



Israel Under Siege

Combating the Use of the UN to Delegitimize Israel

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7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Moderated by

Award-winning journalist Marvin Kalb

Guest Speakers

U.S. Senator Ben Cardin

Eliav Benjamin

Counselor for Political Affairs at the Embassy of Israel

Honoring

Ambassador Marlene Moses

Permanent representative to the United Nations for the
Republic of Nauru, for her staunch support of Israel



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Program

Welcome

Rabbi Fishman, Congregation Ohr Kodesh

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Star Spangled Banner and Hatikva

Hazzan Emeritus Lubin, Congregation Beth El

Yelena Nusinovich, piano

Remarks

Ambassador Richard Schifter, Chairman and Founder of AJIRI

Award Presentation

Ambassador Richard Schifter and Sharon Wilkes, Executive Director of AJIRI, present an award to Ambassador Marlene Moses, Republic of Nauru

The Problem We Face at the UN

Marvin Kalb

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U.S. Senator Ben Cardin

Counselor Eliav Benjamin, Embassy of Israel

Closing Remarks

Jonathan Simon, Beth El Men's Club

Closing Song



Eliav Benjamin

Eliav assumed his position as Counselor for Political Affairs at the Embassy of Israel in Washington DC,

in August 2010, after serving as Policy Advisor to the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, since December 2006.

Upon completion of the MFA cadet training program, Eliav was head of the Deputy Director General's office for Public Diplomacy (2001-2002), receiving an award of excellence for operating the Israel International Media Center. He then served as Deputy Head of Mission in Shanghai (China), for 4 years.

Before joining the ministry, Eliav worked for Project Otzma (1996-1997), bringing college graduates for year-long training and volunteering in Israel, before assuming leadership roles in their respective communities in North America.

Holding a degree in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies from Tel-Aviv University, Eliav is also a member in a number of government steering committees and serves as captain (reserve) in the IDF infantry.

In addition to his formal professional activities, Eliav was a member of the board of Yachad Modi'in, the largest educational community in the city of Modi'in, with the goal of improving the understanding between families and people of different Jewish backgrounds in the greater Modi'in area.



U.S. Senator Ben Cardin

Senator Ben Cardin is a life-long supporter of the State of Israel and a stalwart ally during his more than two decades

in the U.S. Congress. Elected to the Senate in 2006, he is closely involved in international issues as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and as co-chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission. In the 112th Congress, he also is a member of the Finance, Budget, Environment and Public Works, and Small Business & Entrepreneurship committees.

Ben Cardin made his first visit to Israel in 1974. Since then, he has visited many times as a private citizen and as a public official. In 2009, as Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission in the 111th Congress, he led a congressional delegation to Israel, Lebanon and Jordan as part of a fact-finding trip and met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

In the Senate, he has worked across party lines to author a resolution with Republican Senator Susan Collins opposing Palestinian efforts to seek unilateral recognition at the United Nations. The resolution also states that any Palestinian unity government must publicly and formally renounce terrorism, accept Israel's right to exist and reaffirm previous agreements made with Israel.

In the 111th Congress, he also joined Senator Collins in introducing a resolution condemning all forms of

anti-Semitism. He also joined with Republican Senator Richard Lugar to introduce a Senate resolution supporting the goals and objectives of the Prague Conference on Holocaust Era Assets.



Marvin Kalb

Marvin Kalb is a James Clark Welling Presidential Fellow at The George Washington

University and Edward R. Murrow Professor Emeritus at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He is also a contributing news analyst for National Public Radio and Fox News Channel. In addition, he is frequently called upon to comment on major issues of the day by many of the nation's other leading news organizations.

Kalb had a distinguished 30-year broadcast career, working for both CBS News and NBC News, where he served as Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, Moscow Bureau Chief, and moderator of *Meet the Press*. Among his many honors are two Peabody Awards, the DuPont Prize from Columbia University, the 2006 Fourth Estate Award from the National Press Club and more than a half-dozen Overseas Press Club awards. Kalb was the founding director of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

A graduate of the City College of New York, Kalb has an M.A. from

Harvard and was zeroing in on his Ph.D. in Russian history when he left Cambridge in 1956 for a Moscow assignment with the State Department. The following year he joined CBS News, the last correspondent hired by Edward R. Murrow.



Ambassador Marlene Moses

Her Excellency Ambassador Marlene Moses has been the

Permanent Representative to the United Nations for the Republic of Nauru since 2005. She also serves as Nauru's Ambassador to the United States, Israel, Venezuela, and Cuba.

Educated at the University of Canberra and Monash University, both in Australia, Ambassador Moses has served in a variety of public service roles for Nauru's Government and held consular responsibilities in Australia, Japan and New Zealand.

From 2009 to 2011, Ambassador Moses was Chair of the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) at the United Nations. During her tenure, she successfully spearheaded a campaign that led to the UN Security Council recognising the link between climate change and security in July 2011.

In January 2012, Nauru became chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), a coalition of 43 island and coastal states that is one of the world's strongest advocates for action on climate change.



Richard Schifter

Former
Ambassador
Richard Schifter,
Founder and
Chairman of
the Board of the
AJIRI, has had

a distinguished career as a lawyer in Washington, D.C. A retired partner of Fried, Frank, who graduated from Yale Law School in 1951, he is one of the foremost practitioners of Federal Indian law in the country.

He has held many senior foreign policy positions in the US government, serving on the UN Commission on Human Rights, the UNESCO Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and as Deputy US Representative at the Security Council with the rank of Ambassador. While at the UN, he gained an intimate knowledge of how some countries use the UN to try to embarrass the US and delegitimize Israel.

The story of his key role as Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, in the successful effort to encourage the Soviet Government to make changes that helped end the Cold War, is described in a book he wrote with his Soviet counterpart, Anatoly Adamishin, "Human Rights, Perestroika and the End of the Cold War." In 1992 Schifter received the Distinguished Service Award of the Secretary of State.

Schifter has also served as Special Assistant to the President, Counselor and Senior Director on the staff of the National Security Council, and Special

Adviser to the Secretary of State. In appreciation of his work leading the US effort to organize the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative, he has received awards from Austria, Bulgaria and Romania.

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Kol od balevav penima

Nefesh Yehudi homiya,

Ulfa'atei mizrach kadima

Ayin l'Tziyon tzoftiya.

Od lo avda tikvatenu,

Hatikva bat sh'not alpayim,

Lihyot am chofshi be'artzenu

Eretz Tziyon virushalayim.

The Hope

As long as deep within the heart

A Jewish soul stirs,

And forward, to the ends of the East

An eye looks out, towards Zion.

Our hope is not yet lost,

The hope of two thousand years,

To be a free people in our land

The land of Zion and Jerusalem.

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