

Maj. Gen. (res.) Amos Gilead



General Amos Gilead is the Executive Director of the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS) at Reichman University and is the Chairman of the Institute's Annual Herzliya Conference Series.

Concurrently, General Gilead teaches security and intelligence studies at Reichman University's Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy. Prior to assuming his current position in February 2017, General Gilead led a distinguished career for more than three decades in the IDF and in the Israeli Defense Establishment, his last position being Director of Policy and Political-Military Affairs at the Ministry of Defense. In that position, which he held for more than 13 years, General Gilead managed Israel's international defense and political-military relations and played a key role in developing Israel's defense relations with key Sunni-Arab nations.

General Gilead dedicated most of his military career to the Military Intelligence Corps. As Chief of the Intelligence Research and Analysis Division, General Gilead was responsible for producing the national intelligence assessment and national strategic (political and military) production and analysis. Prior to this, General Gilead also served as the Spokesperson of IDF and as the Military Secretary (Aide de Camp) to Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, Yitzhak Rabin.

Achieving the rank of Major General in 2001, General Gilead was appointed Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT). In that position he held through 2003, General Gilead was responsible for the overall relations with the Palestinians and the Palestinian Authority. In 2006, he was reassigned to this position in addition to his position in the Ministry of Defense.

General Gilead participated in several rounds of the peace process and negotiations with the Palestinians, including as a senior member of the Israeli delegation to the Israeli-Jordanian/Palestinian peace talks following the Madrid Peace Conference. General Gilead was a special envoy on the Israeli MIA soldiers to PLO Chairman Arafat. In 2008, General Gilead headed the Israeli team of the military affairs working group in the negotiations following the Annapolis Peace Conference.

General Gilead earned his master's degree in National Security Studies from the University of Haifa and the National Security College. He is the recipient of the U.S. Legion of Merit and of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Director's Award.

In 2021, The Movement for Quality Government in Israel (MQG) has granted General Amos Gilead the Knight of Quality Government award, in the category of military and security.