

## SPEAKER BIOS

**TATIANA MAZARSKY** is an Israeli Member of Knesset representing the Yesh Atid party, known for her extensive background in education, healthcare, and immigrant integration. Born in the Soviet Union in 1976, she immigrated to Israel at age 17 through the Jewish Agency's Young Aliyah Program. She holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in Jewish history from the University of Haifa and has completed a wide array of professional training in leadership, mediation, and community project management. Mazarsky dedicated herself to Jewish education and immigrant absorption before transitioning to healthcare management and later serving as deputy mayor of Karmiel, where she championed social initiatives and led significant civic projects, including the establishment of a city hospital. In 2021, she entered the Knesset, continuing her commitment to social welfare and community development.

**ARI SACHER** is known for his role as a primary engineer on the Iron Dome project, which protects Israel from rocket attacks. He has briefed hundreds of U.S. lawmakers on Israeli missile defense and Israeli-U.S. defense collaboration. Ari made aliyah from the USA in 1982 and currently lives in Moreshet in the Western Galilee with his wife, eight children, and fourteen grandchildren. Additionally, Ari publishes weekly essays that combine Jewish thought, science, and defense, known as "Rocket Torah."

**GILAD KATZ** is the former Head of Diplomatic Staff of the Foreign Minister of Israel and former Consul General of Israel to the Southwest. He is also the former senior advisor to the Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

**NATAN SHARANSKY** is an Israeli politician, human rights activist, and author who, as a refusenik in the Soviet Union during the 1970s and 1980s, spent nine years in Soviet prisons. During his time in the Israeli government, including as deputy prime minister and as the head of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Sharansky fought tirelessly for the rights of new immigrants, religious minorities, and women. Sharansky is the Chair of the Advisory Board (CAM) and is the sole living non-U.S. citizen to receive both the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal.

**ALBERT VEKSLER** is an Israeli political consultant and NGO strategist, best known as the director of the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast, a global interfaith initiative promoting prayer for peace in Jerusalem. Born and raised in Estonia, Veksler moved to Israel, where he pursued studies in political science and public policy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In 2008, he founded JPBM Consulting, a firm specializing in team development, NGO structuring, and coalition building. Veksler co-launched the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast in 2017 alongside former Knesset member Robert Ilatov, aiming to foster collaboration between Jewish and Christian leaders worldwide.



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**DR. THOMAS FRETWELL** is the Deputy Director of Special Projects Israel with The Joshua Fund. He holds a Ph.D. in Christian Zionism and Supersessionism and is the Founder of the Ezra Foundation, a ministry that provides resources to help the Church understand Israel from a biblical perspective. He also serves as the Senior Pastor of Calvary Chapel Hastings.

**ISRAEL ILUZ** leads a Messianic Evangelical congregation in northern Israel, the only one of its kind in Kiryat Shmona. Iluz's family and many of his congregation did not evacuate when the war started, but stayed to provide hot meals and deliver food to those unable to leave. On average, between 2,000-2,500 meals were provided each week. In May 2024, an enemy missile made a direct hit on the building next to theirs, and the blast destroyed part of the church. Their team had been there preparing food just hours before.

**JOEL C. ROSENBERG** is a New York Times Bestselling Author & Middle East expert. He has spent 20 years bringing a uniquely Biblical view on the Epicenter, educating people on the region's history, and sharing insights on current events through the lens of Scripture and Bible prophecy. Joel is the founder and president of The Joshua Fund, the editor-in-chief of All Israel News and All Arab News, and the host of a weekly news and commentary program on TBN called The Rosenberg Report. He has led historic and headline-making delegations of American Evangelical leaders, meeting with senior Arab Muslim leaders throughout the Middle East,

including Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Jordan's King Abdullah II, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and United Arab Emirates Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed.

**LYNN ROSENBERG** is a writer and Bible teacher with a Master's degree in leadership and theology from Western Seminary. As co-founder of The Joshua Fund, Lynn has invested much of her life into seeing ministries in the Epicenter flourish, and humanitarian relief efforts reach those who need it most—specifically in the area of women and children. Lynn developed and co-led a Women in Leadership studies program at ONE FOR ISRAEL Bible College in Netanya, Israel, and continues to teach women throughout the believing community in Israel from both Arab and Jewish backgrounds.

