

The Saban Forum 2008

Strategic Choices: Challenges for the
Next U.S. and Israeli Governments

Washington, D.C., December 5-7, 2008



Program Schedule

Friday, December 5, 2008

- 12:00 PM Registration**
St. Regis Hotel (Chandelier Room)
923 16th St. NW
- 3:45 PM** Coaches leave from the St. Regis for the Newseum
- 4:00 PM Opening Session: *The Future of the Middle East***

The Newseum
555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
6th Street Entrance
(NOTE: Due to security, all attendees must be in their seats by 4:30 PM)
- WELCOMING REMARKS:** Haim Saban,
Chairman, The Saban Forum
- INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT BUSH:**
John Thornton, *Chairman,*
The Brookings Institution
- The Honorable George W. Bush,
43rd President of the United States
- INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER**
SHAUL MOFAZ: Haim Saban
- The Honorable Shaul Mofaz, *Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Transportation and Head, U.S.-Israel Strategic Dialogue, Israel*
- 6:00 PM Buffet Reception**

Saturday, December 6, 2008

- 7:30 AM Registration**
U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Hall of Flags)
1615 H Street, NW
- 8:30 AM Session One: *A New Strategy for the Next U.S. President***

Presenting the conclusions of the Saban Center at Brookings-Council on Foreign Relations joint project, *Restoring the Balance*

MODERATOR: Strobe Talbott, President,
The Brookings Institution

Richard Haass, *President, Council on Foreign Relations*

Martin Indyk, *Director, The Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution*

RESPONDENTS:

Sandy Berger, *former National Security Adviser*

Zalmay Khalilzad, *U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations*

10:00 AM Coffee Break

10:30 AM Session Two: *Iran—Is There a Military Option?*

MODERATOR: Congressman Howard Berman,
Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee

Amon Lipkin-Shahak, *former Deputy Prime Minister and IDF Chief of Staff*

Zbigniew Brzezinski, *former National Security Adviser*

Major General Amos Yadlin, *IDF Head of Military Intelligence*

Nicholas Burns, *former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs*

12:30 PM Luncheon Session: *The Broader Strategic Context – The Middle East and the South Asian Crises*

MODERATOR: Margaret Warner

Dr. Henry Kissinger, *former Secretary of State*

RESPONDENTS: Richard Holbrooke, *former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations*

Bruce Riedel, *Senior Fellow, Saban Center and former Senior Director, Near East and South Asian Affairs, National Security Council*

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2:00 PM **Session Three: Iran—Can Sanctions and Diplomacy Work?**

MODERATOR: Congresswoman Jane Harman
(D-California)

William Burns, *Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs*

Ephraim Halevy, *former Head of Mossad and former National Security Adviser, Israel*

Stuart Levey, *Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence*

Aharon Abramovitch, *Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel*

3:30 PM **Break**

4:30 PM Coaches leave from the St. Regis for the Folger Shakespeare Library

5:00 PM **Reception**
Folger Shakespeare Library
201 East Capitol Street, SE

GREETINGS: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives

6:00 PM **Dinner Session: The Global Economic Crisis**

MODERATOR: Thomas Friedman, *Columnist, The New York Times*

Shai Agassi, *Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Better Place*

David Rubenstein, *Co-Founder and Managing Director, The Carlyle Group*

Sever Plocker, *Economics Columnist, Yedioth Ahronoth*

James Wolfensohn, *former President, The World Bank*

8:00 PM **Dinner is served in the Old Reading Room**

Sunday, December 7, 2008

U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Hall of Flags)
1615 H Street

9:00 AM **Session Four: What to do about Syria?**

MODERATOR: Congressman Gary Ackerman,
Chairman Middle East Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee

Feridun Sinirlioğlu, *Ambassador and Deputy Undersecretary for Bilateral Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey*

Yoram Turbowicz, *former Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Ehud Olmert*

Elliott Abrams, *Deputy National Security Adviser for Global Democracy Strategy*

Michael Herzog, *Chief of Staff to Israel's Defense Minister*

10:30 AM **Coffee Break**

11:00 AM **Session Five: Lessons in Middle East Peacemaking**

Tony Blair, *Quartet Envoy for the Middle East and former Prime Minister, United Kingdom*

MODERATOR: Martin Indyk, *Director, The Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution*

Prospects for the Two-State Solution: A Discussion with Tony Blair

WITH:
Yuli Tamir, *Minister of Education, Israel*

Eival Gilady, *Managing Director, The Portland Trust, Israel*

Leon Wieseltier, *Literary Editor, The New Republic*

12:30 PM **Concluding Luncheon Session**

MODERATOR: Charlie Rose

A Conversation with William Clinton, 42nd President of the United States

CONCLUDING REMARKS: Haim Saban

2:00 PM **The Saban Forum 2008 formally ends**