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**Major General (ret.) Yaakov Amidror**

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Gen. Amidror was National Security Advisor to Prime Minister Netanyahu and chairman of the National Security Council (April 2011-November 2013). He served for 36 years in senior IDF posts (1966-2002), including commander of the Military Colleges (including the National Defense College, Staff and Command College, and Tactical Command Academy), military secretary to the Minister of Defense, director of the Intelligence Analysis Division in Military Intelligence, and chief intelligence officer of the Northern Command. He is the author of three books on intelligence and military strategy.



**Colonel (ret.) Dr. Eran Lerman**

**Vice President of the JISS**

Dr. Lerman was deputy director for foreign policy and international affairs at the National Security Council in the Israeli Prime Minister's Office. He held senior posts in IDF Military Intelligence for over 20 years. He also served for eight years as director of the Israel and Middle East office of the American Jewish Committee. He teaches in the Middle East studies program at Shalem College in Jerusalem, and in post-graduate programs at Tel Aviv University and the National Defense College. He is an expert on Israel's foreign relations, and on the Middle East. He holds a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics, and a mid-career MPA from Harvard University.





## **Dr. Oshrit Birvadker**

### **Fellow**

Dr. Oshrit Birvadker studies the foreign and defense policy of India, Israel-India relations, and India's ties to Gulf countries. She also is an advocate for the welfare of the Indian Jewish community in Israel.



## **Professor Hillel Frisch**

### **Senior Fellow**

Hillel Frisch is professor emeritus at Bar-Ilan University, Israel and former Senior Researcher in the Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies. Amongst his latest studies are "Rethinking the "Arab Spring": Winners and Losers," Middle East Quarterly (2021) "The Palestinian Military, Two Not One," Oxford Handbook on Military and Security Studies (2021), "Jordan and Hamas," Handbook on Jordan, 2019, and "Assessing Iranian Soft Power in the Arab World from Google Trends," The Journal for Interdisciplinary Middle Eastern Studies 2019.



## **Prof. Eytan Gilboa**

### **Senior Fellow**

Prof. Eytan Gilboa is an expert on US Israel relations, international communication, and public diplomacy. He was the founding Head of both the School of Communication and the Center for International Communication at Bar-Ilan University. He has been a senior fellow at the USC Center on Public Diplomacy. He also was a senior research associate at the BESA Center for Strategic Studies. He received his MA and PhD from Harvard University and has been a visiting professor in several top universities including Harvard, Tufts, UCLA, USC, Georgetown, the University of Hamburg, the Vienna School of International Studies, and the University of Pennsylvania. He published many books and numerous articles and book chapters and won several international awards.



## **Dr. Yagil Henkin**

### **Fellow**

Dr. Yagil Henkin is a military historian, specializing in urban warfare and counterinsurgency. Dr. Henkin also teaches military history at the IDF Command and Staff College.

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Dr. Navon is a lecturer in international relations at Tel Aviv University and at the Herzliya Interdisciplinary Center. He is also a senior fellow at the Kohelet Policy Forum, and an analyst for i24News. He has authored three books and numerous articles in professional journals. Dr. Navon graduated from Sciences-Po Paris and earned his Ph.D. in International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



**Dr. Uzi Rubin**

**Senior Fellow**

Dr. Rubin was the founder and first director (1991-1999) of the Israel Missile Defense Organization in the Israel Ministry of Defense, which developed, produced, and deployed the country's first national defense shield – the Arrow missile. He subsequently served as Senior Director for Proliferation and Technology in the National Security Council (1999-2001), and directed several defense programs at the Israel Aerospace Industries and in the defense ministry. He was twice awarded the Israel Defense Prize (1996 and 2003). He was also awarded the US Missile Defense Agency "David Israel" Prize (2000). He has been a visiting scholar at the Stanford Center for International Security and Arms Control.



**Dr. Pnina Shuker**

**Fellow**

Dr. Pnina Shuker specializes in national security, public opinion, and foreign policy issues. Her doctoral dissertation focused on the perception of democratic societies being sensitive to casualties and the impact of dealing with strategic threats, through a comparative analysis between Britain, Israel, and the United States.



## **Professor Colonel (ret.) Gabi Siboni**

### **Senior Fellow**

Prof. Siboni was director of the military and strategic affairs program, and the cyber research program, of the INSS (2006-2020), where he founded academic journals on these matters. He serves as a senior consultant to the IDF and other Israeli security organizations and the security industry. He holds a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in engineering from Tel Aviv University and a Ph.D. in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from Ben-Gurion University. Prof. Siboni is an expert on cyber security, military strategy, and technology.



