

IHRA From Words to Action – Speakers' Bios

1. Yifa Segal

Founder and Director of the International Legal Forum (ILF). In the years 2013-2014 Ms. Segal was the Joint Director of Tazpit Press Service (TPS), the only Israeli news agency disseminating news reports and footage in real-time from Israel to media outlets across the world. Prior to 2013, Ms. Segal was a leading member of Shurat Hadin – Israel Law Center's legal team. Ms. Segal is an expert on the Middle East and International law as well as specializing in such issues as : Terror Funding in the West - The Exploitation of Non -Profit Organizations Charitable Foundations, Modern Technology Etc.; The BDS Movement, Global Antisemitism, Women's Right's in The Middle East and Immigrants Communities. Ms. Segal has a BA in Law from the University of Haifa, and an MA in International Relations from the University of Tel Aviv.

2. Nadav Steinman

Adv Steinman was a corporate partner in the global law firm Norton Rose Fulbright, and now maintains his connection with the law firm as a consultant. He brings his experience working in jurisdictions around the world to the fight against BDS, terrorism, and antisemitism. Nadav obtained his law degrees from McGill University in Montreal.

3. Leo Adler

Leo Adler is the founder and senior member of Leo Adler: Criminal Counsel / Avocats penale, a full-service criminal, quasi-criminal and regulatory law firm that specializes in international cases – including extradition, mutual legal assistance matters, repatriation of Canadians serving foreign sentences, and corporate governance matters – as well as domestic cases throughout Canada.

Leo is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, where he now teaches International Criminal Law/Advocacy at the ICC. In 2016, he was awarded Osgoode Hall's Adjunct Faculty Distinguished Service Award. He has also lectured and spoken at numerous law schools and universities in Canada, the U.S. and overseas.

4. Richard Marceau, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs General Counsel

A lawyer and member of the Barreau du Québec and of the Law Society of Upper Canada, Richard Marceau is a graduate from Québec City's Université Laval Law School, the University of Western Ontario Law School and France's École Nationale d'Administration.

Elected to the House of Commons in 1997 and twice re-elected, Richard now works as CIJA's Vice President of External Affairs and General Counsel.

He is the author of *Juif, Une histoire québécoise*, and its English-language adaptation *A Quebec Jew: From Bloc Québécois MP to Jewish Activist*, published at Les Éditions du Marais, for which he received the Helen and Stan Vine Canadian Jewish Book Award in 2012.

Richard was awarded the Canadian Jewish Congress' Saul Hayes Human Rights Award in 2004 and the Republic of Poland's Silver Cross of Merit in 2013.

5. Alyza D. Lewin, LDB President & General Counsel

Alyza D. Lewin is President and General Counsel of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law. She is also a co-founder and partner in Lewin & Lewin, LLP where she specializes in litigation, mediation and government relations.

Ms. Lewin has represented numerous high-profile clients. Her work includes criminal defense, civil litigation, anti-discrimination, security clearance and Foreign Agent Registration (FARA) matters. In 2014, Lewin argued *Zivotofsky v. Kerry* (the "Jerusalem Passport" case) before the U.S. Supreme Court, a case involving the constitutionality of a law granting American citizens born in Jerusalem the right to list "Israel" as the place of birth on his/her U.S. passport. In *Zivotofsky*, the Supreme Court held that the President of the United States has the exclusive authority to recognize foreign sovereigns. The case paved the way for President Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and recognition of Israel's

sovereignty over the Golan Heights. Zivotofsky is the reason no one has challenged these Presidential actions in court.

6. Gideon Falter, Campaign Against Antisemitism, Chief Executive

Gideon studied British, French and European Union law at the University of Warwick where he became heavily involved in Jewish causes. He graduated and returned to London in 2005.

Gideon joined the nascent Campaign Against Antisemitism in the summer of 2014, as fighting flared between Hamas and Israel and antisemitism surged in Britain. He was the principal organiser of Campaign Against Antisemitism's major rally outside the Royal Courts of Justice which called for zero tolerance law enforcement against antisemitism. Gideon was elected to lead Campaign Against Antisemitism in autumn 2014.

Gideon has spoken at the House of Commons and given evidence to the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee. His work for Campaign Against Antisemitism has been publicly praised by Theresa May.

7. Orit Farkash-Hacohen, Minister of Strategic Affairs

Orit Farkash-Hacohen is Israel's Minister of Strategic Affairs and Public Diplomacy and a member of the Security Cabinet, since the formation of Israel's unity government in May 2020. She serves as a Member of Knesset of the Blue and White Party.

Minister Farkash-Hacohen is a graduate of the Faculty of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and clerked for Supreme Court Justice Dalia Dorner. She began working for a leading law firm in the private sector, and then moved to the public sector as the head of litigation at Israel's Antitrust Authority. In 2003, Minister Farkash-Hacohen served as the legal advisor to the Israel Public Utility Authority for Electricity and later was appointed as the first woman to serve as its chairperson and director-general, a position she held for five years (2011-2016). During her tenure as

chairperson, she pushed for opening up Israel's energy production market to competition and encouraged the creation of a renewable energy industry.

Until being appointed as a member of Knesset, Minister Farkash-Hacohen was a partner at a leading law firm in Israel, where she directed its energy and infrastructure practice. In 2006-2007, Minister Farkash-Hacohen attended Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, earning her Master's Degree in public administration. Minister Farkash-Hacohen is a visiting fellow at both the Consortium for Energy Policy Research at Harvard and at the Harvard Electricity Policy Group (HEPG).

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8. Roman Baber, Member of Provincial Parliament for York Centre

Roman was elected in the June 2018 Ontario Election and currently serves as Chair of Parliament's Standing Committee on Justice Policy.

Roman is a lawyer called to the Ontario Bar in 2006 and practiced law until his election, primarily in the areas of insurance and commercial litigation. He attended high school at W.L. Mackenzie C.I., obtained a B.A. from York University and graduated law school at the University of Western Ontario.