



## Speakers

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**Prof. Uzi Arad** is the Founding Director of the Institute for Policy and Strategy, and Founding Chair of the Annual Herzliya Conference Series, and Professor at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at IDC Herzliya. Arad also serves as the Chairman of Israel's Institute of Defense Studies. Between 2009 and 2011 Arad served as the National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel, and the head of the Israeli National Security Council. Between 1997 and 1999, Arad was foreign policy advisor to Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu on secondment from the Mossad, in which he served for more than two decades, culminating in his tenure as Director of Research (at a Major General rank). Arad was also an advisor to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and Founding Chairman of the Atlantic Forum of Israel. After retiring from the civil service in 1999, Professor Arad was appointed to establish and direct the EU-Israel Forum. Prior to his career in government, Professor Arad was a Professional Staff Member with the Hudson Institute in New York and Research Fellow at Tel Aviv University's Center for Strategic Studies. Professor Arad received his Bachelor's Degree from Tel Aviv University. In 1971, he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for advanced studies at Princeton University, where he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in International Relations.

**Prof. Shlomo Avineri** is a Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a former Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the Hebrew University, Avineri served as Director of Eshkol Research Institute, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, and Director of the Institute for European Studies. Avineri held numerous visiting appointments at universities including Yale University; Wesleyan University; Australian National University; Cornell University; University of California; Queen's College; and Oxford. He has been a visiting scholar at the Wilson Center and Brookings Institute in Washington, DC and at the Institute of World Economics and International Relations in Moscow. He also headed the Israeli delegation to the UNESCO General Assembly and in 1979 he was a member of the joint Egyptian-Israeli commission that drafted the Cultural and Scientific Agreement between the two countries. Prof. Avineri is the recipient of many honors and awards including the Israel Prize (1996). His publications include *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx*; *Karl Marx on Colonialism and Modernization*; *Israel and the Palestinians*; *Marx' Socialism*; *Hegel's Theory of the Modern State*; *Varieties of Marxism*; *The Making of Modern Zionism*; *Moses Hess: Prophet of Communism and Zionism*; *Arlosoroff: A Political Biography*; *Communism and Individualism* (co-author); and an historical introduction to the Hebrew edition of Theodore Herzl's *Diaries*.

**Avishai Abrahami** is WIX Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer. Abrahami was WIX Co-Chief Executive Officer and a director between 2006 and 2010, and has served as the Chairman of the Board since November 2013. From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Abrahami was the Vice President of Strategic Alliances at Arel Communications & Software Ltd., a private Israeli company specializing in communication technology. In 1998 he co-founded Sphera Corporation, a private company which develops software for managing data centers, and served as its Chief Technology Officer from 1998 until 2000 and its Vice President of Product Marketing from 2000 until 2003. In 1993, he co-founded AIT Ltd., a private Israeli software company, and served as its Chief Technology Officer until 1997. Mr. Abrahami served in the IDF's elite computer intelligence unit from 1990 until 1992.

**Dr. Shirley Avrami** is the Director of the Studies and Information Center in the Knesset and has served as Head of the Knesset's Research and Information Center since 2006. She has served in various capacities, including as Director of the Committee of Labor, Social Affairs and Health, and more. Dr. Avrami has participated in the International Visitor's Program of the US State Department as part of a Knesset delegation in 2003 and 2011. Dr. Avrami teaches in the Political Science Department of the Hebrew University. She holds a PhD from the University of Haifa, and an MSW (cum laude) from the School of Social Work, Hebrew University. She is also a graduate of the Occupational Therapy Program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dr. Avrami has won a variety of prestigious awards and scholarships including the prize of the Israeli Association for Parliamentarianism for her doctoral thesis. Recently she was appointed a member of the steering committee of the International Women's Parliament, which will convene at the Israeli Knesset in the summer of 2016. She has published two books: *His Last Letter Remains (Aharon Michtevot Yalbin)* and *Coins of Memory (Matbe'ot HaZikaron)*.

