

**PROGRAM**

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## Welcome and Introduction



### **Heather Johnston**

Heather Johnston is the Founder and Executive Director of U.S. Israel Education Association (USIEA). Her more than 20-year involvement with Israel has afforded her a unique position to work dynamically inside the U.S.-Israel relationship as an educator and entrepreneur, leading advanced, educational tours for Senior Members of Congress, who are primarily Chair Persons on committees related to Israel.

## Speakers



### **Avi Zimmerman**

Avi Zimmerman serves as the President and Co-Founder of the Judea Samaria Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Executive Director of the American Friends of Ariel and the City of Ariel's international representative. As Chamber president, he engages Israeli and Palestinian business owners through a growing business network that promotes a thriving and sustainable regional economy.



### **Dr. Michael Oren**

Dr. Michael Oren is the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and a member of Knesset where he served on the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Constitutional Committees and initiated efforts to improve Israel's public diplomacy and fight BDS. He chaired a Special Sub-Committee that dealt with Israel's most sensitive international issues. Dr. Oren served as Israel's Ambassador to the United States from 2009-2013. He was instrumental in obtaining U.S. defense aid, especially for the Iron Dome system.



### **Ashraf Jabari**

Ashraf Jabari is a prominent business and community leader in Hebron and Co-Founder of the Judea Samaria Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is also a spokesperson for the Palestinian business community, advocating for business integration as a means to peaceful coexistence and economic prosperity for Palestinians and Israelis living in Judea and Samaria.



### **U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman**

Ambassador Friedman joined the law firm Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman (then known as Kasowitz, Hoff, Benson & Torres) in 1994. He served as an advisor to President Trump during his election campaign and transition into office. He became the U.S. Ambassador to Israel on May 15, 2017. Among his notable actions during his tenure as U.S. Ambassador are overseeing the move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and the first official visit of a U.S. Ambassador to Judea Samaria since before 1967.



### **U.S. Senator James Lankford**

Senator Lankford served four years as the U.S. Representative for Oklahoma's 5th congressional district, prior to his election as U.S. Senator for Oklahoma in 2014. Senator Lankford serves on legislative committees for Finance, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Federal Management, Appropriations and Indian Affairs and is Chairman, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management.

