

JCRC Recommended Speaker List

As of July 17, 2013

Academic

Name: Yoram Peri
Title: Director, Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies
Organization: University of Maryland
<http://www.israelstudies.umd.edu/director.html>
Area of Expertise: Israeli Military Policy
Speaker Location: College Park, MD

Name: Dr. Shai Feldman
Title: Judith and Sidney Swartz Director, Crown Center for Middle East Studies
Organization: Brandeis University
<http://www.brandeis.edu/facultyguide/person.html?emplid=f9d5fd1fd30465ef15c2d8b6ac84c56dfc8142c1>
Area of Expertise: Iranian Nuclear Program
Speaker Location: Boston, MA

Name: Chuck Freilich
Title: Senior Fellow, International Security Program
Organization: Harvard University
http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/experts/870/chuck_freilich.html
Area of Expertise: Israeli National Security Policy
Speaker Location: Boston, MA

Name: Reuven Hazan
Title: Chairman, Political Science Department
Organization: Hebrew University of Jerusalem
<http://www.afhu.org/ProfessorReuvenHazan>
Area of Expertise: Israeli Electoral Politics
Speaker Location: Israel

Name: Rabbi Naftali Rothenberg
Title: Senior Research Fellow
Organization: Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
<http://www.vanleer.org.il/en/people/naftali-rothenberg>
Area of Expertise: Israeli Arabs, Religious Aspects on Equality
Speaker Location: Israel

Name: Dr. Jonathan Rynhold
Title: Schusterman Visiting Professor in Israel Studies
Organization: George Washington University
<http://departments.columbian.gwu.edu/politicalscience/people/348>
Area of Expertise: Peace Process, Gaza Disengagement, Security Barrier
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dr. Kenneth Stein
Title: Director
Organization: Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel
<http://history.emory.edu/home/people/faculty/stein.html>
Area of Expertise: Israel
Speaker Location: Atlanta, GA

Name: Dr. Shibley Telhami
Title: Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development
Organization: University of Maryland
<http://www.brookings.edu/experts/telhamis>
Area of Expertise: Middle Eastern Public Opinion
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

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Israeli Government

Name: Maj.-Gen. Yaakov Ayish
Title: Defense Attache
Organization: Embassy of Israel
<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/156408#.UdrhWDuR9xB>
Area of Expertise: American-Israeli Military Partnership
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Eliav Benjamin
Title: Counselor for Political Affairs
Organization: Embassy of Israel
<http://www.israelemb.org/washington/AboutTheEmbassy/Pages/Eliav%20Benjamin%20Counselor%20for%20Political%20Affairs.aspx>
Area of Expertise: Israeli Politics
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Liron Bruck
Title: Congressional Liaison
Organization: Embassy of Israel
<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/liron-bruck/44/588/922>
Area of Expertise: Congress, Israel, Defense
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Eliav Groner
Title: Minister for Economic Affairs
Organization: Embassy of Israel
<http://www.israelemb.org/washington/AboutTheEmbassy/Pages/Eli-Groner---Minister-for-Economic-Affairs.aspx>
Area of Expertise: Israel's Economic Growth
Speaker Location:

Name: Rabbi Dov Lipman
Title: Member
Organization: Knesset
<http://www.rabbilipman.com/>
Area of Expertise: Israel-Diaspora Issues, Religious-Secular Relations
Speaker Location: Israel

Name: Oren Marmorstein
Title: Counselor for Public and Academic Affairs
Organization: Embassy of Israel
<http://www.israelemb.org/washington/AboutTheEmbassy/Pages/Oren-Marmorstein.aspx>
Area of Expertise: Israeli-Egyptian Diplomacy
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Jewish Professional

Name: Rabbi Noam Marans
Title: Director of Interreligious and Intergroup Relations
Organization: American Jewish Committee
http://www.ajc.org/site/c.7oJILSPwFfJSG/b.8566347/k.981B/Rabbi_Noam_Marans.htm
Area of Expertise: Global Interfaith Issues
Speaker Location:

