Annual Report

2022

Policy and educational resources for policymakers and Jewish community leaders
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Letter From Our Chair

To our supporters,

As I write this letter in June 2023, I can safely repeat what I said in last year’s annual report: the tumultuous events of the past year and a half are a reminder that world affairs, and U.S. engagement with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are a sometimes challenging, and always bumpy, ride. Once again, Israel Policy Forum continued our critical work to provide credible and constructive policy analysis and educational resources for policymakers and Jewish community leaders to ensure a secure, Jewish, and democratic Israel alongside a viable and independent Palestinian state.

In 2022, Israel Policy Forum further solidified its role as a critical voice in informing and educating members of Congress, their staffs, and members of the executive branch on developments in Israel and implications for U.S. policy for the region—providing many more expert briefings for policymakers than ever before. We also held our first-ever Congressional staff delegation to Israel and the West Bank, with six high-level staffers from the House and the Senate. Our in-person Leadership Policy Summit provided an exclusive opportunity for more than 90 of our top leaders and supporters to engage with policy experts, members of Congress, and other special guests to discuss our policy goals in D.C. We were enormously proud of our considerable efforts to help avert the potentially disastrous downgrade of the United States Security Coordinator to Israel and the Palestinian Authority (USSC) by working to inform policymakers about the deleterious effect that a downgrade would have had on stability in the region and on U.S. national security. It was also an honor to host U.S. State Department Special Representative Hady Amr at our annual event in December in one of his first public appearances in his new role, as we honored his mentor and Israel Policy Forum board member and Advisory Council Convener Ambassador Martin S. Indyk.

With a return to in-person programming, Israel Policy Forum also strengthened its position as a go-to resource for the Jewish community for nuanced educational content. In 2022, we offered 123 educational sessions in partnership with organizations across the country, engaged audiences spanning the political, denominational, and generational spectrums, and utilized new, innovative, educational tools online.

I am especially proud of IPF Atid, which continues to engage a diverse array of thousands of young professionals throughout North America, training the next generation of communal and policy leaders to be more informed, confident, and effective in their leadership in support of our mission.

On the following pages, you can read more about Israel Policy Forum’s work and influence in 2022. Today, Israel Policy Forum’s reach and impact is growing. And the work ahead—in Washington and in the American Jewish community—is as challenging, and as essential, as ever.

As my term as board chair comes to an end, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our many, many
supporters who have made this work possible, to the incredibly talented staff of Israel Policy Forum, and to the members of Israel Policy Forum’s board of directors, who have been such meaningful partners to me and to the staff. I want to welcome our incoming board chair, David Sherman, who will lead Israel Policy Forum into its next chapter.

Israel Policy Forum is continuing to elevate the discourse on critical issues in our community, while laying the foundation to restore the United States as a credible, constructive actor in helping Israelis and Palestinians achieve a two-state vision and a more secure and peaceful future. Thank you for your support and engagement in the critical work that lies ahead.

With great appreciation,

Susie Gelman
Board Chair
June 2016 - May 2023
Statement of Principles

We are guided by our vision of a secure, Jewish, democratic Israel, by our values of Zionism, forthrightness, intellectual integrity, partnership, and perseverance, and by the following principles:

On Preserving and Advancing Two States

A two-state outcome is necessary to fulfilling the Zionist dream of a Jewish and democratic Israel. Only a secure Israel alongside a viable and independent Palestinian state can ensure the future that Israel’s founders envisioned. We accordingly support efforts that work toward this goal, that preserve prospects for two states and make the realization of a viable two-state outcome more likely, and we oppose efforts that endanger a future two-state outcome.

On the Importance of Israel’s Security

Israel’s security is of paramount concern, vital to promoting U.S. interests in the Middle East and vital to guaranteeing Israel’s stability. Having a full understanding of Israeli security doctrine and needs, the threats to Israel’s security, and Israel’s relationships within and beyond the region is critical to effectively working toward a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Similarly, it is a U.S. interest to promote freedom, security, prosperity, and dignity for Israelis and Palestinians, and advancing policies that do so is an important component of any fair resolution to the conflict.

On Advancing U.S. Interests and the National Aspirations of Israelis and Palestinians

It is in the U.S. interest to support and work toward a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that acknowledges the legitimate national aspirations of both sides with the understanding that the endurance of each depends on the fulfillment of both; that recognizes the connection that both sides have to the land between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River; and that is ultimately accepted by Israelis and Palestinians. We encourage robust American efforts to achieve such a resolution.

