

A conference on
**Israel at 60:
Its Historical and Legal Rights Still Challenged?**

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10:00 - 10:20 Opening Address:

Tzipi Livni, Vice Prime Minister,
Minister of Foreign Affairs

10:20 - 10:45 Welcome and Opening remarks

Dr. Dore Gold, President of JCPA and Former Israeli Ambassador
to the United Nations
Dr. Lars Hänsel, Director, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Israel

10:45 - 12:00 Session One:

Israel's Legitimacy in the Public Discourse

Chairman: **Dr. Manfred Gerstenfeld**, Chairman of the JCPA
Steering Committee

Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Jerusalem Center; NGO Monitor;
Bar-Ilan University

Trevor Asserson, International Lawyer

Dr. Emanuele Ottolenghi, Executive Director of the Transatlantic
Institute in Brussels

12:30 - 13:45 Session Two:

Israel and the Modern Nation-State

Chairman: **Judge Gabriel Bach**,
Former Supreme Court Justice

Sir Martin Gilbert,

Author of "Churchill and the Jews"

Prof. Ruth Gavison,

Faculty of Law, Hebrew University

Amb. Yehuda Blum, Professor Emeritus of International Law,
Hebrew University

14:45 - 16:00 Session Three:

**Countering Legal Challenges to Israel's
Legitimacy**

Chairman: **Dr. Abraham Bell**, Israel and International Law Forum,
Jerusalem Center; Bar-Ilan University; Fordham University School of Law

Adv. Irit Kohn, Bar-Ilan University; Deputy President of the International
Jewish Lawyers and Jurists Organization and former Director of the
International Department of the Ministry of Justice

MP Prof. Irwin Cotler, former Justice Minister, Canada

Daniel Taub, Director, General Law Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Prof. Eugene Kontorovich, Northwestern University Law School

16:00 - 16:30 Closing Lecture:

Protecting Israel's International Rights

MK. Benjamin Netanyahu, Head of the Opposition and former
Prime Minister of Israel



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The year 2008 marks sixty years since the establishment of the State of Israel. Yet, today, notwithstanding a 1922 League of Nations Mandate affirming the Jewish people's right to reconstitute itself in its ancient homeland, Israel's fifty-nine year membership in the United Nations and its extraordinary achievements, the very legitimacy of a Jewish state remains an issue of public debate.

This conference will engage in a critical examination of the debate on Israel's legitimacy, the place of a Jewish nation-state and Jewish self-determination among other nation-states of the world and other nations' claims to self-determination, and the legal doctrines affecting debates about Israel's legitimacy.