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Journalist

Name: Jeffrey Goldberg

Title: Staff Writer

Organization: The Atlantic

<http://www.theatlantic.com/jeffrey-goldberg/>

Area of Expertise: Middle East, Israel, Iraq

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Bret Stephens

Title: Deputy Editorial Page Editor

Organization: The Wall Street Journal

<http://topics.wsj.com/person/S/bret-stephens/5463>

Area of Expertise: U.S. Foreign Policy

Speaker Location: New York

Name: David Horovitz

Title: Founding Editor

Organization: The Times of Israel

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/biography/Horovitz.html>

Area of Expertise:

Speaker Location:

Name: Hilary Krieger

Title: Washington Bureau Chief

Organization: The Jerusalem Post

<http://www.jpost.com/Authors/AuthorPage.aspx?id=109>

Area of Expertise: U.S - Israel Relations

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Natasha Mozgovaya

Title: Chief U.S. Correspondent

Organization: Haaretz

<http://www.haaretz.com/misc/writers/natasha-mozgovaya-1.493>

Area of Expertise: Former Soviet Union Affairs, Russian Israeli Issues

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dan Raviv

Title: National Correspondent

Organization: CBS News

<http://danraviv.com/>

Area of Expertise: Israeli Espionage

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

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Lobbyists

Name: Steven Beckerman
Title: Assistant Director, Policy and Government Affairs
Organization: AIPAC
<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/steven-beckerman/24/758/a39>
Area of Expertise: Israel, Strategy Against Iran
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Eric Danko
Title: Assistant Director, Policy and Government Affairs
Organization: AIPAC
<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/eric-danko/7/773/734>
Area of Expertise: U.S.-Israel Energy Partnership
Speaker Location:

Name: Marvin Feuer
Title: Director of Policy and Government Affairs
Organization: AIPAC
<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/marvin-feuer/1a/8a6/889>
Area of Expertise: American-Israeli Special Relationship, Iran
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Jonathan Kessler
Title: Leadership Development Director
Organization: AIPAC
<http://www.aipac.org/en/resources/events/event-details?eventid=%7BA75214F1-F9EF-48AD-A6ED-1525EC4B3CDD%7D>
Area of Expertise: Mentoring Pro-Israel Campus Activists
Speaker Location:

Name: Charlie Perkins
Title: Senior Military Affairs and Defense Policy Analyst
Organization: AIPAC
<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/charles-perkins/7/97b/564>
Area of Expertise: Defense, National Security Policy
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dr. Gregg Rickman
Title: Deputy Director, Policy and Government Affairs
Organization: AIPAC
<http://www.isgap.org/dr-gregg-j-rickman/>
Area of Expertise:
Speaker Location:

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Non-Profits

Name: Lauren Appelbaum
Title: Director of U.S. Communications
Organization: The Israel Project
http://www.theisraelproject.org/site/c.aslOI5NJKeK0F/b.7677537/k.F091/TIP_Staff.htm#LaurenAppelbaum
Area of Expertise: Media Coverage of Israel
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Sgt. Benjamin Anthony
Title: Founder
Organization: Our Soldiers Speak
<http://oursoldiersspeak.org/>
Area of Expertise: Communicating the real story of IDF
Speaker Location: Unclear, but he travels

Name: David Bernstein
Title: Executive Director
Organization: The David Project
<http://www.davidproject.org/meetdavid/our-team/david-bernstein/>
Area of Expertise: Countering Anti-Zionism on Campus
Speaker Location:

Name: Josh Block
Title: President and CEO
Organization: The Israel Project
http://www.rightweb.irc-online.org/profile/block_josh
Area of Expertise:
Speaker Location:

Name: Andrea Levin
Title: Executive Director
Organization: CAMERA
<http://www.zoominfo.com/p/Andrea-Levin/1037313871>
Area of Expertise:
Speaker Location:

Name: Itamar Marcus
Title: Founder and Director
Organization: Palestinian Media Watch
<http://www.palwatch.org/pages/aboutus.aspx>
Area of Expertise: Palestinian Media Incitement
Speaker Location: Israel