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**H.E. President José María Aznar** served as the Prime Minister of Spain from 1996 to 2004. He is the Honorary Chairman of the Partido Popular, a party he chaired between 1990 and 2004 and established and chairs the Friends of Israel Initiative. He was the Chairman of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI) and Vice-Chairman of the International Democrat Union (IDU). President Aznar has served as Executive President of The Foundation for Social Studies and Analysis, President of IADG (Atlantic Institute of Government), Member of the Board of Directors of New News Corporation, the Advisory Council of the Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola, Member of the International Advisory Board of Barrick Gold Corporation, Member of the International Advisory Board of the Atlantic Council of the United States and European Chair of its Latin America Initiative, Senior Advisor of the DLA Piper Global Board, and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Elcano Royal Institute. José María Aznar graduated in law at the Universidad Complutense. He was a Distinguished Scholar at the University of Georgetown from 2004 to 2011 and is a Distinguished Fellow in the Johns Hopkins University, where he founded the Center for Transatlantic Relations' Atlantic Basin Initiative.

**Maj. Gen. Orna Barbivai** is the former head of IDF's Manpower Directorate. She was drafted to the IDF in 1981 and was the first woman to be made Major-General. Barbivai was the first female to hold the IDF positions of Chief Adjutant Officer of a Command, Chief Adjutant Officer, Head of the Ground Forces' manpower section and Head of the Individuals Sector in the Manpower Directorate. Barbivai holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences and Humanities from Ben Gurion University and a Master of Business Administration Degree from Haifa University. She is also the graduate of the "Turn-point" administration course for senior military officials.

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**MK Omer Barlev** is a member of the Knesset for the Zionist Union party. Bar-Lev is an IDF reserve officer with the rank of colonel. Barlev served as commander of IDF's elite Special Forces unit between 1984 and 1987. In the early 1990s, he took part in the IDF's negotiations with the Palestinians that led to the Gaza-Jericho Agreement and later to the negotiations that led to the Israel-Jordan peace treaty. After retiring from the IDF in 1994, Barlev became a technology entrepreneur and social activist. In the Knesset, MK Bar Lev has served as a Member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, a Member of the Committee for the "Equal Sharing of the Burden" Bill, Chair of the Lobby for Advancement of Youth in the Periphery, Chair of the Lobby for the Promotion of the Needs of the Bedouin Population, and Co-Chair of the Agricultural Lobby. Bar lev received his B.Sc. in Agronomy and Agriculture from the Hebrew University's Faculty at Rehovot, and his master's degree in International Relations from Tel Aviv University.

**Ms. Shlomit Barnea Fargo** is a 30 years-experienced attorney. Since 2003, she has been serving as the Prime Minister's Office Legal Adviser, after having served as Senior Deputy Legal Adviser in the Prime Minister's Office. During the term of the 33rd Government, she provided legal counselling to the Ministry of Intelligence Affairs and to the Ministry of Strategic Affairs. During the term of the 32nd Government, she provided legal counselling to the Ministry of Senior Citizens; the Ministry of Public Diplomacy & Diaspora Affairs and many more. Barnea Fargo also served as the State's representative on the Board of Directors of the Israel Electric Company. She chaired the Board of Directors' Audit Committee, and served as Chairwoman of the Board of Directors' Corporate Responsibility Committee, among others. Barnea Fargo has been a lecturer in various academic and professional frameworks and has published articles in the "Labor Law Yearly", the "Law Studies" Periodical of Bar Ilan University's Law Faculty and "Corporations", a legal periodical on corporations, securities and antitrust. She holds both LLB and LL.M degrees from Bar Ilan University.

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**Maj. Gen. (res.) MK Eyal Ben-Reuven** is a retired major general and former commander of the military colleges and senior field commander. He is the former deputy commander of the Northern Command, for which he still serves as a reserve. He currently serves as a member of the Knesset for the Zionist Camp party. Reuven participated in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, fighting both near the Suez Canal and at the Golan Heights. He commanded an armor battalion in the 1982 Lebanon War and was the deputy commander of the Northern Command in the 2006 Lebanon War. Reuven graduated from the Command and Staff College and later studied at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He has also received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Haifa. After his retirement, he became director of the Born to Freedom Foundation which works to secure the release of Israeli prisoners of war, and has participated in many peace initiatives, such as the Geneva Initiative.

