

The Saban Forum 2014

Stormy Seas: The United States and Israel in a Tumultuous Middle East



Washington, D.C., December 5-7, 2014

Friday, December 5, 2014

The Brookings Institution
1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
FALK AUDITORIUM

- 10:00 AM** American Views of U.S. Foreign Policy:
Public Opinion on the Israeli-Palestinian
Conflict
- Shibley Telhami, *Non-Resident Senior Fellow,
Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings*
William A. Galston, *Senior Fellow, Governance
Studies at Brookings*
- MODERATOR:** Tamara Cofman Wittes, *Director
and Senior Fellow, Center for Middle East Policy
at Brookings*

Willard Intercontinental Hotel
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

- 5:00 PM** Opening Reception
BALLROOM FOYER
- 6:00 PM** Welcoming Remarks
BALLROOM
- Strobe Talbott, *President, The Brookings
Institution*
- 6:30 PM** **Hard Choices: Hillary's Worldview
A Conversation with former Secretary of
State Hillary Rodham Clinton**
- MODERATOR:** Haim Saban, *Chairman, The Saban
Forum*
- 7:30 PM** Gala Dinner
- 8:30 PM** **Israel in the Region and the World
A Conversation with Isaac Herzog, Chair
of the Labor Party and Leader of the
Opposition**
- MODERATOR:** Jeffrey Goldbert, *National
Correspondent, The Atlantic*

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Willard Intercontinental Hotel
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

- 8:00 AM** Registration and Breakfast
BALLROOM LOBBY
- 9:00 AM** **Dialogue Session One
Understanding U.S.-Israeli Relations I:
Long-Term Trends**
BALLROOM
- Andrew Kohut, *Founding Director, Pew Research
Center*
Mark Mellman, *President, The Mellman Group*
Yossi Klein Halevi, *Senior Fellow, Shalom
Hartman Institute*
Michael Oren, *former Israeli Ambassador to the
United States*
Meirav Michaeli, *Member of Knesset, Labor Party*
- MODERATOR:** Natan Sachs, *Fellow, Center for
Middle East Policy at Brookings*
- 10:30 AM** Coffee Break
- 11:00 AM** **Dialogue Session Two
Understanding U.S.-Israeli Relations II:
Politics in the Relationship**
BALLROOM
- Tzipi Livni, *Chair of Hatnua Party, former
Minister of Justice*
Lindsay Graham, *United States Senator (SC)*
- MODERATOR:** David Ignatius, *Associate Editor,
The Washington Post*
- 12:15 PM** **All Forum Participants Proceed Upstairs
Through Security Screening to the Willard
Room**
- 1:00 PM** **Keynote Address: Vice President Joe Biden**
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- 1:30 PM** Luncheon
BALLROOM
- A Conversation with His Excellency Nasser Judeh, Foreign Minister of Jordan**
- MODERATOR: Martin Indyk, *Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy at Brookings*
- 3:00 PM** Afternoon Break
- 5:30 PM** **Dialogue Session Three**
A New Arab-Israeli Alignment?
CRYSTAL ROOM
- Ted Deutch, *United States Representative (FL)*
Bruce Riedel, *Senior Fellow, Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings*
Amos Yadlin, *Director, Institute for National Security Studies; Former Chief of Defense Intelligence, IDF*
Rami Ben Barak, *Director-General, Strategic and Intelligence Affairs Ministry*
- MODERATOR: Kenneth Pollack, *Senior Fellow, Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings*
- 7:00 PM** **Israel's Future**
A Conversation With Naftali Bennett, Minister of Economy; Minister of Religious Services, Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs; Chair, Jewish Home Party
- MODERATOR: Martin Indyk, *Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy, The Brookings Institution*
- 8:00 PM** Dinner
WILLARD ROOM
- 9:00 PM** **Dialogue Session Four**
Democracy and Shared Values
WILLARD ROOM
- Dan Meridor, *former Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Intelligence, and Minister of Justice*
Manuel Trajtenberg, *Chairman of Budget and Planning, Council for Higher Education in Israel*
Forsan Hussein, *former CEO, Jerusalem YMCA*
Leon Wieseltier, *Literary Editor, The New Republic*

Sunday, December 7, 2014

Willard Intercontinental Hotel
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

- 8:30 AM** Registration and Breakfast
BALLROOM LOBBY
- 9:00 AM** **A Conversation with General John Allen, Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL**
BALLROOM
- MODERATOR: Daniel Byman, *Director of Research, Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings; Professor, Security Studies Program of Georgetown University*
- 9:45 AM** **Dialogue Session Five**
Iran – Is the Status Quo Sustainable?
BALLROOM
- Joseph Lieberman, *former United States Senator (CT)*
Phil Gordon, *Special Assistant to the President and White House Coordinator for the Middle East, North Africa, and the Gulf Region*
Gabi Ashkenazi, *former Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces*
Sima Shine, *Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Strategic Affairs*
- MODERATOR: Suzanne Maloney, *Senior Fellow, Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings*
- 10:45 AM** **All Forum Participants Proceed Upstairs Through Security Screening to the Willard Room**
- 11:30 AM** **Keynote Address: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (via satellite)**
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- 12:15 PM** **Keynote Address: Secretary of State John Kerry**
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- 1:00 PM** Closing Luncheon
CRYSTAL ROOM
- 2:00 PM** Saban Forum 2014 adjourns