On Israel’s Regional Integration

Israel’s challenge in the 21st century has evolved from one of basic survival in the Middle East to one of fully integrating into the region. Normalization between Israel and its neighbors should be supported and encouraged, even as we acknowledge that normalization will remain incomplete so long as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains unresolved and that the Palestinians should be included in the normalization process.
Statement of Principles

On U.S.-Israel Relations and U.S. Leadership

A strong U.S.-Israel relationship is at the core of American regional policy and comprises Israel’s most important diplomatic and security asset. Preserving this relationship is of vital interest to both countries, and understanding that common interests and values sit alongside areas of tension that must be worked through is critical to ensuring the future of U.S.-Israel relations and to maintaining U.S. leadership in working to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

On American Jewish Engagement and Debate

Israel is the state and homeland of the Jewish people. North American Jews have a stake in Israel and Israel’s future, irrespective of not being Israeli citizens. Debate about Israel and its policies should be grounded in a commitment to Israel’s survival and well-being, along with a fundamental acceptance of Israel’s legitimacy in the community of nations. American Jews have the right to disagree with and criticize the Israeli government and the policies that it chooses to pursue, which comes with respect for Israel’s democratic process and the fundamental right of the Israeli government to pursue policies of its choosing.

On the Responsibility of Israeli and Palestinian Leadership

Israeli leaders and Palestinian leaders have agency in working toward a final-status agreement to resolve the conflict, in ensuring that conditions on the ground will allow for such a resolution, and in preparing their peoples for the decisions and compromises that will make such an agreement possible. While it is incumbent upon the U.S. and other international actors to assist Israelis and Palestinians in cooperation, coordination, and negotiation, Israeli and Palestinian leadership must make and implement the necessary decisions for Israelis and Palestinians to live alongside each other in peace and security.

On the Role of Education, Research, and Analysis

A better understanding and knowledge of Israeli politics, Israeli society, and Israeli policy leads to a better American Jewish engagement with Israel and better American policy. We will always endeavor to foster greater knowledge, through research and analysis, in order to promote constructive policies and informed conversation about Israel’s place in the world, the U.S.-Israel relationship, Israel’s long-term future and security, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
About Us

Israel Policy Forum was founded in 1993 to build support in the American Jewish community and in Washington for the diplomatic vision of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Israel Policy Forum’s vision is a secure, Jewish, democratic Israel. Our mission is to strengthen support among American policymakers and Jewish leaders for U.S. efforts to advance a viable two-state outcome to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict consistent with Israel’s security. We advance this goal by developing in-depth, credible policy analysis and by educating policymakers and the American Jewish community to enable them to promote and act on pragmatic solutions.

Values

Committed to building support among American Jewish leaders and U.S. policymakers for the realization of a viable two-state outcome that would ensure Israel's security, Israel Policy Forum is driven by the following values:

Zionism

Israel Policy Forum's vision is a secure, Jewish, democratic Israel. Our programs seek to educate community and policy leaders who support a strong and enduring U.S.-Israel and Israel-diaspora relationship. We are pro-Israel and passionate about Israel’s future as a secure, Jewish, and democratic state.

Forthrightness

Israel Policy Forum provides substantive analysis and constructive proposals, not simplistic sloganeering. We communicate directly, never shying away from the complexities of the conflict, the magnitude of the challenges, and the need to seek pragmatic opportunities.

Intellectual Integrity

Israel Policy Forum’s work is rooted in informative content and fact-based research and analysis. Our positions are supported by Israeli and American security and policy experts. We believe that honest and credible information is critical to understanding difficult and complex issues, and we maintain that positions should be based on sound research, not political expediency.

Partnership

Israel Policy Forum seeks partnerships with an array of policy and community-based organizations to formulate credible ideas, provide a diverse community with productive discourse, and foster constructive dialogue. We believe collaborative relationships, between the U.S. and Israel, between Israelis and Palestinians, and across the American Jewish landscape, are essential to advancing successful, sustainable policies.

Perseverance

Israel Policy Forum seeks to take the long view, always identifying pragmatic opportunities to advance our mission even when it is confronted with significant challenges. We recognize that securing and sustaining a two-state outcome will be a long and difficult course, and we proudly continue the tradition, typified by those who worked for centuries toward the Zionist dream, of perseverance in focused pursuit of our mission.
Leadership

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Peter A. Joseph  Richard Robin+  +term beginning 2022

Israel Policy Forum notes with sadness the passing of Board Member Edward B. Robin in October 2022.

