



IAC

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

**SEP. 24-26, 2016
WASHINGTON D.C.**

COMMUNITY FORWARD

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW



The IAC National Conference is the foremost annual gathering of the Israeli and Jewish American communities.

Join us for an inspired and engaging three-day journey that delves into the most critical issues facing the Israeli-American and Jewish communities. Together with American and Israeli experts, community leaders, elected officials, innovators and influencers, we will examine questions surrounding Israeli and Jewish identity, global affairs, education, culture, and business.

Specifically, the conference will focus on the current state of following three core pillars:

- Jewish and Israeli identity of the young generation
- Israel as a Nation State of the Jewish People
- Israeli American and Jewish peoplehood

We will examine the current state of these three pillars of Jewish peoplehood and seek to understand the growing gap between them. In particular, we will explore how Israeli-Americans, which constitute 10 percent of America’s Jewish American Community, can serve as a living bridge over this growing chasm.

The 2016 National Israeli-American Conference has gathered 2,000 people from the top echelons of Israeli and American society, including 170 thought leaders, 220 non-profit leaders, 300 students, 100 young professionals, and over 50 teens.

SATURDAY 9/24

6:00pm – 7:30pm
Community Dinner
(available to all conference participants)
MARQUIS BALLROOM – LEVEL M2

IAC 3rd Annual National Conference Begins

7:45pm – 10:30pm
Opening Plenary & Havdalah
MARQUIS BALLROOM – LEVEL M2

Havdalah
Rabbi Dave Felsenthal Director OU NextGen, Birthright and Bring Israel Home
Rabbi Daniel Kraus Director of Strategic Partnerships, Birthright Israel Foundation

- Anthems**
- **Hatikvah**
Shira Averbuch Musician, Actress, Keshet teacher, Keshetot song leader, IAC Shishi Israel lead singer
 - **The Star-Spangled Banner**
Kami Brittany Salman IAC Mishlanu Student

Plenary 1 | 7:45pm – 10:30pm

Shoham Nicolet Co-Founder & CEO, IAC
Adam Milstein Co-Founder and Chairman, IAC
Keynote: Rudy Giuliani (Former Mayor of New York City)

IAC Mishlanu, Tema Silinsky & Yossi Bagdadi

Milan Chatterjee, Campus Activist

Iran deal: One Year Later
Ambassador Dennis Ross (Distinguished Fellow & Counselor, The Washington Institute and Former US Envoy to the Middle East) & **Congressman Brad Sherman** (US House of Representatives D-CA). Moderated by **Alon Ben David** (Senior Defense Correspondent, Channel 10)

Community Mobilization
Natan Sharansky (Chairman of the Executive, The Jewish Agency for Israel) & **David Suissa** (President, The Jewish Journal)

A Tour of the Region
Minister Yoav Galant (Ministry of Construction, Israel) & **Yaakov Katz** (Editor in Chief, Jerusalem Post)

Science Diplomacy
Minister Ofir Akunis (Ministry of Science, Technology, and Space, Israel) & **Boaz Bismuth** (Foreign News Editor & Senior Analyst, Israel Hayom)

10:30pm
Einat Sarouf Live Performance
MARQUIS BALLROOM – LEVEL M2



11:30pm
Young Professionals Night Out
201 Massachusetts Ave
NE, Washington DC 20002

12:45am
Selichot Services
SYNAGOGUE – LEVEL M1

SUNDAY

9/25

7:30am – 8:30am
Breakfast, LEVEL M4 FOYER
Non-profit exhibition LEVEL M4 FOYER

8:00am – 9:45am
G’vanim Session 1 – By invitation only
LEVEL M4

The G’vanim Alumni Network
Leadership through the spiritual testament
of Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai. **Speaker: Ruth Calderon**, Research Fellow at Hartman Institute. Former Knesset Member

All Day High School Track
LEVEL M4, Room: Monument

8:30am – 9:45am
Breakout Session 1

10:00am – 11:15pm
Breakout Session 2

11:45am -1:15pm
Afternoon plenary: The Jewish People
MARQUIS BALLROOM–LEVEL M2

1:15 pm – 3:00pm
Lunch, LEVEL M4 FOYER
Non-profit exhibition LEVEL M4 FOYER

3:00pm – 4:15pm
Breakout Session 3

4:30pm – 5:45pm
Breakout Session 4

6:00pm – 7:00pm
Receptions
LEVEL M2

IAC DC & Israel Bonds Reception
Join Israel Bonds and the local IAC DC chapter to meet, greet and learn more about community and ways to get involved. Celebrate the new year with us and learn ways to connect and invest in Israel.

