

# The U.S.-Israel Relationship in Flux: Implications for Middle East Peace

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Stephens is hosting an exclusive conference call for clients with renowned Middle East scholar and U.S. foreign policy expert Elliott Abrams on the changing U.S.-Israel relationship and its implications for peace and stability in the Middle East.

## About the Speaker



Elliott Abrams is senior fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C. He served as an assistant secretary of state in the Reagan administration, deputy assistant to the president and deputy national security advisor in the administration of President George W. Bush, and Special Representative for Venezuela and then for Iran in the Trump administration.

Early in his career, Mr. Abrams spent four years working for the United States Senate, including as special counsel to Senator Henry M. Jackson and as special counsel and then chief of staff to Senator Daniel P. Moynihan. Mr. Abrams served in the State Department during all eight years of the Reagan Administration, and received the Secretary of State's distinguished service award from Secretary George P. Shultz for his work.

Mr. Abrams was president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. from 1996 until joining the White House staff. He was a member of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom from 1999 to 2001, and chaired the commission in the latter year. Mr. Abrams has served as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council and the Board of the National Endowment for Democracy. He is a member of the board of the Jewish People Policy Institute and chairman of the Vandenberg Coalition and of the Tikvah Fund.

Mr. Abrams joined the Bush administration in June 2001 and served in various capacities on the National Security Council, including as special assistant to the president and senior director for Near East and North African affairs. From 2009 to 2019 Mr. Abrams was Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He served in the State Department in January 2019 to January 2021 as Special Representative for Venezuela and Iran, and then returned to the Council on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Abrams was educated at Harvard College (BA 1969), the London School of Economics (MSc 1970) and Harvard Law School (JD 1973). He is the author of five books, most recently *Realism and Democracy: American Foreign Policy After the Arab Spring* (2017), and the editor of three more.

## Topics of Discussion

- History of U.S.-Israel Relations
- Threats to Israel from Regional Actors
- The Biden Administration's Foreign Policy
- Strategic Implications for Peace in the Middle East
- Q & A With Mr. Abrams

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