Ed’s philanthropic impact on Jewish life stretched from Los Angeles to New York and on to Israel and Russia. In addition to his role on Israel Policy Forum’s board of directors, Ed served in a number of leadership roles, including as chairman of the National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry (NCSEJ) formerly known as the National Council for Soviet Jews, vice chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, chairman of the Young Leadership Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, and a founder and chair of the North American Jewish Forum. Ed served as chair of the Israel Center at American Jewish University and on the boards of the Wende Museum of the Cold War and Paideia-U.S. He also served on the boards of Valley Beth Shalom, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), United Jewish Appeal, and the Council of Jewish Federations. Ed’s wife Peggy, his children, and his grandchildren continue his legacy of commitment to Jewish communities around the world.
Leadership

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U.S. Policy Leadership

The Trusted Voice on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

We develop policy research and analysis on critical issues impacting the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

On the Hill and With the Biden Administration

In 2022, Israel Policy Forum further solidified its role as a critical voice in informing and educating members of Congress, their staffs, and members of the executive branch on developments in Israel and implications for U.S. policy towards the region.

We reached an unprecedented number of offices on Capitol Hill in 2022: over 250 bipartisan, bicameral Congressional staffers were briefed on Israel Policy Forum’s new policy framework, Firm Foundation. Dozens more received briefings on the elections and the transition into a new government—including the return of Benjamin Netanyahu—and developments during the August 2022 escalation in Gaza. Israel Policy Forum’s briefings reached a range of offices on Capitol Hill, including members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, as well as Jewish members of Congress. We also held our first-ever congressional staff delegation to Israel and the West Bank with six high-level congressional staffers from the House and the Senate. These staffers were all greatly impacted by their experience and came away with an in-depth understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the region moving forward.

We were also proud to work to help avert the potentially disastrous downgrade—from three-star general to a colonel—of the United States Security Coordinator to Israel and the Palestinian Authority USSC, by working to inform policymakers about the deleterious effects a downgrade would have on stability in the region and U.S. national security. We were proud that over one third of the United States Senate and nearly 60 Members of the House of Representatives, equaling nearly 100 in all, spoke out in a clear and bipartisan manner on this issue and helped prevent the downgrade. (Read more on pages 20-21.)

Israel Policy Forum has also engaged deeply with public events and meetings with key officials in the American administration, hosting private and public events and meetings with key officials in the State Department, National Security Council, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). We were honored to host then-Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Israeli and Palestinian Affairs Hady Amr at our annual event in one of his first public appearances in that role, as we honored his mentor, Ambassador Martin S. Indyk.
On May 15-16, 2022, Israel Policy Forum hosted its second annual Leadership Policy Summit. This invitation-only experience in Washington, D.C. offered an exclusive opportunity for over 90 of our top leaders to engage with experts, members of Congress, and other special guests on our policy goals regarding U.S.-Israel relations, U.S.-Palestinian relations, regional normalization, and securing a two-state future. Together, these goals formed our 2022 policy framework, Firm Foundation.

The summit was bookended by two notable events in Israeli politics. A little over a month prior, Israel’s governing coalition lost its razor-thin majority over a defection, resulting in an even split in the Knesset between the coalition and opposition. A month after our meeting, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Alternate Prime Minister Yair Lapid submitted a bill to dissolve the Knesset, leading to Lapid becoming prime minister until the November election. Amidst this uncertainty, our call for the U.S. to advance tangible policy goals designed to achieve stability and an eventual resolution to the conflict was more important than ever.


The Leadership Policy Summit was also an opportunity for Israel Policy Forum to leverage its growing stable of in-house experts. A 2022 addition to our team, Diane and Guilford Glazer Foundation Senior Director of Policy Research Dr. Shira Efron joined us in person from Israel, appearing alongside Director of Government Relations Aaron Weinberg, Israel Fellow Dr. Nimrod Novik, and Policy Advisor Neri Zilber—the host of our popular Israel Policy Pod.