IAC Young Professionals
Don’t miss out on the special track for Young Professionals featuring a kickoff night out at 201 Bar in downtown DC, distinguished speakers in TEDTalk style sessions, and a networking reception.

IAC Students
Grow and strengthen your network while mingling with over 200 students from across the country at our IAC student reception.

IAC Real Estate Network
Industry leaders discuss current market trends, personal stories and their connection to Israel.

Birthright Israel
Join us to learn more about the Birthright Israel program and the more than 500,000 participants who have received this incredible gift over the last 16 years. Our reception will highlight program alumni, Israeli Mifgash (encounter) participants and some of our key donors, integral in the ongoing success of this program.

7:00pm -8:00pm
Dinner – Marquis Ballroom – Level M2

8:00pm – 10:30pm
Evening Plenary

10:30pm
After Party – CHAGIGA!
The Dignitary Bar – HOTEL LOBBY

Breakout Session 1 | Continued

Identity & Education

Hebrew Panel: Hybrid Identity of Israeli-Americans: Longing, Belonging, and Raising Children **SALON D**

- **Dr. Miriam Adelson** Physician, Philanthropist, Former Chairwoman and Council Member, IAC Las Vegas
- **Dr. Simcha Leibovich** Executive Representative, WZO, North America
- **Dr. Nili Sachs** Council Member, IAC Las Vegas
- **Shmuel Rosner** The Jewish People Policy Institute

Moderator: Dr. Neta Peleg Oren, Council Member, IAC Florida

Young Generation & Education 3.0

Hebrew Panel: Challenges of the Young Generation: Connection to Israel, Assimilation and More **SALON O**

- **Gusti Braverman Yehoshua** Head, Department for Diaspora Activities, WZO
- **Carmit Palty Katzir** Director, The Israeli House
- **Yishay Goldflam** Executive Director of Israel Advocacy & Education, Jewish National Fund
- **Elad Sanderovich** Executive Director, Friends of Israel Scouts

Moderator: Jonathan "Yoni" Ari, Director, IAC Philidelphia
Presenter: Ronen Engler, Board Member, IAC and Council Co-Chair, Seattle

Israel & Middle East

Hebrew Panel: Meet the Press: Israeli Media in the 21st Century **SALON N**

- **Erel Segal** Journalist, NRG & Channel 20
- **Nechama Duek** Journalist, Yediot Aharonot
- **Judy Shalom Nir Mozes** Journalist and Talkshow Host
- **Boaz Bismuth** Foreign News Editor & Senior Analyst, Israel Hayom

Moderator: Yaniv Helfgot, Executive Editor, Channel 2 News, Israel

Breakout Session 1 | 8:30am-9:45am

Activism

50 Years Since the Six Day War: Standing for Israel- Challenges and Opportunities **SALON M**

- **Elliot Mathias** Founder & Executive Director, Hasbara Fellowships
- **Ron Krudo** Executive Director of Campus Affairs, StandwithUs
- **Adam Teitelbaum** Acting Leadership and Development Director, AIPAC
- **Gilad Skolnick** Director of Campus Programming at the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA)
- **Shelley Kedar** Vice President, Israel Education and Engagement, Hillel

Moderator: David Brog, Executive Director, Maccabee Task Force

Closing the Gaps: Israel, Jewish Community and Israeli-Americans

Israel as the Nation State of the Jewish People: What Does it Mean for Israel in the 21st Century? **SALON L**