Name: Hillel Neuer
Title: Executive Director
Organization: U.N. Watch
http://www.unwatch.org/site/c.bdKKISNgEmG/b.1313595/k.39ED/Executive_Director_Hillel_Neuer.htm
Area of Expertise: United Nations Anti-Israel Bias
Speaker Location: Switzerland

Rabbi

Name: Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt
Title: Director of Israel Policy and Advocacy
Organization: Rabbinical Assembly
<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/stuart-weinblatt/15/16/57a>
Area of Expertise: U.S.-Israel Relations
Speaker Location: Potomac, MD

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Think Tank

Name: Elliott Abrams
Title: Senior Fellow for Middle East Studies
Organization: Council on Foreign Relations
<http://www.cfr.org/experts/middle-east-israel-human-rights/elliott-abrams/b1567>
Area of Expertise: U.S.-Middle East Policy, Peace Process, Democracy
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Michael Adler
Title: Public Policy Scholar, Middle East Program
Organization: Wilson Center
<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/staff/michael-adler>
Area of Expertise: Iranian Nuclear Program
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Jon B. Alterman
Title: Zbigniew Brzezinski Chair in Global Security and Geostrategy and Director, Middle East Program
Organization: Center for Strategic and Int'l Studies
<http://csis.org/expert/jon-b-alterman>
Area of Expertise: Gulf States
Speaker Location:

Name: Dan Arbell
Title: Guest Scholar
Organization: Brookings Institute Saban Center for Middle East Policy
<http://www.danarbell.com/>
Area of Expertise: Israel-Syria Relations, Israel-Turkey Relations
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Ilan Berman
Title: Vice President
Organization: American Foreign Policy Council
http://www.afpc.org/expert_listings/view/2
Area of Expertise: Regional Security -- Middle East and Russia
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: John R. Bolton
Title: Senior Fellow
Organization: American Enterprise Institute
<http://www.aei.org/scholar/john-r-bolton/>
Area of Expertise: Int'l Orgs, Arms Control, Security
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Matthew RJ Brodsky
Title: Director of Policy
Organization: Jewish Policy Center
<http://www.matthewrjbrodsky.com/about/>
Area of Expertise: Syria, Israeli-Syrian Relations
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Shoshana Bryen
Title: Senior Director
Organization: Jewish Policy Center
<http://www.jewishpolicycenter.org/board/s-hoshana-bryen>
Area of Expertise: American-Israeli Strategic Relations
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dr. Daniel Byman
Title: Fellow and Director of Research
Organization: Brookings Institute Saban Center for Middle East Policy
<http://explore.georgetown.edu/people/dlb32/>
Area of Expertise: Hamas, Terrorism, Arab Spring
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

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Think Tank

Name: Dr. Soner Cagaptay
Title: Beyer Family Fellow and Director,
Turkish Research Program
Organization: Washington Institute
<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/cagaptay-soner>
Area of Expertise: U.S.-Turkish
Relations, Turkish Politics
Speaker Location:

Name: Robert Danin
Title: Eni Enrico Mattei Senior Fellow for
Middle East and Africa Studies
Organization: Council on Foreign
Relations
<http://www.cfr.org/experts/middle-east-israeli-palestinian-affairs-syria-negotiations/robert-m-danin/b8346>
Area of Expertise: Middle East, Peace
Process
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Mark Dubowitz
Title: Executive Director
Organization: Foundation for Defense of
Democracies
<http://www.defenddemocracy.org/about-fdd/team-overview/dubowitz-mark/>
Area of Expertise: Iran -- Particularly
Sanctions
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Michael Eisenstadt
Title: Director of Military and Security
Studies Program
Organization: Washington Institute
<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/eisenstadt-michael>
Area of Expertise: Military, Security,
Syria
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Michael Herzog
Title: Milton Fine International Fellow
Organization: Washington Institute
<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/herzog-michael>
Area of Expertise: Israeli Defense
Issues, Peace Process
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Fred Hof
Title: Senior Fellow
Organization: The Atlantic Council
<http://www.acus.org/users/frederic-c-hof>
Area of Expertise: Syria
Speaker Location:

Name: Avi Jorisch
Title: Founder
Organization: Red Cell Intelligence
Group
<http://www.avijorisch.com/about/>
Area of Expertise: Terrorism, Radical
Islam
Speaker Location:

Name: Robert Kagan
Title: Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy,
Center on the United States and Europe
Organization: Brookings Institute
<http://www.brookings.edu/experts/kaganr>
Area of Expertise: Egypt, Europe,
National Security
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Matthew Levitt
Title: Director, Stein Program on
Counterterrorism and Intelligence
Organization: Washington Institute
<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/levitt-matthew>
Area of Expertise: Counterterrorism,
Intelligence, Hezbollah
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

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Name: Lewis "Scooter" Libby
Title: Senior Vice President
Organization: Hudson Institute
http://www.hudson.org/learn/index.cfm?fusection=staff_bio&eid=LewisLibby
Area of Expertise: Int'l Security
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: David Makovsky
Title: Director, Project on the Middle East Peace Process
Organization: Washington Institute
<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/makovsky-david>
Area of Expertise: Peace Process
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Michael Makovsky
Title: CEO and Executive Director
Organization: JINSA
http://rightweb.irc-online.org/profile/Makovsky_Michael
Area of Expertise: Israel, Iraq, Energy Policy
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Aaron David Miller
Title: VP for New Initiatives
Organization: Wilson Center
<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/staff/aaron-david-miller>
Area of Expertise: Peace Process, American Foreign Policy
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Joel Mowbray
Title: Fellow
Organization: Foundation for Defense of Democracies
<http://www.defenddemocracy.org/about-fdd/team-overview/joel-mowbray/>
Area of Expertise: Israel, Palestinian Politics
Speaker Location: New York

Name: Daniel Pipes
Title: Founder and Director
Organization: Middle East Forum
<http://www.danielpipes.org/>
Area of Expertise: Radical Islam
Speaker Location: Philadelphia, PA

Name: Danielle Pletka
Title: VP for Foreign and Defense Policy Studies
Organization: American Enterprise Institute
<http://www.aei.org/scholar/danielle-pletka/>
Area of Expertise: Iraq, Terrorism, Weapons Proliferation
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dr. David Pollock
Title: Kaufman Fellow
Organization: Washington Institute
<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/pollock-david>
Area of Expertise: Israel as a Strategic Asset
Speaker Location:

Name: Itamar Rabinovich
Title: Distinguished Fellow
Organization: Brookings Institute Saban Center for Middle East Policy
<http://www.brookings.edu/experts/rabinovich>
Area of Expertise: Diplomacy, Syria-Israel Relations, US-Israel Relations
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dr. Walter Reich
Title: Senior Scholar
Organization: Wilson Center
<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/staff/walter-reich>
Area of Expertise: Terrorism, Israel
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

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Name: Dennis Ross

Title: Counselor

Organization: Washington Institute

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/ross-dennis>

Area of Expertise: Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process, Iran

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Michael Rubin

Title: Resident Scholar

Organization: American Enterprise Institute

<http://www.aei.org/scholar/michael-rubin/>

Area of Expertise: Diplomacy with Rogue Regimes, Iran, Turkey

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Natan Sachs

Title: Fellow

Organization: Brookings Institute Saban Center for Middle East Policy

<http://www.brookings.edu/experts/sachsn>

Area of Expertise: Israel, Peace Process, Politics of Religion

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dr. Robert Satloff

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Washington Institute

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/satloff-robert>

Area of Expertise: Arab and Islamic Politics, Middle East Democratization

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dr. Jonathan Schanzer

Title: VP of Research

Organization: Foundation for Defense of Democracies

<http://www.defenddemocracy.org/about-fdd/team-overview/schanzer-jonathan/>

Area of Expertise: Islamism, Palestinian Politics

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dan Senor

Title: Adjunct Senior Fellow for Middle East Studies

Organization: Council on Foreign Relations

http://www.rightweb.irc-online.org/profile/senor_dan

Area of Expertise: Israeli Start-Ups, Iraq

Speaker Location: New York

Name: Michael Singh

Title: Managing Director

Organization: Washington Institute

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/singh-michael>

Area of Expertise: Iranian Nuclear Program, Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Speaker Location:

Name: Sarah Stern

Title: Founder and President

Organization: Endowment for Middle East Truth

http://rightweb.irc-online.org/profile/stern_sarah

Area of Expertise: Countering Radical Islam, Failure of Oslo Accords

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Andrew Tabler

Title: Senior Fellow, Program on Arab Politics

Organization: Washington Institute

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/tabler-andrew-j>

Area of Expertise: Syria

Speaker Location:

Name: Dr. Tevi Troy

Title: Senior Fellow

Organization: Hudson Institute

<http://www.hudson.org/troy>

Area of Expertise: Bio-defense issues

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

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Name: Ehud Ya'ari

Title: Lafer International Fellow

Organization: Washington Institute

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/experts/view/yaari-ehud>

Area of Expertise: Sinai Peninsula

Speaker Location:

Name: Dov Zakheim

Title: Senior Adviser

Organization: Center for Strategic and Int'l Studies

<http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/aspens-strategy-group/about-aspens-strategy-group/group-members/dov-zakheim>

Area of Expertise: Defense Budget, U.S.-Israel Military Cooperation

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dr. Daniel Zisenwine

Title: Research Fellow

Organization: Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University

<http://www.israelemb.org/washington/Speakers-Guide/Arab-Israeli-Conflict-Arab-Spring/Pages/Daniel-Zisenwine.aspx>

Area of Expertise: Middle East History, Arab Perspectives on U.S.

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Gidi Grinstein

Title: President and Founder

Organization: The Reut Institute

<http://reut-institute.org/en/Content.aspx?Page=Team&MemberId=15>

Area of Expertise:

Speaker Location:

Name: Noam Neusner

Title: Principal

Organization: 30 Point Strategies

<http://30point.com/team.asp?id=2>

Area of Expertise: American Politics and Elections

Speaker Location: Bethesda, MD

Name: Gerald M. Ostrov

Title: CEO and Executive Director

Organization: Strategic Communications Center

<http://www.zoominfo.com/p/Gerald-Ostrov/1484304597>

Area of Expertise:

Speaker Location:

Name: Wendy Singer

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Start-Up Nation Institute

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/aipac-to-see-leadership-change-in-jerusalem-office/>

Area of Expertise: Israeli Start-Ups

Speaker Location:

Name: Congressman Robert Wexler

Title: President

Organization: S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rep-robert-wexler>

Area of Expertise: Middle East Peace, Security

Speaker Location: Washington, DC

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USA Gov

Name: Senator Ben Cardin
Title: Senator (D-MD)
Organization: U.S. Senate
<http://www.cardin.senate.gov/>
Area of Expertise: Defense Budget
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: William Davis
Title: Senior Political Officer, Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs
Organization: Department of State
Area of Expertise: Peace Process
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Daniel Glaser
Title: Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing
Organization: United States Department of the Treasury
<http://www.treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/Pages/glaser-e.aspx>
Area of Expertise: Counterterrorism Finance, U.S. Sanctions on Iran
Speaker Location:

Name: Dr. Peter Howard
Title: Regional Affairs Strategic Analyst, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
Organization: Department of State
<http://www.american.edu/sis/faculty/phoward.cfm>
Area of Expertise: Arab Uprisings, Middle East
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Alan Makovsky
Title: Senior Professional Staff Member
Organization: House Foreign Affairs Committee, Minority Staff
<http://www.linkedin.com/pub/alan-makovsky/4/902/849>
Area of Expertise: Turkish Issues
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Frank Wolf
Title: Congressman (R-VA)
Organization: U.S. House of Representatives
<http://wolf.house.gov/>
Area of Expertise: Global Religious Freedom, Human Rights
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Dr. Sarah Yerkes
Title: Political Officer, Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs
Organization: Department of State
<http://government.georgetown.edu/graduatestudents/sey6/>
Area of Expertise: Peace Process, U.S.-Israel Relationship
Speaker Location: Washington, DC

Name: Douglas Gansler
Title: Attorney General
Organization: State of Maryland
<http://www.oag.state.md.us/>
Area of Expertise: Maryland's Sanctions on Iran
Speaker Location: Annapolis, MD