**MK Meirav Ben-Ari** serves as a member of the Knesset for Kulanu. In the 2013 local elections, she was fourth on the list for Tel Aviv City Council. She was elected and given the portfolio for promoting youth. Ben-Ari is also the full-time manager of Through Challenge, a center for young men and women at risk, which she inaugurated in 2006. She studied for a BA in Law & Government and a MBA with a focus on Public Leadership at IDC Herzliya. Between 2003 and 2004, she headed IDC's Student Union.

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**MK Naftali Bennett** is the leader of the Jewish Home party and is Minister of Education and Minister of Diaspora Affairs. He previously held the posts of Minister of Economy and Minister of Religious Services. After serving in Special Forces units, Bennett became a software entrepreneur. In 1999, he co-founded and co-owned the encryption and network security software company Cyota, selling the company in 2005 for \$145 million. He has also served as CEO of Soluto, sold in 2013 for a reported \$100–130 million. He entered politics in 2006, serving as Chief of Staff for Benjamin Netanyahu until 2008. In 2011, together with Ayelet Shaked, he co-founded the My Israel extra-parliamentary movement and in 2012, he was elected head of the party. Bennett holds a law degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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**Mr. Ruvik Danilovich** is the Mayor of Be'er Sheva. He previously served as deputy Mayor for nearly a decade, and held several portfolios in the municipality such as education, youth, immigration, culture and sports. Shortly after his election in 2008, Danilovich was forced to contend with Grad missiles falling on his city for the first time during Operation Cast Lead. He was praised for his performance managing this crisis. Mayor Danilovich presented a ten-year plan (2010–2020) to transform the city into a major metropolitan area. The plan includes improvements in education, infrastructure, job opportunities, cultural programs and more. In 2012 Danilovich was granted the prestigious Ministerial recognition by the Ministry of Education, and in the same year he was granted the honor to light an honorary torch at Israel's official Independence Day celebrations. Mayor Danilovich attended Kay College, where he studied History and Political Sciences, and Ben Gurion University where he studied Government and Policy studies.

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**MK Aryeh Mahlouf Deri** is the leader of the religious party Shas and serves as Minister of the Economy and as Minister of the Development of the Negev and Galilee. He is also a member of the Security Cabinet. Deri has previously served as Minister of Internal Affairs, Minister without portfolio, Secretary General of the Shas party, and Director General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

**Prof. Zvi Eckstein** is a professor and dean of both the Arison School of Business and of the Tiomkin School of Economics at IDC Herzliya. Prof. Eckstein served as deputy governor of the Bank of Israel and is an Emeritus Professor at the Eitan Berglas School of Economics of Tel Aviv University. At IDC, he heads the Aaron Economic Policy Institute. He is a research fellow at the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and a research fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA). He was Visiting Professor at the Finance Department of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and as The Walras-Bowley Lecturer of the Econometric Society at the 2008 North America Summer Meetings. Prof. Eckstein was a visiting associate professor at the department of economics in Carnegie Mellon University, GSBA, a Visiting associate professor at the department of economics at University of Pittsburgh, a professor at the Department of Economics at Boston University and at the University of Minnesota. Prof. Eckstein served as director for private corporations and as chairman of numerous professional private and public committees. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Tel Aviv University and a doctorate from University of Minnesota.

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**Ambassador Itzhak Levanon** served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for the State of Israel to the Arab Republic of Egypt from 2009-2011. Mr. Levanon first entered the field of public service 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 UN, Venezuela, Colombia, France and Canada. In 1994, he was a member of the Israeli delegation at the peace talks in Washington D.C. following the Madrid Conference for Peace. Later that year, he was appointed Consul General of Israel to New England; a position he held until 2002. Upon his return to Israel, Ambassador Levanon was made Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United Nations in Geneva. Subsequently, he became spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Arab World. Itzhak Levanon studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, McGill University and the American University of Beirut and hold Certificates of Honor from, among others, Massachusetts Congress, B'nai Brith International, Hadassah International and more.