- **Prof. Uriel Reichman** Founder & President, IDC, Herzliya
- **Richard V. Sandler** Chairman, Jewish Federation of North America
- **Yael "Yuli" Tamir** President, Shenkar College of Engineering, Design and Art, Former Israel’s Education Minister
- **Shawn Evenhaim** Chairman Emeritus, IAC
- **Barry Shrage** President of CJP, Jewish Federation, Greater Boston

Moderator: Gidi Grinstein, President & Founder, The Reut Institute
Presenter: Na’ama Klar, The Reut Institute

Living Bridges Within The American People

The JCCs of the 21st Century and the Role of Israeli-Americans Within Them **SALON G**

- **Zack Bodner** CEO, Oshman Family JCC
- **Only Chen** Council Member, IAC New Jersey
- **Michael Feinstein** President & CEO, JCC of Greater Washington
- **Mark Sokoll** President & CEO, JCC of Greater Boston
- **Jordan Shenker** CEO, Kaplen JCC on the Palisades

Moderator: Aya Shechter, Regional Director, IAC New Jersey
Presenter: Ofer Shapiro, National Board Member, IAC and Regional Council Member, New Jersey

Israel & The World

Hope Makers: Inspirational Leaders in Israel **SALON E**

- **Yotam Polizer** Global Partnerships Director, IsraAID
- **Eli Shaharabany** Chairman of the Board,Tzav Pius
- **Ayoob Kara** Deputy Minister, Regional Cooperation Ministry and Member of Knesset (Likud)
- **Ram Shmueli** Chair, HaShomer HaChadash
- **Nechami Genis** CEO, Ayalim Association

Moderator: Noa Eliasaf-Shoham, Co-Founder & Board Member, Reut Institute and Executive Director, Israel Yozemet

IAC BINA Salon: Young Pros Track

IAC BINA Salon, Young Professional Track **SALON F**

- **Udi Mokady** "From 0 to Public" Chairman, CEO & Co-Founder, CyberArk Software, Inc.
- **Dr. Dror Eydar** "Israel’s Story Through Archeology" Columnist, Israel Hayom
- **Frank Melloul** "A Challenge of Coexistence" CEO, Channel i24 News
- **Dr. Anat Berko** "Women in Terror" Member of Knesset (Likud)

Presenter: Lior Hamuel, Lead Member, IAC

Special Track

Reaching Beyond: Israeli Art Paving Way in the American Art Scene **SALON H**

- **Rivka Saker** Founder & Board Chair, Artis
- **Jennifer V. Roth** Senior Vice President Business Development, Sotheby’s New York
- **Prof. Adi Stern** President, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Jerusalem
- **Andrea Meislin** Gallery Owner, Andrea Meislin Gallery

Moderator: Jennifer V. Roth, Senior Vice President Business Development, Sotheby’s New York

Breakout Session 2 | 10:00am-11:15am

Activism

Re-evaluating the Strategy to Defeat the Delegitimization of Israel
SALON E

- **Sima Vaknin Gil** Director General, Ministry of Strategic Affairs
- **Jonathan S. Kessler** Director of Strategic Initiatives, AIPAC
- **Oded Revivi** Chief Foreign Envoy, YESHA Council
- **Anne Bayefsky** Director of the Touro Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, and President, Human Rights Voices
- **Roz Rothstein** CEO & Co-Founder, StandwithUs
- **Morton Klein** National President, ZOA

Moderator: Sagi Balasha, Former CEO, IAC

Identity & Education

Hebrew Panel: The Jewish-Israeli Snow Globe – What Happens and Should Happen When Israelis Leave Their Identity Safety Zone?
SALON D

- **Elazar Stern** Member of Knesset (Yesh Atid)
- **Shmuel Rosner** The Jewish People Policy Institute
- **Dr. Aliza Lavie** Member of Knesset (Yesh Atid)
- **Tamir Cohen** Board Member, IAC and Co-Chair, IAC Los Angeles
- **Ben Pery** Executive Director JWRP

Moderator: Dr. Ruth Calderon, Research Fellow, Hartman Institute, and Former Knesset Member

Closing the Gaps: Israel, Jewish Community and Israeli Americans

Israel as the Nation State of the Jewish People: From a Covenant of Fate to a Covenant of Destiny
SALON L