## **Dr. Jonathan Spyer**

### **Senior Fellow**

Dr. Spyer is an expert on Syria, Iraq, radical Islamic groups, and Kurds. He is one of the very few Western/Israeli experts to have traveled extensively in Syria, Iraq, and the Kurdish areas in recent years. He is the author of *Days of the Fall: A Reporter's Journey in the Syria and Iraq Wars*, and *The Transforming Fire: the Rise of the Israel-Islamist Conflict*. He is a regular contributor to *Jane's Intelligence Review*, has published in leading journals and media outlets including *Middle East Quarterly*, *Times (of London)*, *Foreign Policy*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Guardian*, *Atlantic*, *Australian*, *National Post*, *Globe and Mail*, *Jerusalem Post*; and has appeared on CNN, Al-Jazeera, Fox, BBC, Sky, and other outlets. He holds a Ph.D. in international relations from the London School of Economics.



## **Dr. Hay Eytan Cohen Yanarocak**

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Dr. Hay Eytan Cohen Yanarocak is an expert on contemporary Turkish politics and foreign policy, Turkish-Israeli relations, and the Kurds. He is co-editor of *Turkeyscope*, a publication of the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies at Tel Aviv University.

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## **TURKEY'S STRUGGLING ECONOMY, REGIONAL ISOLATION, BEHIND LATEST CHARM OFFENSIVE WITH ISRAEL AND OTHER COUNTRIES** - Prof. Efraim Inbar

A clear Turkish rationale for better relations with Israel is to weaken the strategic partnership between Jerusalem, Greece, and Cyprus and get access to Israel's natural gas.

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## **US -ISRAELI RELATIONS IN THE SHADOW OF NUCLEAR TALKS IN VIENNA: A RETURN TO BEN-GURION'S WW2 DUAL STRATEGY?** - Colonel (res.) Dr. Eran Lerman

It is time to revive the spirit of Ben-Gurion's famous dictum from the days of WWII regarding the stance toward the British: "We will fight the war as if there were no White Paper, and we will fight the White Paper as if there were no war." This makes sense concerning Israel's dilemma towards the US in the context of the renewal of the JCPOA.

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## **RUSSIAN GAMBLE WITH SYRIAN FIGHTERS IN UKRAINE COULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS FOR SYRIAN REGIME, ISRAEL** - Dr. Marta Furlan

The movement of Syrian fighters to Ukraine will significantly impact Syria's internal dynamics, and Israel needs to monitor the situation closely.

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## **WILL US-ISRAEL TIES WITHSTAND POSSIBLE STRAINS DUE TO THE IRANIAN AND PALESTINIAN ISSUES?** - Prof. Eytan Gilboa

Despite former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's claim to a 40-year friendship with President Joe Biden, the latter preferred the new government headed by Prime Minister Naftali Bennett.

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**Col.(ret.) Prof. Gabi Siboni and Brig. Gen. (ret.) Yuval Bazak**

A proactive approach against Iran's proxies is needed.

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The growing capabilities and the impressive skill of their operators elevate the threat from Iran's unmanned air vehicles (UAVs) from a nuisance to a strategic level on par with Iran's missiles and rockets threat on Israel.

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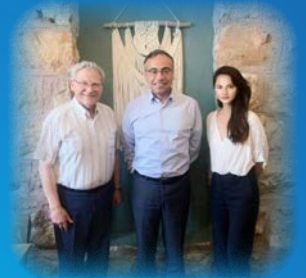




Former Prime Minister Netanyahu meets with his national security advisors, Meir Ben-Shabbat, Jacob Nagel, and Maj. Gen. (res.) Yaakov Amidror (at right) who is now the Rosshandler Senior Fellow at JISS.



Prof. Inbar meet with Head of The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Mr. Ram Ben Barak.



Prof. Efraim Inbar and Dr. Oshrit Birvadker with India's Ambassador to Israel, Sanjeev Singla.



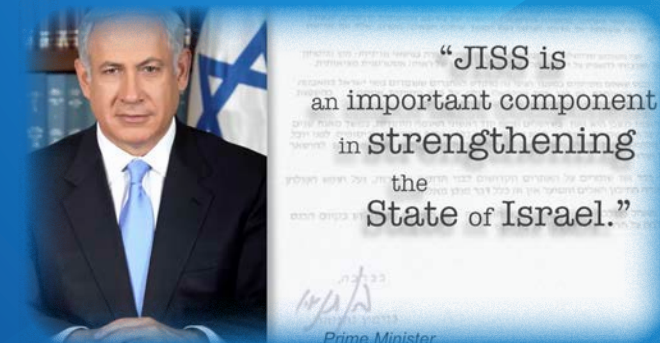
Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Ali (center), CEO of Trends Research in Abu Dhabi (now partnered with JISS), meets with Dr. Aiman Mansour.



Meeting with the Conference of Presidents, B'nai B'rith International, and the Greek lobby in the US.



Then Defense Minister (and current Finance Minister) Avigdor Liberman (right) addresses a JISS conference.



Former Prime Minister Netanyahu sent congratulation on the founding of JISS.



Prof. Efraim Inbar with Minister of Communications Dr. Yoaz Hendel.



Briefing on Jerusalem to the Conference of Presidents.



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Prof. Inbar and Dr. Lerman meet with Intelligence Minister Elazar Stern.

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