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**MK Tzipi Livni** is a Member of the Knesset for the Zionist Union party. Livni served as a minister in the cabinets of Ariel Sharon and Ehud Olmert from 2001 to 2009, most notably as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2006 to 2009, during which she led peace talks with the Palestinians. She then served as Leader of the Opposition. As leader of the liberal Hatnuah party she founded, Livni served as Minister of Justice in Benjamin Netanyahu's third government. She also led the Ministerial Committee on Legislation, was charged with overseeing Israel's diplomatic initiatives with the United States and Europe, and was chief negotiator in peace negotiations. In December 2014, she teamed up with Labor Party chief and opposition leader Isaac Herzog to form a joint list, the Zionist Union, to contest Israel's 2015 elections. She is a graduate of Bar-Ilan University's Faculty of Law.

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**Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** is the Prime Minister of the State of Israel. On May 14, 2015, he formed the 34th Government as Prime Minister, also holding the Foreign Affairs, Health, Communications, and Regional Cooperation portfolios. As a member of the Knesset for the Likud party, he has also held numerous ministerial posts, including Minister of Economic Strategy, Minister of Health, Minister for Senior Citizens, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Finance. Prior to his election to the Knesset, Netanyahu was part of Israel's diplomatic mission in the United States - serving as Deputy Chief of Mission, a member of the first delegation to the talks on strategic cooperation between Israel and the United States, and Israel's ambassador to the United Nations. Netanyahu studied at MIT in Boston and received a B.Sc. in architecture and a M.Sc. in Management Studies. He also studied political science at MIT and Harvard University.

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**MK Amb. Dr. Michael Oren**

MK Amb. Dr. Michael Oren is a member of the Knesset for the Kulanu party and a member of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. He served as Israel's ambassador to the United States from 2009 to 2013. Dr. Oren has been a visiting professor at Harvard, Yale, and Georgetown, and was a Distinguished Fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem. He has received fellowships from the British and Canadian governments as well as a Moshe Dayan Fellowship from Tel Aviv University and the Lady Davis Fellowship at the Hebrew University. He also served as IDF spokesman during the Second Lebanon War and the Gaza operation in January 2009, as an emissary to Jewish refuseniks in the Soviet Union, as an advisor to Israel's delegation to the United Nations, and as the government's director of Interreligious Affairs. His last two books were both New York Times best-sellers. He has won the Los Angeles Times History Book of the Year Award and the National Jewish Book Award. The Forward named Ambassador Oren one of the five most influential Jews in America and the Jerusalem Post listed him as one of the ten most influential Jews worldwide.

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**President Shimon Peres** was the ninth President of the State of Israel. He also served two terms as Prime Minister of Israel and three terms as Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 1959, Peres was elected a Member of Knesset and served until his election as President in June 2007. He served in numerous ministerial posts, including Deputy Minister of Defense, Minister of Immigrants Absorption, Minister of Transportation and Communications, Minister of Information, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Regional Cooperation and more. He initiated and conducted the negotiations that led to the signing of the Declaration of Principles with the PLO in September 1993 - which won him the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize, together with Rabin and Arafat. He also played a key role in the signing of the Treaty of Peace with Jordan and strove to promote relations with additional Arab countries in North Africa and the Persian Gulf - part of his vision of a "New Middle East". In October 1997 Shimon Peres created the the Peres Center for Peace with the aim of advancing Arab-Israeli joint ventures. President Peres has studied at The New School, New York University, and Harvard University.

**MK Amir Peretz** is a member of the Knesset for Hatnuah and its joint list with the Labor Party, the Zionist Union. He previously served as Minister of Defense during the Second Lebanon War, leader of the Labor Party and Minister of Environmental Protection. Peretz is the former chairman of the Histadrut trade union federation and defeated Shimon Peres in the primary elections for the Labor leadership on 9 November 2005. He led the Labor Party to a second place showing in the 2006 elections and became Defense Minister on 4 May 2006. He was defeated by Ehud Barak for the Labor leadership on 12 June 2007 and resigned from the cabinet. He joined the Hatnuah party in December 2012.

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