Letter from the President

Dear Family and Friends of the Jerusalem Center,

It is a pleasure to wish you a New Year of blessings and good health.

This has been a fruitful year at the Jerusalem Center. We have launched pathbreaking applied diplomacy initiatives to fight the Apartheid libel together with the U.S.-based Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel and major Black American community leaders. We have signed agreements and are closely cooperating with policy institutes in the UAE, Bahrain, and Morocco on combatting shared national security threats, particularly from the Iranian regime. We have issued monographs and held briefings and consultations further exposing Palestinian Authority financial incentives for terrorists and their families. Finally, we heartily congratulate Jerusalem Center scholar Fiamma Nirenstein on the occasion of the Center’s recent publication of her latest book, *Jewish Lives Matter*, that for the first time calls the international human rights community to account for weaponizing human rights against Israel and offers a path to reclaim the global human rights agenda.

The unprecedented challenges the Jerusalem Center, Israel, and the Jewish people confront has brought me to decide to dedicate 100% of my time to these major issues. In that regard, after 22 years I will be stepping back from my daily responsibilities as President of the Jerusalem Center. As of November 30, 2022, I will be stepping into the position of the Jerusalem Center’s President Emeritus. Our Board of Directors is in the process of choosing my successor, who will be highly qualified in both professional abilities and personal qualities.

In my over two decades as President of the Jerusalem Center, it has been a privilege to lead this institute to a position of Israeli and international prominence, leading on critical issues surrounding Israel’s national security and its rights-based standing in the Middle East and the West. Our record is reflected in this report.
Our top researchers and analysts continue to guide path-breaking initiatives such as:

• The Jerusalem Center’s Israel Arab Partnership Initiatives with several Abraham Accords Countries

• Combatting Antisemitism and Apartheid Annihilationism – from Iran’s Genocidal Threat, in International Fora, and on University Campuses

• Building Partnerships with Africa and African American Leadership to Combat Israel’s Delegitimation

• The Palestinian-Israeli Relationship: Exposing, Educating, and Engaging Elites and Publics in Israel and the West on the PA Leadership’s Political Warfare and Determining Diplomatic Options for Future Israeli-Palestinian Relations

Thank you for your partnership in the Jerusalem Center’s accomplishments as we embark on an even more critical path to guarantee Israel’s place as a secure, strong and prosperous nation-state of the Jewish people.

Wishing you a sweet 5783 and(netiba v’hatimot tovah)

Dore Gold
Preserving Israel’s Doctrine of Defensible Borders

Jerusalem Center Presents Israeli President with Updated Study on Preserving Israel’s Doctrine of Defensible Borders on August 18, 2022

Ambassador Dore Gold, president of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, and Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser, former head of the Research Division of IDF Military Intelligence, submitted to the President of Israel, Isaac Herzog, on August 18, 2022, the latest, updated version of the Jerusalem Center study *Preserving Israel’s Doctrine of Defensible Borders*, after the conclusion of Operation Breaking Dawn against Islamic Jihad in Gaza.

*Preserving Israel’s Doctrine of Defensible Borders* is a major security and public diplomacy initiative that analyzes the threats now posed to Israel by terrorism, as well as Israel’s current territorial requirements, with special emphasis on Judea and Samaria, which is strategically vital for Israel to retain if it is to fulfill its existing security and defense needs.
The latest update by Ambassador Gold and Brig.-Gen. Kuperwasser, in the wake of military operations and new threats from Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, and Iran, highlights the vital importance of Israeli control of the aerial and ground dimensions of the West Bank, and the risks entailed for Israel by the stationing of an international force as a lesson from recent history.

“It was important to define defensible borders in the Israeli context as such borders that allow Israel to effectively defend itself by itself, at any time, against all potential military threats from near and far, including those emanating from within the territory Israel controls,” Kuperwasser said.

Earlier versions of the Jerusalem Center’s research on Israel’s Need for Defensible Borders have also appeared in Spanish, French, German, Chinese, and Hebrew. A Jerusalem Center video on Israel’s Need for Defensible Borders has been translated into Hebrew, Chinese, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Persian, Hungarian, German and Russian. Jerusalem Center delegations visited Berlin, London and Washington to discuss the importance of defensible borders and the danger of imposing on Israel the 1967 lines.
On October 5, 2021, Dore Gold met with Bahrain’s Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmad al-Khalifa in New York to discuss plans for including influential participants from other countries in our network efforts, as well as methods of leveraging our connection to optimize impact among decision-makers in Washington, D.C., and other world capitals.

