israel Atomic Energy Commission

Dr. Thamar E. Gindin

Ezri Center, Haifa University

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Amir Eshel

Former Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Defense and Former Israeli Air Force Commander; Senior Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), U.S.

Dr. Eyal Hulata

Former Israel's National Security Advisor and Head of Israel's National Security Council (NSC); Senior Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), U.S.

Moderator: Dr. Ronen Bergman, Contributing Writer, The New York Times; Senior Correspondent for Military and Intelligence Affairs, Yedioth Ahronoth

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Alon

Former Head of the Hostage and Missing Persons Directorate; Project Manager for Countering the Iranian Threat; Head of the IDF Operations Directorate; Commanding Officer of the IDF Central Command

In an interview with: Udi Segal, Anchor, Channel 13 News

The Defense Industry of Israel: A Major Pillar in the National Security

Bezhael (Butzi) Machlis

President and CEO, Elbit Systems

In an interview with: Amir Bar Shalom, Military Analyst, Galei Zahal

Director General of Israel's Ministry of Defense

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Amir Baram

10:15AM Herzliya Assembly

Between National Security and National Resilience: Will We Navigate to a Safe Harbor?

Leaders Talk Strategy

Lt. Gen. (Res.) Gadi Eisenkot

The 21st Chief of the General Staff, IDF;
Leader of the Yashar! Party

In an interview with: Dana Weiss, Chief Political Analyst; Host of the Saturday News with Dana Weiss, Channel 12

Naftali Bennett

Former Prime Minister of Israel;
Leader of the Beyahad (Together) Party

MK Yair Lapid

Leader of the Opposition at the Knesset
The 14th Prime Minister of Israel;
Yesh Atid Party

MK Ze'ev Elkin

Minister In the Ministry of Finance, Responsible for the Reconstruction of the North and the South

In an interview with: Yael Hadad, Northern Correspondent, Galei Zahal Radio

10:00AM Strategic Discussion (Round Table)

The U.S. - A New Agenda?

Chair: Dr. Shay Har-Zvi

Research Fellow, Head of the International and Middle East Arenas, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), Reichman University

Prof. Eytan Gilboa

Expert on U.S. and International Communication; Sammi Ofer School of Communication, Reichman University

Dr. Shira Efron

Distinguished Israel Policy Chair; Senior Fellow, RAND Corporation, U.S.

Amb. Danny Ayalon

Former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S; Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; Chairman, Silver Road Capital

Amb. Jeremy Issacharoff

Former Ambassador to Germany and the Vice Director-General and Head of the Multilateral Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nadav Tamir

Executive Director, J Street Israel

Yaki Dayan

Former Israeli Consul General in Los Angeles; American Affairs Expert

Herzliya Assembly

The Israeli Capital Market - The Strategic Dimension

In Cooperation with: The Phoenix Institute for
Capital Market Research, Reichman University

Presenting the Index:

Public Trust in the Israeli Financial System

A Conversation with:

Seffy (Yosef) Zinger

Ad Chairman of the Israel Securities Authority (ISA)

Moderated Discussion:

Yodfat Harel Buchris

Managing Director, Blumberg Capital, Israel

Moran Moshe Jantzis

Senior Deputy Chief Economist,
Israel's Ministry of Finance

Haggai Schreiber

CIO, Phoenix Holdings Ltd.

Moderator and Index Presenter:

Shlomi Shuv

Head of the Accounting Program, Vice Dean, Arison
School of Business, Head of The Phoenix Institute
for Capital Market Research, Reichman University

Future Warfare Concepts in a Shifting Security Landscape

Brig Gen. (Res.) Aviv Tamir

Head of Israel, Strategic Unit,
Israel Aerospace Industries IAI

11:15AM Strategic Discussion (Round Table)

Why Do Leaders, Commanders, and Intelligence Officers Miss the Writing on the Wall?

Chair: Prof. Assaf Moghadam

Professor and Former Dean, Lauder School of
Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman
University; Goldman Visiting Professor, Georgetown
University, U.S.

Tamir Pardo

Former Head of the Mossad

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Moshe (Bogie) Ya'alon

Former Minister of Defense, 17th Chief of the
General Staff, IDF

Prof. Varda Liberman

Founder & Head, MBA in Healthcare Innovation,
Former Provost, Reichman University

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Giora Eiland

Former National Security Advisor and Head of the
National Security Council (NSC)

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Prof. Amos Gilead

Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS),
Reichman University

12:15 | Lunch Break

1:00PM | Herzliya Assembly

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**Between National Security and
National Resilience:
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Maj. Gen. (Res.) Prof. Amos Gilead

Executive Director, Institute for Policy and
Strategy (IPS), Chairperson, Annual Herzliya
Conference Series, Reichman University

The New World's Rules of the Game

Online Conversation With:

Hon. Amos J. Hochstein

Former Senior Advisor to the U.S.
President and Middle East Negotiator;
Managing Partner, TWG Global

**Will U.S. Support
Israel Indefinitely?**

Amb. Daniel Shapiro

Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel; Former Deputy
Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East,
U.S. Department of Defense

Amb. Mike Herzog

Israel's Former Ambassador to the United States;
Tisch Distinguished Fellow, Washington Institute
for Near East Policy, U.S.