Our opening dinner featured Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Michael Herzog in conversation with Israel Policy Forum Board Chair Susie Gelman. This off-the-record, frank discussion offered an enlightening look at Israel-U.S. relations. Other exciting moments included a conversation between former U.S. Ambassadors to Israel Dan Shapiro and Martin S. Indyk (also an Israel Policy Forum board member and convener of our Advisory Council) and a panel that included former Member of Knesset Ksenia Svetlova—now director of the Israel-Middle East Relations program at the Israel-based foreign policy institute Mitvim.
While our plenary sessions on the mainstage put a spotlight on the U.S.-Israel relationship and securing a two-state future, a series of elective breakout sessions placed a focus on U.S.-Palestinian relations and regional normalization. These discussions brought together policy experts and congressional staff with Israel Policy Forum leaders and included sessions on U.S. assistance to the Palestinian people, Palestinian security coordination and reform, the next phase of the Abraham Accords, and an examination of where Egypt and Jordan stand within the trend of normalization.

The Leadership Policy Summit concluded with an intimate, wide-ranging conversation between Ambassador Indyk and then-U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Israeli and Palestinian Affairs Hady Amr (currently the first-ever U.S. Special Representative for Palestinian Affairs).

Following the in-person program, we held virtual Congressional Conversations with members of Congress in support of the policy priorities we had explored over the course of our two days together in Washington.
In 2022, we utilized video briefings to respond to the most pressing issues facing Israel. We hosted eight video briefings featuring top Israeli journalists such as Tal Schneider, Eran Etzion, Amir Tibon, and Amos Harel. Our video briefings averaged 285 attendees and peaked at 397 attendees for a briefing titled Bibi, Bezalel, and Ben Gvir: What Can We Expect From the Next Israeli Government?
Every Thursday, Israel Policy Forum Chief Policy Officer Michael Koplow pens a weekly column providing nuanced commentary on Israel, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the American Jewish community. More than 9,500 readers subscribe to the column, which is frequently syndicated in the Jewish Journal and quoted in the press.
Our podcast, hosted by Tel Aviv-based journalist and Israel Policy Forum Advisor Neri Zilber, continued to be popular with listeners, with an average of 3,000 weekly downloads (double that of 2020) for the 35 episodes in 2022. Podcasts have been downloaded in 140 countries and rank in the top 5% of all podcasts (via Buzzsprout). You can listen to our podcast here.
In 2022, we began producing short explainers on critical issues related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Israeli politics, and U.S.-Israel relations to provide easily digestible insight and analysis to leaders in the Jewish community and in Washington.

“This succinct summary of the Gaza violence by Israel Policy Forum is bang on.”

“This was an excellent summary, and very much appreciated.”

“This was a very helpful resource in the way it was organized, the content it focused on, and the formatting to assist the reader in digesting the information.”

Explore the issues at: israelpolicyforum.org/critical-issues
Community Engagement
A National Resource

123 Programs
delivered by
55 Partners

40 Organizations
represented in briefings hosted for Jewish communal professionals

21 Cities
targeted by programs

After a year of primarily virtual programming in 2021, our local and national programming returned to regular in-person activity through 24 programs and partnerships with 26 organizations across the country. We also continued an ongoing series of briefings for Jewish communal professionals, hosting representatives from 40 organizations nationwide. Combined with IPF Atid, our young professionals community, our programs targeted 21 cities, partnering with 55 organizations to deliver 123 programs in 2022.
2022 Program Partners

1. 30 Years After+
2. Aitz Hayim Center for Jewish Living
3. AJC Access+
4. Amenu Canada+
5. American Zionist Movement-Rabin Coalition+
6. Anshe Sholom B’nai Israel+
7. Base Andersonville+
8. Bears for Israel+
9. Berkeley Hillel+
10. Center for Jewish Life (Princeton Hillel)+
11. Central Synagogue
12. Chabad Lincoln Park+
13. Congregation B’nai Jeshurun
14. Congregation Beth Sholom
15. Congregation Sherith Israel
16. Emory Hillel+
17. Hevreh of Southern Berkshire
18. Hillel at the George Washington University+
19. Hillel International+
20. Indiana University Hillel+
21. Institute for National Security Studies+
22. J Street+
23. Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, Missouri
24. Jewish Council for Public Affairs
25. Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg
26. Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia+
27. Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh
28. Jewish Federation of St. Louis
29. Jewish Federation of the Berkshires
30. Jewish Federations of North America
31. Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley
32. Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago+
33. Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan
34. Metro Chicago Hillel+
35. Mishkan Chicago+
36. Moishe House Atlanta+
37. Moishe House Murray Hill+
38. Moishe House Wrigleyville+
39. Molad+
40. New Israel Fund+
41. Northwestern Hillel+
42. One Voice+
43. OneTable+
44. Oshman Family JCC
45. Park Avenue Synagogue
46. Progressive Zionists of California+
47. Schusterman Family Foundation
48. Standing Together+
49. Temple B’nai Abraham
50. Temple Isaiah+
51. Temple Shaaray Tefila
52. UCLA Hillel+
53. UJA-Federation of NY
54. URJ
55. Young Professionals in Foreign Policy+

