



# 2016 IDF Rising Officers Program

## April 10-20 • Schedule

### **Sunday April 10, 2016**

4:00PM: Arrival IAD Airport, Washington DC

4:30PM: Transfer to Embassy Row Hotel

8:00PM: Welcome Dinner at Embassy Row Hotel with IDF MG Yaakov Ayish and Dr. Michael Makovsky

### **Monday April 11, 2016**

9:00AM-12:15PM: *Defining Elements in American History*, Dr. William Kristol

12:15-1:00PM: Lunch

1:00-2:30 PM: *U.S. Economy: Sources of Strength, Current Challenges and Fiscal Situation*, Dr. Douglas Holtz-Eakin

2:45-4:15PM: *U.S.-Israel Relationship from Truman to George W. Bush*, Amb. Elliott Abrams

4:30-5:00PM: Review Session

6:00PM Dinner: *Evangelicals and Israel*, Robert Nicholson

### **Tuesday April 12, 2016**

8:30AM-12:15PM: Visit to Pentagon with Dr. Jeb Nadaner

12:15-1:00PM: Lunch

1:00-2:30PM: *U.S. Policy in the Middle East*, Dr. Kenneth Pollack

2:45-4:15PM: *American Christianity and U.S. Foreign Policy*, Dr. Richard Land

4:30-5:00PM: Review Session

6:00PM Dinner: *Policymaking Process and Structure in D.C.*, Jonathan Baron

## **Wednesday April 13, 2016**

9:30-10:30AM: *U.S./Israel Case Study: The 2007 Syrian Reactor Attack*, Amb. Elliott Abrams

10:45AM-2:30PM: *The Role of Congress in Foreign Policy* (Visit to Capitol Hill), Reps. Ed Royce, Eliot Engel, Ted Deutch and Nita Lowey.

3:00-4:00PM: Briefing with Amb. Ron Dermer

4:15-4:45PM: Review Session

6:00PM Dinner: *Hollywood, U.S. Popular Culture and America's Image in the Middle East*, Martha Bayles

## **Thursday April 14, 2016**

9:00-10:30AM: *U.S. Media Coverage of the Middle East*, Jackson Diehl

10:45AM-12:15PM: *America's Historic Attachment to the Middle East: From the Pilgrims to the Present*, Amb. Michael Oren

12:15-1:00PM: Lunch

1:30-4:45PM: *Improvised Greatness: The Strange History of U.S. Foreign Policy*, Dr. Philip Zelikow

5:00-5:30PM: Review Session

6:00PM Dinner: *AIPAC and the Pro-Israel Lobby*, Steve Rosen

## **Friday April 15, 2016**

8:30-10:15AM: *Prospects for U.S.-Israel Relations*, Amb. Michael Oren

10:30AM-12:00PM: *The U.S. Foreign Policymaking Process*, Dr. Philip Zelikow

12:00-12:45PM: Lunch

12:45-2:45PM: *Prospects for U.S.-Israel Relations (cont.)*, Amb. Michael Oren

3:00-3:30PM: Review Session

Shabbat Dinner: hosted by Rabbi Levi Shemtov

## **Saturday April 16, 2016**

Optional Guided Tour of Washington, D.C.

## **Sunday April 17, 2016**

9:00AM-6:00PM: Visit to Williamsburg

## **Monday April 18, 2016**

9:00-10:45AM: *U.S. Energy Trends and Possible Impacts on U.S. Foreign Policy*, Dr. Ed Morse

10:45AM-12:15PM: *Strategic Challenges in U.S. Foreign Policy*, Dr. Michael O'Hanlon

12:15-1:00PM: Lunch

1:00-5:15PM: *Democratic/Republican Parties, U.S. Foreign Policy and the 2016 Election*,  
Dr. William Kristol and Mark Mellman

5:30-6:00PM: Review Session

6:30PM Dinner: *Educating Future U.S. Military Leadership*, LTG (ret.) David Huntoon

