

Expanding the Circle of Peace

written by Asher Fredman | 25.06.2025

Asher Fredman: The new reality in the Middle East creates tremendous possibilities for expanding regional cooperation.

As former U.S. National Security Advisor Ambassador Robert O'Brien suggested on the Misgav Institute's new Mideast Horizons podcast, it may be possible to expand the circle of peace not only to Saudi Arabia, but to additional GCC countries such as Kuwait, Oman and even Qatar.

The interview took place on Channel I24 on June 25, 2025.

Busting Iran's nuclear gambit, Trump breaks new ground for US power in region

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 25.06.2025

Meir Ben Shabbat: Anyone who expects the regime in Iran to behave according to the Western way of thinking, which examines profit and loss considerations in every move, does not understand what a religious, stubborn, and determined regime this is.

The only thing that can cause change is a threat to the regime's survival. Iran's behavior shows that it does not think it is at this point yet.

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When Enemies Become Silent Allies

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 25.06.2025

Ruth Wasserman Lande: I would say the biggest conflict is not the Israeli-Arab conflict or the Islamic-Jewish conflict, but rather the one between radical Sunni Islamists and radical Shiite Islamists.

In other words, the Shiite axis led by the Islamic Republic of Iran, and on the Sunni side, an axis essentially led by several actors — Erdogan of Turkey, Qatar, and others — who fund, train, and actively support the radical Sunni Islamists.

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“Now Is the Time to Pressure Qatar”

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Ruth Wasserman Lande: “Now that Iran’s access and influence have been significantly weakened — and before they are completely eliminated — this is the time to apply pressure on Qatar and the Hamas leadership comfortably based there. Not on those on the ground, who have already lost everything and have nothing left to lose. They’ve lost. All they can do now is harass the IDF and inflict more harm on our soldiers and civilians. The only leverage they still hold is our poor hostages. What must be done now is for Israel and the United States to translate their military successes into diplomatic pressure on Qatar and the Hamas leadership there. The message should be: If you want anything out of this situation, release all our hostages. Now is the time.”

The interview took place on Channel I24, 19 June, 2025.

Behind official condemnations, there is a silent support for the offensive on Iran among Gulf States

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 25.06.2025

Meir Ben Shabbat: In the war it is waging for its survival. Israel is providing the countries of the region and the free world with hope to break free from the

looming shadow of Iran. The Gulf States know very well who was behind the attacks on Aramco facilities and on Abu Dhabi, who arms, trains, and funds the Houthis, who is trying to establish a foothold in Sudan, and most dangerously — who is building nuclear capabilities, an army, and ballistic missiles that would allow it to tyrannize any country at will.

The gap between public statements and true intentions is yet another proof of the fear the Islamist regime has instilled in the region. With God's help, once the war ends and Iran is no longer able to pose a strategic threat to the countries and the region, I foresee a significant expansion in the circle of alliances with Israel. The region will change its face. A new light will shine from the darkness that Iran has brought upon it.

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Failing to dismantle Iran's nuke program would haunt world

written by Dr. David Wurmser | 25.06.2025



Dr. David Wurmser in JNS: The Middle East is at the edge between a tremendous strategic improvement or a strategic descent into an endless war, and to avoid endless war, we should go for decisive results and get rid of this regime that has haunted the region and the world for the last 46 years.

If we don't solve the problem now, America will be bogged down into endless wars in the region, because Iran will start them.

The full interview was published in JNS, in June 17, 2025.

Trump may offer Israel direct support for strikes on Iran's nuclear sites

written by Prof. Zaki Shalom | 25.06.2025

Prof. Zaki Shalom: There is a good chance that the United States would be willing to undertake a strike against Fordow.

Israel needs American involvement in the war with B2 bombers, which can carry bombs of about 14 tonnes.

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U.S. Intervention in Iran a ‘Bonus, not Necessity’ for Israel

written by Ruth Pines-Feldman | 25.06.2025

Ruth Pines Feldman: The American public’s opinion is divided on the matter. Some are “very skeptical and critical of the establishment and remember how in Iraq the justification for war was false. That segment fears that they’re being led into war for others’ interests: Trump’s, Israel’s, or economic ones.

On the other hand, a significant part of the American public sees this as an opportunity to boost American standing “and say to rivals like China and Russia, ‘don’t mess with us or our allies.’” Joining the attacks would signal to other Middle East countries “that it’s in their best interest to be an ally of the U.S.

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The War Ends When the Threat Ends

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 25.06.2025

Meir Ben Shabbat: The war needs to end when Iran is completely void of the ability to pose a strategic threat to Israel. That includes nuclear capability, ballistic missiles, long-range precision weapons, and the ability to export terrorism and everything that that entails.

This will not get rid of all the knowledge, but it will make other experts think carefully about whether they want to be involved in projects that shorten their lifespan.

The operation was planned by Israel to reach its goal using only Israeli forces. If the US chooses to join, it will certainly make things easier. But Israel is right to avoid telling the American administration what to do.

Once Israel has achieved complete freedom of action in Iran's skies, this effort becomes much easier. For now, the only weapon Iran is using against Israel is its ballistic missiles, but those are not unlimited. Iran has other weapons, but they don't compare.

The geographic distance that was once a challenge for Israel has become an advantage,. This creates a clear strategic asymmetry in Israel's favor.

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Israel should not agree to stopping the operations for talks

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Dr. Raphael BenLevi on i24: Iran may want to have talks now, but it had its chance for negotiations. Israel should not agree to stopping the operations for talks, even if Iran says it will be more flexible on its positions on enrichment. Israel didn't wait twenty years to have this operation just to stop short of complete dismantlement. That would be October 6th thinking. Now Israel is acting to end threats decisively.

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