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# 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Middle East Institute Sunday, February 25, 2018

Featuring Keynote Speaker  
**Ambassador Dani Dayan**  
Israeli Consul General



## 2018 Keynote Speaker

Ambassador Dani Dayan, *Israeli Consul General*

As of August 2016, Dani Dayan officially assumed the post of Consul General of Israel in New York. As Consul General, he represents the State of Israel to communities throughout New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Delaware. Ambassador Dayan is one of the highest ranking diplomats in Israel's Foreign Ministry and the Middle East Institute will be his first public speaking engagement in our community.



Ambassador Dayan has a long time reputation as an Israeli public figure, lecturer and entrepreneur enjoying wide support and appreciation from all sides of the Israeli political spectrum. Dayan was Chairman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria from July 2007 until January 2013. Ambassador Dayan has been for many years a regular commentator in the international press, both broadcast and print, and was frequently called upon to participate in public debates and panels at major conferences and universities. Among the media outlets he has contributed to are New York Times, Boston Globe, The Guardian, CNN, BBC, and Al Jazeera.

## 2018 Special Guest Speaker

Chloé Valdary, *Christian Zionist*

Chloé Valdary, a rising young star in the pro-Israel movement, is changing the conversation about Israel on campus and in the political sphere. Chloé served as a Tikvah Fellow under Pulitzer Prize-winner Bret Stephens at the Wall Street Journal, where she developed an 82-page white paper on Israel advocacy and millennial engagement – what works, what doesn't, and how to make it better. She has also been named one of Algemeiner's top 100 people positively affecting Jewish life today.

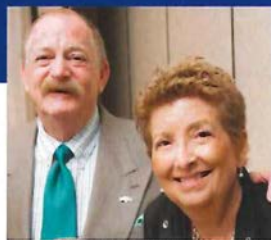


Chloé has published dozens of articles in The Jerusalem Post, The Daily Beast, The Huffington Post, The Times of Israel, and more. She has also appeared on TV and radio, including Huffington Post Live, the Tomi Lahren Show, "Salon", Al Jazeera's "The Stream" and the Dennis Prager Show. Today she serves as Shillman Fellow and Director of Partnerships and Outreach at Jerusalem U.

## 2018 JCRC Israel Advocacy Award

Helene and Alan Blumenfeld

Helene and Alan Blumenfeld have been lifetime ardent supporters of the State of Israel by their actions and service in our community and in Israel. Both have been involved in Jewish National Fund for several decades where Alan was not only the President of Southern NJ Region but also the entire State of New Jersey and Helene is currently the Women for Israel chair. They have supported the efforts of the men and women who keep Israelis safe by supporting Magen David Adom, the IDF and the FIDF. Like JCRC, one of their top priorities is Israel advocacy, helping prepare the next generation to confidentially speak up and speak out about Israel. This is demonstrated by their support of Hillel at the University of Washington and the University of Arizona.



Helene and Alan have each led missions to Israel, where their goal is to teach participants about the beauty and importance of Israel in making the world a better place. Their involvement and passion for Israel with JCRC, in the Congregation Beth El community, throughout South Jersey, and at the national and international levels does not go unnoticed to their friends, family and communities they help strengthen.

# Jewish Community Relations Council

## 49th Annual Middle East Institute

Sunday, February 25, 2018

7:00 pm Community Program  
& Dessert Reception

Congregation Beth El

8000 Main St, Voorhees Township, NJ 08043

*The Middle East Institute, a program of the JCRC Israel Advocacy Initiative, educates the community and fosters understanding on topics relevant to Israel and the Middle East.*

*Dietary laws observed. Reservations are required.*

**Event Co-Chairs:**

Sharon & Adam Sackstein and Amy & Eric Clayman



JCRC sponsors programs dealing with the security of Israel, combating anti-Semitism, Holocaust remembrance and education, and the condition of endangered Jewish communities worldwide.