

## Ambassador Daniel Shapiro Introduction

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege to introduce you to a renowned voice on U.S.-Israel relations...

He is a well-known diplomat, who was the U.S. ambassador to Israel under President Barack Obama from 2011 to 2017, during which time he participated in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, high-level talks on the Iran nuclear deal, and discussions on the \$38 billion Memorandum of Understanding for U.S. military assistance to Israel...

He is a veteran of Capitol Hill, who was a staff member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee under Chairman Lee H. Hamilton, a legislative assistant and senior foreign policy adviser to Senator Dianne Feinstein, a Congressional liaison for National Security Adviser Sandy Berger, and deputy chief of staff for U.S. Senator Bill Nelson...

And he is a respected academic and foreign policy expert, who is a distinguished visiting fellow at Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies, who has taught at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and who frequently writes for leading publications...

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome a major influencer in Middle East policy circles, Ambassador Daniel Shapiro.