On October 14, 2021, Dore Gold published an article in the British commentary and news outlet Reaction.life entitled, “Today, Saudi Arabia is Part of the Solution,” providing perspective on developments within the Kingdom. It was read by Saudi figures in the highest positions. In it, Gold states:

Twenty years ago in Saudi Arabia, there were huge multinational charities propagating an extreme form of Islam. I wrote a New York Times bestseller, Hatred’s Kingdom, which presented the evidence on Saudi funding of Hamas from captured documents. How much Saudi money is going to Hamas in 2021? The answer is “zero.” In fact, Saudi Arabia is not giving a dime to any of the terrorist organizations.

On November 18, 2021, the Jerusalem Center released a video version of this outreach effort to Saudi Arabia - Today Saudi Arabia Is Part of the Solution - as one of the videos in its Genesis Prize “Speak Out for #Israel” campaign.
Jerusalem Center Delegation Visits Morocco to Strengthen Abraham Accords

On June 28, 2022, Jerusalem Center President Dore Gold co-hosted a series of closed-door roundtable discussions with Dr. Karim Al Aynaoui, Executive Vice President of the Policy Center for the New South in Rabat, Morocco. Joining the discussion on Iranian subversion and expansionism in Africa was Jerusalem Center analyst Col. (ret.) Dr. Jacques Neriah. Jerusalem Center fellows discussing the broadening of the Abraham Accords included Fiamma Nirenstein, Brig.-Gen. (ret.) Dr. Shimon Shapira, and Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser.
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Energy and the Eastern Mediterranean

On May 30, 2022, the Jerusalem Center co-hosted a Zoom webinar with Italy’s Luigi Einaudi Foundation on Energy and the Eastern Mediterranean in 2022.
An In-Depth Analysis of the Israeli Arab Riots of May 2021

The May 2021 war with Hamas in Gaza was accompanied by violent riots in mixed Israeli cities (including Acre, Jaffa, Haifa, Lod, and Ramla), in Arab population centers in the Galilee, the Triangle, the center of the country, and the Negev. They were the most widespread disturbances of this type since the founding of the State of Israel. New research by the Jerusalem Center analyzes in depth the factors that led to this wave of violence, its leadership, and its participants.

Five Jerusalem Center experts discuss the factors that led to this wave of violence: Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser, Nadav Shragai, Yoni Ben Menachem, Pinhas Inbari, and Lt.-Col. (ret.) Jonathan D. Halevi.
Countering Anti-Semitism and the UN’s Newest Commission of Inquiry Targeting Israel

The UN Human Rights Council decided on May 27, 2021, to form an international commission of inquiry to investigate Israel for alleged human rights violations in the wake of the conflict initiated by Hamas that month, when it launched over 4,000 rockets against Israeli cities – an indisputable crime under international law. The broad mandate of the commission will enable it to become a Grand Inquisition that will target and vilify Israel.

Why Israel Refuses to Cooperate with the UN Commission of Inquiry

On Feb. 24, 2022, Amb. Dore Gold, President of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, wrote an open letter to the Chair of the UN Human Rights Council’s Commission of Inquiry, Navi Pillay, in support of Israel’s refusal to cooperate with the Commission:

The UN Human Rights Council should have been an ally of Israel. As a state, we emerged in the aftermath of the Holocaust, the worst war crime in human history. It comes as no surprise that many of the founders of the human rights movement came from Jewish origins. Sullying the Jewish people as a whole flies in the face of what we have represented since the Second World War and feeds into the regeneration of the anti-Semitism that we are witnessing in recent decades.

Refuting the UN Commission of Inquiry - Publications by Prof. Anne Bayefsky

The UN Human Rights Council’s “Commission of Inquiry” Goes Openly Antisemitic, August 1, 2022
The UN Commission of Inquiry Is an Inquisition, June 27, 2022
The UN Commission of Inquiry: An Exercise in Historical Revisionism, June 8, 2022
The Newest Anti-Israel UN Action Must Be Challenged – Now, December 21, 2021
On November 26, 2021, the General Assembly adopted a resolution referring to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, where the Temple of Solomon once stood, only by its Arabic name, the Haram al-Sharif. Yet The Jewish connection to Jerusalem is engraved in the Bible and Quran.

In the last decade, religious sites have been under assault across the Middle East. Only a free and democratic Israel will protect Jerusalem for all the great faiths. From 1948 to 1967, the Jewish people were denied access to their historical capital city. Jerusalem Day is a day in which that wrong was corrected and Jerusalem was made whole once more.
What Surprises Is Hizbullah Preparing for the IDF?

Brig.-Gen. (ret.) Dr. Shimon Shapira is former Military-Secretary to the Prime Minister and chief of staff to the Foreign Minister.

Interview with senior intelligence officer Shimon Shapira, who has followed Hizbullah for 40 years, by Amos Harel.

Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah is making blatant threats that Hizbullah will not permit Israel to drill for gas at the Karish site in the Mediterranean, increasing the possibility of a military escalation between Hizbullah and Israel.

