

Ep. 24: Inside the Room: Trump & Netanyahu

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Following Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's high-stakes meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump, the world is asking: What really happens when the cameras turn off and the doors close?

In this episode of Misgav Mideast Horizons, hosts Lahav Harkov and Asher Fredman are joined by Ari Harow, former Chief of Staff and diplomatic advisor to Prime Minister Netanyahu. Drawing on his years of experience in the room where it happens, Harow takes us inside the dynamics of the Trump-Netanyahu relationship and explains how their ties and interests will shape what comes next in Gaza, Iran, and beyond.

In the first part of the episode, Lahav and Asher discuss the strategic implications of the ongoing anti-regime protests in Iran, the growing tensions between Israel and Turkey, and Israel's bold diplomatic recognition of Somaliland.

Topics Discussed:

- The “Three Ps”: Harow reveals the formula that defines foreign policy success—policy, politics, and personal—and how Trump and Netanyahu are currently aligned on all three.
- What Comes Next: The American and Israeli positions on the “day after” in Gaza, the realities of disarmament, and the threats from Iran.
- The Florida Strategy: Why Netanyahu’s extended stay in Palm Beach is about more than just winter weather—it’s a strategic move to solidify ties with evangelicals and the Jewish community
- The Public Diplomacy Crisis: Harow offers a candid critique of Israel’s public diplomacy, arguing for a total overhaul of how the Jewish state communicates with the American public.
- Politics vs. Security: A look at the accusation that Netanyahu’s war decisions

are politically motivated—and the complex reality of governing during an existential conflict. Don't miss this insider's guide to Israeli decision-making and the future of U.S.-Israel relations.



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