+Programming for IPF Atid or initiated by IPF Atid
Amplifying Our Message

Website and Social Media

Our efforts to provide fresh and engaging content on social media platforms and our website helped to drive traffic and strengthen israelpolicyforum.org as a source of credible and timely analysis. Our direct website traffic increased by 8% and the overall number of users remained consistent from 2021 at 85k+.

On Instagram, we changed our handle @IPFAtid to @IsraelPolicyForum to encompass all of our work and become more easily findable on the platform. In 2022, our Instagram reach nearly doubled, profile visits increased 22%, and we gained over 500 new followers.

↑ 22% Instagram Profile Visits

500 New Followers on Instagram
During 2022, Israel Policy Forum was cited in Jewish, English-language Israeli, and mainstream U.S. publications more than 130 times by our count. See below for several highlights, which are listed in roughly chronological order and grouped based on the news story or Israel Policy Forum activity they cover.

In January, Politico, The Times of Israel, JTA, Haaretz, Jewish Insider, The Algemeiner, i24 News, The Jerusalem Post, and Middle East Monitor reported on Israel Policy Forum’s joint letter with six other major Jewish organizations calling on the Israeli government to confront the growing threat of extremist settler violence in the West Bank and subsequent webinar on settler violence featuring The Times of Israel’s Jacob Magid.

Regarding the Negev Summit in March, a historic meeting of the foreign ministers of Israel, Egypt, the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, and the U.S. at Sde Boker, The New York Times published three separate stories quoting Israel Fellow Nimrod Novik and Chief Policy Officer Michael Koplow.

Israel to Host Three Arab Foreign Ministers in Historic Meeting

Leaders of Israel, UAE, and Egypt Meet for Their First Summit

Israel Summit Shows Ties With Arabs Moving From Ceremony to Substance

In addition, Policy Advisor and Israel Policy Pod host Neri Zilber was interviewed on NPR’s “Here and Now”: Secretary of State Blinken attends summit with Israel, Arab countries

In August, The Times of Israel (TOI) and Haaretz referenced Israel Policy Forum’s efforts to encourage members of Congress to oppose downgrading the U.S. Security Coordinator in Jerusalem from a three-star general to a colonel. This work resulted in bipartisan letters in both
the House and the Senate calling on Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to prevent the downgrade, a request that the Department of Defense ultimately heeded.

**Times of Israel:**

**Times of Israel Op-Ed:** Don’t Downgrade the U.S. Security Coordinator From a Three-Star General to a Colonel

**Times of Israel podcast:** Daily Briefing Aug. 11: Egypt Huffs at Israel; Jewish Agency Laments Russian Moves

**Haaretz:** U.S. Senators Urge Pentagon Not to Downgrade U.S. Palestinian Security Post


**The Washington Post** quoted and linked our statement and quoted Board Chair Susie Gelman: Israel Election: A Far-Right Politician Moves Close to Power

CEO David Halperin on Voice of America: Israeli Extremist Itamar Ben Gvir Set to Do Well in Elections

Michael Koplow in two Wall Street Journal articles:

- Israel Election Puts Benjamin Netanyahu on Brink of Comeback
- U.S. Warns Israel It Will Fight Attempts to Annex West Bank

Diane and Guilford Glazer Foundation Senior Director of Policy Research Shira Efron in Los Angeles Times: A Netanyahu Government Would Probably Clash With the Biden Administration


Susie Gelman and Israel Policy Forum statement in JTA: These U.S. Jewish Groups Are Staying Quiet on Far-Right Extremists’ Election Success in Israel

Politico and The Hill lists and links to webinar, "What Can We Expect From the Next Israeli Government?"

Michael Koplow quoted extensively in L.A. Times: A New Foreign Policy Headache for Biden as Israel Forms Its Most Right-Wing Government Ever

and many more.