- **Steve Rakitt** CEO, Greater Washington Jewish Federation
- **Dr. Leonard Saxe** Director, The Steinhardt Social Research Institute
- **Rachel N. Davidson** Board Member, IAC and Council Co-Chair, IAC New York
- **Russell F. Robinson** CEO, Jewish National Fund
- **Janice Weinman** CEO and Executive Director, Hadassah

Moderator: Gidi Grinstein, President & Founder, The Reut Institute

Presenter: Na'ama Klar, The Reut Institute

Building Community Forward

Building Networks and Alliances with Non-Jewish Communities
SALON O

- **Mario Esquire Bramnick** President, Hispanic Israel Leadership Coalition
- **Lior Haiat** Consul General, Consulate General of Israel, Miami
- **Rabbi Marc Schneier** Founder & President, The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding
- **Aviv Ezra** Consul General, Consulate General of Israel, Chicago

Moderator: David Brog, Executive Director, Maccabee Task Force

Living Bridges Within The American People

Israeli Innovators Transforming the World of Medicine
SALON G

- **Dr. Miriam Adelson** Physician, Philanthropist, Former Chairwoman and Council Member, IAC Las Vegas
- **Nachum "Homi" Shamir** President and CEO, Luminex Corporation
- **Ido Schoenberg** CEO, American Well
- **Edward D. Greenberg** M.D., Interventional Neuroradiologist

Moderator: Dr. Avraham "Avi" Almozlino, Chief, Neurology Division, NWH, Board Member, IAC and Council Member, IAC Boston

Presenter: Dr. Adin Boldur, Council Member, IAC Las Vegas

Israel & Middle East

A New Kind of International Terrorism?
SALON N

- **Jonathan Conricus** The first IDF officer to be seconded to the United Nations Department for Peace Keeping Operations (DPKO)
- **Dr. Reuven Berko** Political Science
- **Dr. Asaf Romirowsky** Executive Director, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East
- **Alon Ben David** Senior Defense Correspondent, Channel 10
- **Dr. Ronen Hoffman** Herzliya Conference Organizer, Former MK (Yesh Atid)

Moderator: Yoav Krakovsky, Head, Political Desk, Reshet Bet

Breakout Session 2 | Continued

Israel & The World

The Middle East Alliance – Any Hope within Turmoil?
SALON P

- **Ambassador Dennis Ross** Distinguished Fellow & Counselor, The Washington Institute and Former US Envoy to the Middle East
- **Prof. Eytan Gilboa** Director of the Center for International Communication Bar-Ilan University
- **Dana Weiss** News Anchor, Israel Channel 2
- **Ron Prosor** Former Ambassador to the UN, Israel and Distinguished Fellow, Hudson Institute
- **Dore Gold** Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel and Former Ambassador to the United Nations

Moderator: Koby Huberman, Co-Founder, Israel Yozemet The Israeli Peace Initiative

Special Track

Living Bridges: Israeli-American Art
SALON H

- **Nir Hod** Artist
- **Noam Segal** Curator
- **Michal Rovner** Video, Photo and Cinema Artist
- **Doreen Remen** Co-Founder, Art Production Fund

Moderator: Nir Hod, Artistir Hod



Young Generation & Education 3.0

Challenges and Opportunities of Connecting Generation Y & Z to Israel
SALON M

- **Dr. Bruce J Powell** Head, De Toledo High School
- **Meara Razon Ashtivker** COO, Masa Israel Journey
- **Jonathan Davis** Vice President, External Relations and Head, Raphael Recanati International School, IDC Herzliya
- **Gidi Mark** CEO, Birthright
- **Rabbi Dave Felsenthal** Director OU NextGen, Birthright and Bring israel Home

Moderator: Yaakov Katz, Editor in Chief, The Jerusalem Post

Afternoon Plenary 11:45am – 1:15pm

Birthright Israel Introduction

Long-Distance Siblings
Richard Sandler (Chairman, Jewish Federation of North America and Executive Vice President & Trustee, The Milken Family Foundation), **Prof. Uriel Reichman** (Founder and President, IDC Israel), **Gidi Mark** (CEO, Birthright Israel), led by **Adam Milstein** (Chairman, IAC)

