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### **Israeli Consul General Yaron Sideman to speak at Gratz**

As our region's direct link to Israel, Consul General Sideman is able to offer an insider's perspective on Israeli issues of the day. During his March 7<sup>th</sup> appearance at Gratz, the consul general will speak to Israel's post-election political landscape and to the challenges and opportunities stemming from the geopolitical reality in the Middle East. He will also address the dynamic and multifaceted relationship between Israel and the Mid-Atlantic states.

As the consul general to the Mid-Atlantic Region, Sideman is the highest-ranking diplomat representing Israel in this area. Although new to his current position, having assumed the post in August, the consul general is a career diplomat who has worked for the Israeli Foreign Ministry since 1995. In particular, he has spent years focusing on various aspects of U.S.-Israel relations, most recently as director of Congressional Affairs at the North America Division, where he was involved in directing Israel's relationship with the United States Congress. He credits this position with giving him what he describes as "unique insight into the bipartisan support Israel receives on Capitol Hill."

The Mid-Atlantic Region encompasses Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Consul General Sideman describes the role of his office as one of "fostering, broadening and deepening Israel-U.S. relations in this region on many levels, such as culturally, economically and academically." He adds that it is also his responsibility to serve as "a bridge between Israel and Jewish communities in the U.S. and to encourage dialogue and interaction between the two communities."

U.S.-Israel relations and the geopolitical impact of Israel's yet-to-be-established coalition government are both timely and important topics. Join us at Gratz on March 7<sup>th</sup> as Consul General Sideman shares his professional perspective on these issues with the community.

*Taking place at 7:30 on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, this event is free and open to the public, with a dessert reception following. For more information, contact Barbara Rosenau at [brosebau@gratz.edu](mailto:brosebau@gratz.edu) or 215-635-7300 x182. To RSVP, contact Mindy Cohen at [mcohen@gratz.edu](mailto:mcohen@gratz.edu) or 215-635-7300 x155.*

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