Recent publications by Brig.-Gen. (ret.) Dr. Shimon Shapira

Hizbullah Raises the Bar of the Conflict with Israel, July 7, 2022
Hizbullah Will Continue to Dominate Lebanese Politics in the Aftermath of the Elections, May 19, 2022
Nasrallah Flexes His Muscles against Israel on the Eve of Dramatic Elections in Lebanon, February 20, 2022
The Threats to Israel

Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser, former Director General of the Israel Ministry of Strategic Affairs and head of the Research Division of IDF Military Intelligence, directs the Project on Regional Middle East Developments at the Jerusalem Center.

Recent publications by Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser

- Does Biden’s Israel Visit Signal New U.S. Resolve in the Middle East? August 4, 2022
- Israel Confronts Iranian Aggression and Renewed Palestinian Terror, May 26, 2022
- On the Temple Mount, Israel and the Palestinians Live in Parallel Worlds, May 9, 2022
- The Current Terror Wave in Israel: Main Characteristics and Implications, April 4, 2022
- The U.S. Is Determined to Return to the Dangerous Iran Deal at Any Cost: The Implications for Israel, March 21, 2022
- Latest Palestinian Attacks Are Motivated by Incitement Combined with Hamas’ Interest to Increase Terror, December 19, 2021
Understanding Iran

Lt.-Col. (ret.) Michael Segall specializes in analysis of Iranian military strategy and tactics.

Recent publications by Lt.-Col. (ret.) Michael Segall and Jerusalem Center-Iran Desk

In Iran: A Wave of Arrests of the Regime’s Sharpest Critics, July 14, 2022
The Iranian Protests Continue and Are Shaking the Unity of the Conservative Camp, June 24, 2022
Iran Is Developing Preemptive-Strike Capabilities with Drones and Cruise Missiles, June 2, 2022
Demonstrations Erupt across Iran amid a Sharp Rise in Food Prices, May 23, 2022
Former Iranian Official Admits “Iran Was Trying to Build Nuclear Weapons,” April 28, 2022
Iran Threatens: We Won’t Hesitate to Fire Missiles at Bahrain, April 10, 2022
Iranian Regime Supports Putin’s “Special Operation” In Ukraine, March 2, 2022
Iran Accelerates Its Space Program, December 16, 2021
Iran-Saudi Talks: No Easing of Tense Relations Expected, October 18, 2021
Ambassador Alan Baker, former legal adviser and deputy director-general of Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, participated in the negotiation and drafting of the Oslo Accords with the Palestinians, as well as agreements and peace treaties with Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon. He heads the Global Law Forum at the Jerusalem Center.

Recent publications by Alan Baker

The Discriminatory “Status Quo” on Jerusalem’s Temple Mount: An International Law Viewpoint, August 10, 2022
How Norway and EU Are Undermining the Oslo Accords, July 31, 2022
Jordan and the Temple Mount, May 9, 2022
How the Russia-Ukraine War and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Differ, April 13, 2022
The Russia-Ukraine War and Its Legal and Political Implications, March 10, 2022
Amnesty International’s Obsessive Fixation with Israel, February 16, 2022
The UN Descent to its Deepest Depths of Hostility against Israel, January 23, 2022
Does a Palestinian “Right of Return” Exist in International Law? with Lea Bilke, November 22, 2021
Refuting Palestinian Claims about the U.S. Jerusalem Consulate Issue, with Lea Bilke, November 11, 2021
Israel’s Designation of Six Terrorism-Linked NGOs Was in Full Accordance with International Law, with Lea Bilke, November 4, 2021
Are the Palestinians Changing their Legal Tactics in the International Courts? with Lea Bilke, October 28, 2021
The American Consulate in Jerusalem - the Bottom Line, October 21, 2021
Mahmoud Abbas’ Message of Hopelessness and Hostility at the UN, October 6, 2021
Seeking the Sources of Anti-Semitism

Fiamma Nirenstein served as vice president of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the Italian Chamber of Deputies and chaired the Committee for the Inquiry into Anti-Semitism at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

Award-winning journalist and author Fiamma Nirenstein traces the post-Holocaust emergence of a new, virulent, Israel-focused, anti-Semitism. She challenges the world to see Israel as a democracy compelled to fight back and as a fulfillment of age-old Jewish aspirations, and its enemies as aggressors bent on its utter destruction.

Other recent publications by Fiamma Nirenstein

Ukraine, Israel, and the Meaning of “Never Again,” Israel Hayom, April 28, 2022
Palestinian Terrorists Want to Eradicate the Jews, JNS, April 14, 2022
Nationalism Can Be the Historical Bearer of Freedom, JNS, March 17, 2022
Ukraine Has Shown that Nationalism Can Be a Force for Good, JNS, March 3, 2022
Amnesty International’s Moral Turpitude, JNS, February 7, 2022
Italy Enabled Palestinian Terrorists to Target Jews in Rome, JNS, December 13, 2021
Countering BDS

Dan Diker is Director of the Jerusalem Center’s Project to Counter BDS and Political Warfare.

