

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**