Ariel Sender

Campaign Manager, R.O.S Republicans
Overseas Israel

Dr. Shay Har-Zvi

Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS),
Reichman University

Moderator: Tal Schneider

Political Correspondent, The Times of Israel

1:45PM Herzliya Assembly

The Future of EU-Israel Relations

A Conversation with:

H.E. Amb. Michael Mann

European Union (EU)
Ambassador to Israel

Is Israel still a Democracy?

A Conversation with:

The Hon. Prof. Aharon Barak

Reichman University;
Former President of the Supreme
Court of Israel

Mayor of the City of Herzliya, Israel

Hon. Yariv Fisher

3:00PM Strategic Discussion (Round Table)

Between Gaza and Judia & Samaria

Chair: Hezi Simantov

Arab Affairs Commentator, Channel 13 News

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Yaakov (Mendi) Or

Former Coordinator of Government Activities in the
Territories (COGAT)

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Dr. Ephraim Sneh

Former Deputy Minister of Defense

Ksenia Svetlova

CEO, Regional Organization for Peace, Economics
and Security (Ropes); Former Knesset Member

Maj. (Res.) Davidi Ben-Zion

Deputy Head of the Samaria Regional Council;
Major (Res.), Paratroopers Brigade, IDF

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Amir Avivi

Founder and Chairman, IDSF Habithonistim -
Israel's Defense and Security Forum

Samer Sinijlawi

Palestinian Political Activist & Businessman

Dr. Shira Efron

Distinguished Israel Policy Chair; Senior Fellow,
RAND Corporation, U.S.

2:30PM Herzliya Assembly

Between National Security and National Resilience: Will We Navigate to a Safe Harbor? Leaders Talk Strategy

MK Avigdor Lieberman

Former Minister of Defense,
Head of Yisrael Beiteinu Party

In Interview with: **Nurit Canetti**, Journalist, Galei Zahal

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Yair Golan

Leader of Democrats

In Interview with: **Chen Liberman**, Investigative Reporter,
Anchor "Zman Emet", Kan 11

The Business Sector: Gatekeeper of Democracy?

In Cooperation with: Arison ESG Center, Reichman University

Nechemia (Chemi) Peres

Managing Partner & Co-Founder of Pitango VC & Chairman of the
Peres Center for Peace and Innovation

Sami Peretz

Journalist, TheMarker, Haaretz

Moderator & Panelist:

Prof. Niron Hashai

Dean, Arison School of Business and Chairman, Arison ESG
Center, Reichman University

Avoiding a State Commission of Inquiry: What are the Consequences?

Lt. Col. (Res.) Attorney Ori Egoz

Former Military Judge, Member of the Dvora Forum

Eyal Eshel

Father of Fallen Soldier Roni Eshel Z"L, a Lookout Soldier at Nahal Oz IDF Base, Who Fell in Battle on October 7, 2023; Member of the "October Council" Leadership

Rafi Ben Shitrit

Father of Elroai Z"L, Who Fell in Battle at Nahal Oz; Former Mayor of Beit She'an; Member of the "October Council" Leadership

Eyal Naveh

Co-founder of 'Brothers and Sisters in Arms' and 'Brothers and Sisters for Israel'

Moderator: Dr. Dana Wolf, Head of Law and Security Program, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University

Herzliya Conference Survey: In-Depth Trends in Israeli Society

In Cooperation with: iPanel

Homeland Security and Public Trust

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Adato Orit

Former Commissioner, Israeli Prison Services; Chair, GESHER

Yossi Mizrachi

Head of the "HaMevaker", N12 News

Moderator: Lior Akerman

Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), Reichman University

"Not in Vain": Shaping the Future for Israel's Next Generation

Emily Damari

Released Hostage, Kfar Aza

Amit Bar

IDF Combat Soldier; Student, Lauder School of Government,
Diplomacy & Strategy, Reichman University

Roni Nachmias

Co-Founder, 'Beit Arazim' Program; Fighters for Israeli Hope

Nimrod Carmel

Chairperson of the Student Union, Reichman University

Moderator: **Adi Zarifi**, News Anchor; Channel 12 News

Silenced No More

**Sexual Terror Unveiled: The Untold Atrocities of
October 7 and Against Hostages in Captivity**

Dr. Cochav Elkayam-Levy

Founder and Chair, Civil Commission on October 7th Crimes by
Hamas against Women and Children

Between Legitimation and Antisemitism

Hon. Prof. Irwin Cotler

Canada's first Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism; Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; Founder and International Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights

Joanna Landau

Chair of the Board of Directors, Abba Eban Institute for Diplomacy & Foreign Relations, Reichman University

Ofir Dayan

Author of Intifada Globalized; Forum Dvorah Board Member; INSS Researcher

Eylon Levy

Former Israeli Government Spokesperson & Head of The Spokesperson's Office

Moderator: Adv. Roni (Fantanesh) Malkai

Activist, Media Figure & Author

Conference Moderator:

Sharon Wexler, Kan 11 - The Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation

Conference Website

[The Conference will be held at Reichman University, Herzliya, Israel, and broadcasted live on the conference website and social media outlets](#)

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