The Times of Israel and Jewish Insider ran articles on and The Forward’s Jacob Kornbluh live-tweeted our Annual Benefit honoring former U.S. Ambassador to Israel and Israel Policy Forum Board Member Martin S. Indyk and celebrating the fifth anniversary of IPF Atid.
Engagement driven by IPF Atid, our young professionals initiative, continued to grow rapidly in 2022. IPF Atid hosted 102 programs (including 78 in-person events in 13 cities) with a total attendance of 2,335 participants and 42 organizational partners. Six of these events were on college campuses, organized by our undergraduate policy fellows.

With chapters in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C., IPF Atid is also deepening ties in Philadelphia and Toronto (which became a chapter city in 2023), among other new communities reached through its leadership network including Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Denver, Detroit, Hartford, Indianapolis, Montreal, San Antonio, Santa Fe, Seattle, Vancouver, and Virginia Beach.

Marking the fifth year of the Charles Bronfman Conveners program—an intensive training and cohort experience for North American young professionals to engage with and advocate for Israel Policy Forum’s vision of advancing a viable two-state outcome—participants met in Washington, D.C. for a three-day seminar with Israel Policy Forum’s professional and lay leadership, briefings with experts on the region and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and private meetings with diplomats. The group hailed from 12 cities, where they have been implementing projects to introduce Israel Policy Forum’s content and resources to their communities.
In July 2022, a delegation of 15 IPF Atid leaders traveled across Israel and the West Bank. They met with activists, policy analysts, security officials, and politicians from Israeli and Palestinian society in order to deepen their understanding of the conflict and gain a hands-on experience in the field.

In fall 2022, IPF Atid launched its Policy Fellowship for undergraduates at six universities. The fellows convened eight programs with nine partner organizations in the program’s first semester. They represent George Washington University, Indiana University, Northwestern University, Princeton University, Tel Aviv University, and University of Texas at Austin. Thanks to the generous support of the Bergman Family Foundation, next year’s cohort will reach 10 campuses.

During times of violence in Israel, IPF Atid held several virtual open spaces for our community members to discuss current events. We heard from many of them that the rhetoric on both sides of the spectrum was polarizing, dehumanizing, and lacked an understanding of the nuances. As a result of the desperate need for a more balanced perspective on social media, our team developed creative ways to showcase thoughtful ideas, despite the inherent challenge of synthesizing complex ideas into a tweet or Instagram post.
Annual Event

Honoring Ambassador Martin S. Indyk & Celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of IPF Atid

Our 2022 annual event on December 7 at the Plaza Hotel in New York recognized two fundamental elements of the Israel Policy Forum community. The event honored the guidance and leadership of Israel Policy Forum Board Member, Advisory Council Convener, and former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Martin S. Indyk. It also celebrated the fifth anniversary of IPF Atid, Israel Policy Forum’s young professionals program.

The event included remarks from Special Representative for Palestinian Affairs and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Israeli and Palestinian Affairs Hady Amr, video tributes from then-Prime Minister Yair Lapid, former Secretary of State John Kerry, and President Isaac Herzog, as well as a conversation titled “Leadership Lessons and Future Foundations,” which featured Ambassador Indyk in conversation with Shanie Reichman, the director of IPF Atid.
# Financials

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Income

- Employee Retention Credit: 3.8%
- Special Event (Net): 4.9%
- Contributions, Released From Restrictions: 6.5%
- Contributions, With Donor Restrictions: 22.2%
- Contributions, Without Donor Restrictions: 61.6%
- Other: 1%

Expenses

- Fundraising: 13.4%
- Administration: 13.3%
- Program Services: 73.3%
Staff & Advisors

David A. Halperin
Chief Executive Officer

Joe Brownstein
CRM Manager

Sierra DeCrosta
Programs and Partnerships Director (2022)

Lissie Diringer
Chief Philanthropy Officer

Shira Efron
Diane and Guilford Glazer Foundation Senior Director of Policy Research

Jacob Gilman
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Advisor

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IPF Atid National Organizing Fellow (2022-2023)

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Chief Policy Officer

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Advisor

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Director of Individual Giving

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Advisor

Leah Schechter
Operations Associate

Roberta Schoffman
Israel Representative

Tsur Schoffman
Israel Representative

Max Webb
IPF Atid National Organizing Fellow (2021-2022)
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