

# The Saban Forum 2009

The U.S.-Israel Partnership: Can New Governments Overcome Old Challenges?

Jerusalem, Israel, November 14-16, 2009



## Program Schedule

### Saturday, November 14, 2009

King David Hotel

**6:30 PM Cocktails**

Ambassadors' Hall

**7:15 PM Dinner**

Presidents' Hall

**8:00 PM Opening Session: Israeli And American Worldviews**

WELCOMING REMARKS: Haim Saban,  
*Chairman, The Saban Forum*

Strobe Talbott, *President,  
The Brookings Institution*

MODERATOR: David Ignatius,  
*Columnist, The Washington Post*

Avigdor Liberman, *Deputy Prime Minister;  
Minister of Foreign Affairs, State of Israel*

James Steinberg, *Deputy Secretary of State,  
U.S. Department of State*

**9:30 PM Coffee and Cocktails**

Reading Room

### Sunday, November 15, 2009

**8:00 AM A Breakfast Conversation with Former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert: Peacemaking in Wartime**

Presidents' Hall

INTRODUCTION: Haim Saban

MODERATOR: Samuel Berger, *Chair, Albright  
Stonebridge Group*

**9:30 AM Buses depart for Ramallah**

**11:00 AM Meeting with Prime Minister Salam Fayyad**

**Presentation of the Fayyad Plan: Palestine: Ending the Occupation, Establishing the State**

DISCUSSANT: Stanley Fischer, *Governor,  
Bank of Israel*

**12:30 PM Luncheon Hosted by Prime Minister Salam Fayyad**

**3:00 PM Participants return to Jerusalem**

**5:00 PM Cocktails**

David Citadel Hotel

**6:00 PM Saban Forum 2009 Gala Dinner**

WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF  
PRESIDENT CLINTON: Haim Saban

**A Conversation with President William J. Clinton**

MODERATOR: Nahum Barnea, *Political  
Columnist, Yedioth Ahronoth*

**7:00 PM Dinner is Served**

**8:00 PM Keynote Address**

INTRODUCTION OF PRIME MINISTER  
NETANYAHU: Haim Saban

**Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu**

**8:45 PM A Conversation with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger: The Fight for Alternative Energy Sources**

WITH: Congressman Henry Waxman  
(D-California), *Chairman, House  
Committee on Energy and Commerce*

MODERATOR: Shai Agassi, *CEO, Better Place*

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### Monday, November 16, 2009

King David Hotel

**9:00 AM** **Dialogue Session One: Assessing Progress with Iran**  
Ambassadors' Hall

**MODERATOR:** Kenneth M. Pollack, *Director, Saban Center at Brookings*

Dan Meridor, *Deputy Prime Minister, State of Israel*

Dennis Ross, *Special Assistant to President Obama and Senior Director for the Central Region, National Security Council*

Uzi Arad, *National Security Advisor to Prime Minister Netanyahu*

Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-Connecticut), *Chairman, Senate Homeland Security Committee*

**11:00 AM** **Coffee Break**

**11:30 AM** **Dialogue Session Two: The Prospects for Israeli-Syrian Peace**  
Ambassadors' Hall

**MODERATOR:** Itamar Rabinovich, *Bronfman Distinguished Fellow, Saban Center at Brookings*

Frederic C. Hof, *Special Coordinator for Regional Affairs, Office of the Special Envoy for Middle East Peace*

Gen. Amos Yadlin, *Chief of Defense Intelligence, IDF*

**1:00 PM** **Luncheon Session: Assessing the Israeli and American Roles in Peacemaking**  
Presidents' Hall

**MODERATOR:** Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-New York), *Chairwoman, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations*

Tzipi Livni, *Leader of the Opposition and Head of the Kadima Party*

Congressman Howard Berman (D-California), *Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee*

**3:00 PM** **Break**

**4:00 PM** **Dialogue Session Three: Strengthening Palestinian Security and Governance Capabilities**  
Ambassadors' Hall

**MODERATOR:** Bruce Riedel, *Senior Fellow, Saban Center at Brookings*

Yuval Diskin, *Director, Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet)*

Congresswoman Jane Harman (D-California), *Chairwoman, House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence Affairs*

Daniel Shapiro, *Senior Director of Middle East and North Africa, National Security Council*

**5:30 PM** **Afternoon Tea**  
Ambassadors' Garden

**6:00 PM** **Concluding Dialogue Session: Assessing the State of the U.S.-Israel Strategic Relationship**  
Ambassadors' Hall

Ehud Barak, *Minister of Defense, State of Israel*

**INTERVIEWED BY:** Eliot Cohen, *Professor of Strategic Studies, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies*

**7:00 PM** **The Saban Forum 2009 Concludes**