

# Spring 2026

## Lecture Series

Sponsored by Werner Bachmann in Gratitude to his Children & Grandchildren

Thursdays, 11am (Israeli Time) ON ZOOM



**JAN 01**

**Roi Aloni**  
*Musicologist, Pianist and Lecturer*  
A Musical Collage for 2026



**JAN 08**

**David Weinberg**  
*Misgav Institute for National Security*  
Israel at 77: Is this the Child we Prayed For?



**JAN 15**

**Carice Witte**  
*Founder and Executive Director at SIGNAL Group, the only think-tank solely dedicated to Israel's engagement with Asia.*  
Israel - China Relations - Update



**JAN 22**

**Chuck Freilich**  
*Former deputy national security advisor in Israel, senior fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School, former Senior Fellow and Professor at Columbia and Tel Aviv University and Author.*  
US-Israeli relations - an unprecedented relationship faces unprecedented challenges



**JAN 29**

**Herb Keinon**  
*Jerusalem Post Senior Contributing Editor and Analyst*  
Writing the Lighter Side - while covering the diplomatic trials and societal tribulations of Israel Keinon has also written a monthly column looking at the lighter side of Israeli life



**FEB 05**

**Oren Kessler**  
*Author and journalist*  
Lord Herbert Samuel and the Mufti: Secret files reveal why he elevated the notorious cleric



**FEB 12**

**Tova Herzl**  
*Former Israeli ambassador, author, commentator*  
Challenges for Israel's Diplomacy



**FEB 19 (Purim Lecture)**

**Stuart Halpern**  
*Senior Adviser to the Provost of Yeshiva University and Deputy Director of Y.U.'s Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought and Author*  
Esther in Europe & the USA - The Persian Jewish Queen's Surprising & Inspiring Impact on Global Politics



**FEB 26**

(Provisional Arrangement)  
**Michal Herzog**  
*Israel's First Lady*  
Topic to be announced



**MAR 05**

Reception to Celebrate HCG's 10th Anniversary at the Residence of the President of Israel  
*Details to be Announced*



**MAR 12**

**Rabbi David Rosen**  
*British-Israeli rabbi and interfaith peacemaker*  
The Remarkable Interfaith Initiatives with the Arabian Gulf



**MAR 19**

**Author and Fellow at Shalem College, Jerusalem**  
*British-Israeli rabbi and interfaith peacemaker*  
The Arc of Jewish History Bends Towards History: How Israelis and Diaspora Jews all Misread Jewish History, in Differing Ways



**MAR 26**

**Michael Herzog**  
*Former Ambassador to the United States*  
Topic to be announced

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## Behind The Headlines

Sponsored by Ruth Sotnick in Memory of her late Husband Richard

Sundays, 5pm (Israeli Time) ON ZOOM



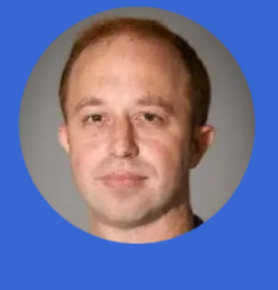
**JAN 04**

**Tal Hartuv**  
*Artist*  
Overcoming trauma, from a survivor of a machete attack by Palestinian terrorists



**JAN 11**

**Dr. Salem Alketbi**  
*Emirati Political Analyst, Researcher, Opinion Writer*  
The Yellow Partition Scenario: A Hypothetical Model for Dividing Gaza



**JAN 18 - MAR 22**

**Yonah Jeremy Bob**  
*Author, Journalist, Analyst*  
Other speakers and exact dates and subjects to be announced



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**Yaakov Lappin**  
*Military Affairs Correspondent, Analyst*  
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