Cutting-edge pro-Israel community, IAC-IDC
Yarden Ben Yosef (Director, Public Diplomacy, IDC Herzliya, IAC-IDC Situation Room)

Democracy and a Jewish State
Elazar Stern (Member of Knesset, Yesh Atid), **Zehava Galon**, (Chairwoman, Member of Knesset, Merez), **Dana Weiss** (News Anchor, Israel Channel 2), led by **Dr. Yoaz Hendel** (Senior Military & Diplomatic Commentator, Yediot Aharonot)

Startup Nation's Economy as a Bridge to the Nations
Israel "Izzy" Tapoohi (President & CEO, Development Corporation for Israel/Israel Bonds), **Seth M. Siegel**, (Businessman, Activist, and Author of "Let There Be Water: Israel's Solution for a Water-Starved World"), **Yasmin Lukatz** (Executive Director, ICON)
Moderator: **Anat Katz** (Commercial Attaché Embassy of Israel, Washington DC)

1:15pm – 3:00pm

Lunch Break – LEVEL M4 FOYER
Nonprofit Exhibition – LEVEL M4 FOYER

IAC BINA Salon, Young Professional (SALON F)

- **Philippe Assouline** Communications Researcher & Political Analyst – The science of influence; How to captivantly tell Israel's story to millennials
- **Jake Schwartz** CEO and Co-Founder, General Assembly
- **Idit Harel** Founder & CEO, Globaloria – Future of Education
- **Aliza Kline** Founding Executive Director, OneTable – Designing Shabbat for the 21st Century

Presenter: Seffi Lobel, Lead Member, IAC

Breakout Session 3 3:00pm-4:15pm

Activism

Hebrew Panel: Activating the Israeli-American Community and their Connection to Israel
SALON M

- **Avner Golov** Research Fellow, INSS and S.Truman Scholar, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
- **Yana Shechterman** Co-Founder, Israel's Academic Forum, Boston
- **Dr. Nurit Eyal** Program Director, Israel National Braingain Program
- **Margarita Spichko** Manager of Diaspora Affairs Office, Ministry of Diaspora Affairs
- **Shelley Kedar** Vice President, Israel Education and Engagement, Hillel
- **David Hazony** Editor, The TowerManaging Director, TIP

Moderator: Monika Lev Cohen, CEO ScienceAbroad

Breakout Session 3 | Continued

Living Bridges Within The American People

Securing the U.S.–Israel Alliance: New Opportunities in Cities and States **SALON O**

- **Kristopher Sanchez** Director of International Affairs, Nevada Governor's Office
- **Ruth Wasserman Lande** Deputy Director General, International Affairs, Union of Local Authorities, Israel
- **Lindsey Horvath** Council Member, City of West Hollywood
- **Margaret Finlay** Former Mayor, City of Duarte and First Vice President, SCAG

Moderator: Nissim Ezekiel, Israel – US Business Development Former Director, IFC/ World Bank Group
Presenter: Yochanan Lowie, Council Chairman, IAC Las Vegas

Identity & Education

Israeli and Jewish American Education: Jewish and Israeli Identity **SALON D**

- **Jeremy J. Fingerman** CEO, Foundation for Jewish Camp
- **Galit Goldberg** Educational Director, Emek Israeli Language & Cultural Afterschool
- **Dr. Bruce J Powel** Head, De Toledo High School
- **Rachel Raz** Founder, Jewish Early Engagement Forum and Director, Early Childhood Institute, Hebrew College

Moderator: Dr. Vardit Ringvald, Director, Middlebury School of Hebrew and Research Professor, Language and Linguistics, Middlebury College
Presenter: Etty Dolgin, Director of Education, Moadon Kol Chadash & Gan Gani, and Board Member, IAC and Regional Council Co-Chair, IAC Chicago

Young Generation & Education 3.0

Hacking Education **SALON E**

- **Jake Schwartz** CEO & Co-Founder, General Assembly
- **Jonathan Schorr** CEO & Co-Founder, CodeMonkey Studios
- **Idit Harel** Founder & CEO, Globaloria
- **Prof. Yael "Yuli" Tamir** President, Shenkar College of Engineering, Design and Art
- **Prof. Adi Stern** President, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Jerusalem