## **Tuesday April 19, 2016**

9:00-10:30AM: *Structure of the U.S. Military and its Role in Foreign Policy*, General (ret.) Charles Wald

10:45AM-12:15PM: *State of American Jewry*, Dr. Ruth Wisse

12:15-1:00PM: Drive to Quantico, boxed lunch en route

1:00-5:30PM: Visit to Marine Corps Base Quantico

6:30-7:15PM: Meeting with MG Yaakov Ayish at Agora Restaurant

7:30PM: Dinner with MG Yaakov Ayish and Dr. Michael Makovsky at Agora Restaurant

## **Wednesday April 20, 2016**

9:00-10:30AM: *U.S./Israel Case Study: The Iran Nuclear Deal*, Jackson Diehl

10:45AM-12:15PM: *U.S./Israel Relationship: Secular Decline or Continuity?*, Ambs. Dennis Ross  
and Elliott Abrams

12:15-1:00PM: Concluding Lunch with Dr. Michael Makovsky

2:00PM: Departure for IAD

6:05PM: Flight to Israel

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## Instructors

**Dr. Michael Makovsky** – JINSA President & CEO

**Dr. William Kristol** – Founder and editor, *The Weekly Standard*

**Dr. Douglas Holtz-Eakin** – President, American Action Forum Policy Institute; former Director, Congressional Budget Office

**Ambassador Elliott Abrams** – Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies, Council on Foreign Relations; former Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor to President George W. Bush

**Robert Nicholson** – Executive Director, Philos Project

**Dr. Jeffrey (Jeb) Nadaner** – JINSA Senior Military Fellow; former Strategy, Operations, & Procurement Executive, U.S. Department of Defense

**Dr. Kenneth Pollack** – Senior Fellow at Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution; former Director for Persian Gulf Affairs, National Security Council

**Dr. Richard Land** – President, Southern Evangelical Seminary; author and former member, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

**Jonathan Baron** – Founder and principal, Baron Public Affairs

**Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA)** – Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee

**Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY)** – Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee

**Congressman Ted Deutch (D-FL)** – Ranking Member, House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa

**Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY)** – Ranking Member, House Committee on Appropriations

**Ambassador Ron Dermer** – Ambassador of Israel to the United States

**Martha Bayles** – Professor of Humanities, Boston College

**Jackson Diehl** – Deputy Editorial Page Editor, *The Washington Post*

**Ambassador Michael B. Oren** – Member of Knesset, Kulanu Party; Former Ambassador of Israel to the United States

**Dr. Philip Zelikow** – Director of the Miller Center of Public Affairs and Professor, University of Virginia; Former Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission

**Steven J. Rosen** – Former AIPAC Director of Foreign Policy Issues

**Rabbi Levi Shemtov** – Executive Vice President of American Friends of Lubavitch (Chabad)

**Dr. Edward Morse** – Global Head of Commodities Research, Citigroup; former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Energy Policy

**Dr. Michael O’Hanlon** – Senior Fellow and Co-Director, Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Security and Intelligence, Brookings Institution

**Mark Mellman** – President and CEO, The Mellman Group

**Lieutenant General (ret.) David Huntoon** – Former Superintendent, United States Military Academy at West Point

**General (ret.) Charles Wald** – Former Deputy Commander, United States European Command

**Dr. Ruth Wisse** – Professor of Yiddish Literature and Comparative Literature, Harvard University

**Major General Yaakov Ayish** – Israel Defense and Armed Forces Attaché to the United States

**Ambassador Dennis Ross** – Distinguished Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy; former Special Assistant to President Obama and National Security Council Senior Director for the Central Region

JINSA Staff:

**Jonathan Ruhe** – Associate Director, The Gemunder Center for Defense and Strategy

**Jonathan Sabag**- Director of Israel Affairs

**Maayan Roitfarb** – Associate Director of Programs