New Initiative to Confront Crisis in Israel-American Black Relations

(JNS) Israel Kasnett, July 18, 2022

The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs has partnered with the Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel (IBSI) to fight the anti-Israel narrative that has swept across America. At a panel on July 11, attorney Olga Meshoe Washington, an IBSI board member, slammed those who sought to racialize Israel’s conflict with the Palestinians when, in fact, it has nothing to do with race. IBSI CEO Pastor Dumisani Washington emphasized that “the vast majority of black Americans are not anti-Semitic, are not anti-Israel.

Recent publications by Dan Diker

Why Did the Harvard Crimson Decide to Take On Israel? Israel Hayom, May 4, 2022
The “Apartheid” Smear Has Been Used Against Israel for Decades, Jewish Chronicle-UK, March 3, 2022
The Amnesty Report on Israel Affirms the PLO’s 60-Year “Apartheid” Strategy, JNS, February 3, 2022
Has the Palestinian “Apartheid Assault” Backfired in the Middle East? Jerusalem Post, January 24, 2022
The Evidence Linking Palestinian CSOs to Terror Groups Is Well-Documented, Jerusalem Post, November 29, 2021
Dr. Irwin J. Mansdorf has been studying the attitudes of Jewish-Americans toward Israel through a series of focus groups and surveys since 2018.

Recent publications by Dr. Irwin J. Mansdorf

Jewish Americans and Antisemitism: How their Views Compare with the Rest of America, July 24, 2022
Understanding the Psychology of Terrorist Behavior: How the Virtual “Pack” Stirs Lone Wolves to Action, with Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser, June 23, 2022

Defending Jerusalem

Jerusalem Center Fellow Nadav Shragai has documented Jerusalem for Ha’aretz and Israel Hayom for over thirty years.

Recent publications by Nadav Shragai

Israel’s E1 Building Plan: The Most Strategic, Consensual - and Frozen - Project, June 13, 2022
The Status Quo on Jerusalem’s Temple Mount Has Greatly Changed since 1967, May 2, 2022
Hamas’ Istanbul Headquarters Has Directed Hundreds of Terror Attacks Against Israelis and Laundered Millions of Dollars, January 4, 2022
For 10 Years Now Hamas Has Used Turkey as a Base to Operate Against Israel, December 30, 2021
Exposing the Palestinian Authority

Yoni Ben Menachem, a veteran Arab affairs and diplomatic commentator for Israel Radio and Television, is a senior Middle East analyst for the Jerusalem Center.

Recent publications by Yoni Ben Menachem

Israel Surprised the Palestinian Islamic Jihad in Gaza, August 8, 2022
Hussein Al-Sheikh Is Gradually Stepping into Mahmoud Abbas' Shoes, June 16, 2022
The “War on Drugs” at the Syrian-Jordanian Border, June 2, 2022
Iran Is Exploiting the War in Ukraine to Strengthen Its Presence in Syria, March 14, 2022
The Palestinian Stance on the Invasion of Ukraine, March 3, 2022
The Palestinian Authority Is Losing Control of the Jenin Region, January 17, 2022
Hamas Is Preparing to Attack Israel from Southern Lebanon, December 13, 2021
During the past year, Jerusalem Center experts appeared more than 100 times on TV and radio. They were mentioned more than 200 times in interviews, published columns, or citations.

Dore Gold: Iran is already altering the balance of power in the region. Without some major change in Iranian intentions towards Western states, European countries could soon become the very real targets of Iran’s increasingly robust missile forces.
Effective Information Delivery in the Battle of Ideas

The Jerusalem Center has developed one of the most extensive, state of-the-art, networks of Israel information websites, delivering content in 4 languages (English, Hebrew, French, and German). The Center’s websites registered 1,588,720 pageviews in July 2022 by 103,912 unique visitors. The Center maintains a strong and ever-growing presence on social media, including YouTube (27,872 subscribers), Facebook (16,272 likes), and Twitter (24,787 followers). In addition, the Center’s Daily Alert newsletter is considered the “gold standard” Israel news digest.

The Jerusalem Center utilizes all avenues to deliver its messages in print, social media, and video. We invest resources to populate our written material with appropriate visual and eye-catching photographs, maps, embedded videos, and charts that complement the written word.
The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs is a leading independent research institute specializing in public diplomacy and foreign policy. Founded in 1976, the Center has produced hundreds of studies and initiatives by leading experts on a wide range of strategic topics. Dr. Dore Gold, Israel’s former Ambassador to the UN and Director-General of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has headed the Jerusalem Center since 2000.