Moderator: Maya Wizel, Expert in Innovation and PhD Candidate, Lesley University

IAC Bina Salon: Young Pros Track

IAC BINA Salon, Young Professional Track **SALON F**

- **Yaniv Katan** Creative Product Marketing, Sales and Channel Enablement, Cisco – Make an Impact Through the Art of Storytelling
- **Prof. Simcha Goldin** Head, Diaspora Research Center, Tel Aviv University – Leadership Through Hadar's Legacy
- **Eva Rosenstein** President & CEO, Lilyan Wilder Center for Communication Excellence – Techniques for Conveying Israel's Story with Impact and Effectiveness
- **Zack Bodner** CEO, Oshman Family JCC – Zionism 3.0

Presenter: Dror Ironi, IAC Lead

Breakout Session 4 | 4:30pm–5:45pm

Activism

WORKSHOP: Fighting BDS Step-by-Step: Winning on Campus, in Government, and in Your Community **SALON M**

- **Dillon Hosier** National Director, State Government Affairs, Israeli–American Coalition for Action
- **David Brog** Executive Director, Maccabee Task Force
- **Yarden Ben Yosef** Director, Public Diplomacy, IDC Herzliya, IAC-IADC Situation Room
- **Jeb Ory** CEO and Co-Founder Phone2Action

Moderator: Dillon Hosier, National Director, State Government Affairs, Israeli–American Coalition for Action

Closing the Gaps: Israel, Jewish Community and Israeli-Americans

Creating Meaningful Connections Between the Jewish People and the Jewish State **SALON L**

- **Rabbi Daniel Kraus** Director of Strategic Partnerships, Birthright Israel Foundation
- **Ben Pery** Executive Director, JWRP
- **Joshua Donner** Executive Director, The David S. and Karen A. Shapira Foundation
- **Stuart Wachs** President & CEO, Jewish Community Association of Greater Phoenix

Moderator: Chaya Glasner, Program Officer, The Paul E. Singer Foundation
Presenter: Yehudit Feinstein, Regional Director, IAC New York

Building Community Forward

Hebrew Panel: Sense of Community – Establishing Responsibility and Purpose to Engage the Next Generation **SALON P**

- **Ram Shmueli** Chair of Hashomer Hachadash
- **Dani Zamir** Head, Pre-Military Leadership Academies
- **Dr. Sara Shadmi** Head of Department of Community, Shdemot Center, Oranim College of Education

Moderator: Na'ama Ore, Regional Director, IAC Boston

Israel & Middle East

Hebrew Panel: The Collapse of the Peace Process: Has the Two-State Solution Become Irrelevant? What Are the New Alternatives? **SALON N**

- **Dr. Anat Berko** Member of Knesset (Likud)
- **Dore Gold** Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel and Former Ambassador to the United Nations
- **Zehava Galon** Chairwoman, Member of Knesset (Meretz)
- **Dr. Yoaz Hendel** Senior Military & Diplomatic Commentator, Yediot Aharonot

Moderator: Dr. Dror Eydar, Columnist, Israel Hayom
Presenter: Rani Ben-David, Board Member, IAC and Council Chair, IAC Florida

Israel & The World

Connecting with African American, Latino Communities and LGBT **SALON H**

- **Robin Levenston** Executive Director, Project Interchange, AJC
- **Dr. Andy David** Consul General, Consulate General of Israel, San Francisco
- **Yehuda Yaakov** Consul General, Consulate General of Israel, New England
- **Judith Varnai Shorer** Consul General, Consulate General of Israel, Atlanta
- **Jonathan S. Kessler** Director of Strategic Initiatives, AIPAC

Moderator: Reuven Azar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Israel, Washington DC

Living Bridges Within The American People

IAC MED – Israeli Medical Ambassadors in Crisis Times: Terror, War Zones and Natural Disasters **SALON H**

