Israel at 75
Director’s Lecture Series
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Reception

Opening Remarks
President Isaac Herzog, President of Israel

Ambassador David M. Satterfield, Director and Janice and Robert McNair Chair in Public Policy, Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy

Panel I
Israel and the U.S.-Israel Relationship at 75: A Retrospective and the Road Ahead
Moderated by: Aaron Miller, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

- Thomas Nides, U.S. Ambassador to Israel
- Edward P. Djerejian, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to Syria, Founding Director, Baker Institute for Public Policy
- Dan Kurtzer, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to Egypt
- Dan Shapiro, Fmr. U.S. Ambassador to Israel

Presentation
The Contemporary American Jewish Identity
Introduction by: Allen J. Matusow, Ph.D., Academic Affairs Director, Baker Institute, and the William Gaines Twyman Professor Emeritus of History at Rice University

Robert H. Mnookin, Samuel Williston Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, Author of ‘The Jewish Paradox’

Panel II
Two States for Two People? Are there still viable solutions for Israel and Palestine?
Introduction by: Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of ADL (Anti-Defamation League)
Moderated by: Amb. David M. Satterfield

- Tareq Baconi, President, Al-Shabaka, Former Senior Analyst, International Crisis Group
- Michael Herzog, Israel Ambassador to the United States, Retired Brigadier General, Israel Defense Forces (IDF), Former Fellow, The Washington Institute
- Barbara Leaf, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs
- Gilead Sher, former Chief of Staff and Policy Coordinator to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and a senior peace negotiator, Brochstein Fellow in Middle East Peace and Security in Honor of Yitzhak Rabin at Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy

Presentation
Israel’s Government and the Political Direction of Israel
Ehud Barak, Former Prime Minister of Israel
Armchair Discussion
Reflections on American Diplomacy and Israel
With: James A. Baker III, Honorary Chair, Baker Institute for Public Policy, Former United States Secretary of State to President George H.W. Bush, Former United States Secretary of the Treasury to President Ronald Reagan, Former White House Chief of Staff to President Ronald Reagan

David M. Satterfield, Director, Baker Institute for Public Policy, Former United States Ambassador to Turkey, Former United States Ambassador to Lebanon, Former United States Envoy to the Horn of Africa, Former Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Former chargé d'affaires to Egypt and Iraq, Former Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for Libya, Former Senior Advisor on Iraq for Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice

Closing Remarks
The U.S.-Israel Relationship
Walter Russell Mead, Ravenel B. Curry III Distinguished Fellow in Strategy and Statesmanship at Hudson Institute, the Global View Columnist at The Wall Street Journal and the James Clarke Chace Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities at Bard College in New York, Author of Arc of a Covenant

Adjournment
Ambassador David M. Satterfield

Post-Conference Dinner
Israel and the United States: Politics and Prospects
- Gilead Sher, former Chief of Staff and Policy Coordinator to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and a senior peace negotiator, Brochstein Fellow in Middle East Peace and Security in Honor of Yitzhak Rabin at Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy
- David Makovsky, Ziegler Distinguished Fellow, Director, Koret Project on Arab-Israel Relations, Irvin Levy Family Program on the U.S.-Israel Strategic Relationship
- Dennis Ross, Counselor and Ziegler Distinguished Fellow at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Special Assistant to President Obama and Senior Director for the Central Region (2009-11), US Middle East Envoy under President Clinton, Director, United States State Department’s Policy Planning Staff under George H. W. Bush