- **Prof. Isaac Ashkenazi** MD, International Consultant, Brazil's Ministry of Defense, Professor of Faculty of Health Sciences at Ben Gurion University, and Board Member, Markandeshwar University
- **Yotam Polizer** Global Partnerships Director, IsraAID
- **Prof. Arie Schachner** President, Save A Child's Heart Foundation

Moderator: Boaz Bismuth, Foreign News Editor & Senior Analyst, Israel Hayom

Presenter: Dr. Neville Pokroy, Council Member, IAC Las Vegas

Identity & Education

The Role of Language in Identity Formation **SALON G**

- **Dr. Udi Sommer** Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University and Member, Israeli Young Academy for Science
- **Dr. Netta Avineri** TESOL/TFL Assistant Professor, Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey
- **Dr. Joyce Starr** Author, "Kissing Through Glass: The Invisible Shield Between Americans And Israelis"
- **Galia Albin** Director & Producer, Almedia Holdings, Israel

Moderator: Dr. Vardit Ringvald, Director, Middlebury School of Hebrew and Research Professor, Language and Linguistics, Middlebury College

Building Community Forward

Hebrew Panel: The Connection Between Israel and the Israeli Diaspora **SALON O**

- **Elazar Stern** Member of Knesset (Yesh Atid)
- **Sam Grundwerg** Consul General, Consulate General of Israel, Los Angeles
- **Yoni Kempinski** Journalist, Arutz Sheva
- **Danny Alpert** Board Member & Chairman Emeritus, IAC
- **Sharon Buenos** Director, Israeli House, UK and Europe

Moderator: Uzi Baruch, Editor in Chief, Arutz Sheva
Presenter: Iris Hami, Board Member, IAC and Council Chair, IAC Philadelphia

Breakout Session 4 | Continued

Israel & Middle East

The Syria Crisis: The Future of a Destroyed State and its Effect on the Middle East and Beyond **SALON N**

- **Dr. Yoaz Hendel** Senior Military & Diplomatic Commentator, Yediot Aharonot
- **Dr. Nir Boms** Research Fellow, Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University and Research Fellow, International Center for Counter Terrorism, Herzliya
- **Ahed Al Hendi** Founder, Syrian Youth for Justice
- **Dr. Reuven Berko** Political Science

Moderator: Yaakov Katz, Editor in Chief, The Jerusalem Post
Presenter: Dr. Nir Boms, Research Fellow, Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University and Research Fellow, International Center for Counter Terrorism, Herzliya

Special Track

IAC Real Estate Devision **SALON F**

- **Daniel Benedict** Founder & President, BRG
- **Shai Shamir** CEO, Brack Capital
- **Philip Rosen** Corporate Partner & Head of Property Practice, Weil, Gotshal & Manges

Moderator: Shimon Shkury, Board Member, IAC and Council Member, IAC New York, President, Ariel Property Advisors

Supersonas

Hebrew Panel: IAC Supersonas– Women’s Impact, Leadership and Entrepreneurship **SALON P**

- **Hana Rado** Founder & President, Supersonas Global
- **Imi Eiron** Co-Founder & CEO, Saloona
- **Prof. Yael "Yuli" Tamir** President, Shenkar College of Engineering, Design and Art
- **Adina Bar Shalom** Founder and President of Haredi College in Jerusalem, Israel Prize Recipient

Moderator: Yali Harari, Venture Partner, Impact First Investments and Co-Founder & NY Lead, Supersonas USA

Young Generation & Education 3.0

The Power of Engaging Young Families to Secure a Strong Foundation of Identity **SALON D**

- **Jeremy J. Fingerma**n CEO, Foundation for Jewish Camp
- **Jeanne Lovy** Vice President, JCCs of Greater Boston
- **Arnee Winshal** President & CEO, Hebrew at the Center, Inc.
- **Dr. Neta Peleg Oren** Council Member, IAC Florida

Moderator: Rachel Raz, Founder, Jewish Early Engagement Forum and Director, Early Childhood Institute, Hebrew College

Evening Plenary | 8:00pm – 10:30pm

IAC Board Member **Rachel Davidson**, NYC

Keynote: **Chuck Schumer** (United States Senator, D-NY)

Bring Hadar Home
Dr. Leah Goldin (CEO, Golden Solutions and Senior Lecturer, Afeka Tel Aviv Academic College of Engineering) and **Dr. Simcha Goldin** (Head, Diaspora Research Center, Tel Aviv University)

Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** greetings

From Vision to Reality
Dr. Miriam Adelson (Lead physician and expert in drug addiction, Philanthropist, and IAC Las Vegas Council Member and Former Chairwoman) and **Sheldon G. Adelson** (Entrepreneur & Philanthropist, Chairman & CEO, Las Vegas Sands Corporation) introduced by **Shawn Evenhaim** (Board Member & Chairman Emeritus)

The Ambassadors' "Fireside Chat"
Ron Prossor (Former Ambassador to the UN, Israel and Distinguished Fellow, Hudson Institute), **Dr. Dore Gold** (Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel & Former Ambassador to United Nations), Deputy Minister **Michael Oren** (Prime Minister’s Office)

Moderator: **Greta Van Susteren** (American Commentator and Television News Anchor, Receiver of the IAC “Fair and Honest Reporting” Award)

10:30 PM
After Party – CHAGIGA!
The Dignitary Bar – HOTEL LOBBY

MONDAY
9/26

Building Community Forward

How Does Philanthropy Empower Community Engagement? **SALON 14-M2**

- **Neil A. Wallack** Chair, Board of Directors, CJP, Boston Jewish Federation
- **Naty Saidoff** Board Member, IAC and Council Member, IAC Los Angeles
- **Miri Shepherd** Board Member, and Council Member, IAC Los Angels
- **Shira Ruderman** Israel Director, The Ruderman Family Foundation

Moderator: Rachel Chafetz, Board Member, IAC and Co-Chair, IAC Boston

Goodbye Plenary
9:30am – 11:30am

Congressman Tonny Cardenas (D-CA) & **Congressman Trent Franks** (R-AZ), Moderated by **Shawn Evenhaim**, Board Member & Chairman Emeritus

Coalitions Against Boycotts
Richard Bloom (California State Assembly), **Josh Mandel** (Treasurer, State of Ohio), **Sima Vaknin-Gil** (CEO Israel’s Ministry of Strategic Affairs), **Dr. Anat Berko** (Member of Knesset, Likud) led by **Dillon L. Hosier** (National Director of State Government Affairs, Israeli-American Nexus)

Where Do We Take It From Here?
Consul General **Dani Dayan** (Consulate General of Israel, New York), **Shira Ruderman** (Israel Director, Ruderman Family Foundation) **Barry Shrage** (President of CJP, Jewish Federation, Greater Boston), **Dr. Aliza Lavie** (Member of Knesset, Yesh Atid), **Shoham Nicolet** (CEO, IAC) led by **Gidi Grinstein** (President & Founder, The Reut Institute)

A conversation with Sheldon G. Adelson (Entrepreneur & Philanthropist, Chairman & CEO, Las Vegas Sands Corporation)

Closing Remarks

8:00am – 8:30 am
Breakfast – Level M2 – FOYER

Breakout Session 5 | 8:30am – 9:30am

Activism

Social Venture – Tikkun Olam **SALON 13-M2**

- **Prof. Arie Schachner** President, Save A Child’s Heart Foundation
- **Yotam Polizer** Global Partnerships Director, IsraAID
- **Moshe Theumim** Co-Founder, Mifalot for Sport, Education and Peace
- **Gidi Grinstein** President and Founder, The Reut Institute

Moderator: Jennie Starr, CEO & Founder, Tarbuton
Presenter: Ben Cohen, Board Member, IAC and Council Member, IAC Las Vegas

Closing the Gaps: Israel, Jewish Community and Israeli Americans

Making the Right Connections: Ways to Engage and Connect Young Jewish Americans to Israel **SALON 12-M2**

- **Michael S. Miller** Executive Vice President & CEO, JCRC NY
- **Rabbi Daniel Kraus** Director of Strategic Partnerships, Birthright Israel Foundation
- **Rabbi David Gedzelman** President & CEO, The Steinhardt Foundation for Jewish Life

Moderator: William Daroff, Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Director of the Washington Office, JFNA



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