

## URI SAVIR CURRICULUM VITAE

*Ambassador Savir has extensive experience as a senior career diplomat, serving as head of Israeli diplomacy in the critical years 1993-96 when he was the Chief Negotiator of the Middle East Oslo Accords. Later as Member of Israeli Parliament, he was head of the Sub-Committee for Foreign Affairs and has now established various international non-profit organisations over which he presides today.*

Place of birth: Jerusalem, Israel  
Date of birth: January 7, 1953  
Place of residence: Tel-Aviv, Israel  
Marital status: Married to Dr. Aliza Savir, father of the author Maya Savir

Graduate of the International Relations Department of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, as well as graduate researcher from the Davis Institute of the Hebrew University.

### **Professional background, International Relations:**

Founder of YaLa Young Leaders & YaLa Africa, Co-Founder, Peres Center for Peace

2001-2010 Founder and President, “Global Metro City – The Glocal Forum”, Rome

1999-2013 President, The Peres Center for Peace, Tel-Aviv

1999-2001 Member of the Israeli Knesset for the Centre Party  
(Member of Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee)

1996-1999 Director General, The Peres Center for Peace, Tel Aviv

1993-1996 Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem

1995-1996 Middle-East Peace Talks Coordinator and Chief Negotiator  
on behalf of the Israeli government

1993-1996 Chief Israeli Negotiator for the Oslo Agreements:  
Document of Principles (1993) and Interim Accord (1995), as well as  
head of the Israel delegation for the following negotiations:

- With Syria at Wye Plantation, Maryland (Dec. '95-March '96)
- Permanent status accord with the Palestinians - opening session (May '96)
- The triad Israel-Jordan-USA commission
- The triad Israel-Palestinian Authority-USA commission
- The donors' commission for economic aid to the Palestinians
- Delegation to the economic multilateral talks including preparation of the economic summit in Casablanca.

1992-1993 Deputy Director General – Europe  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem

1988-1992 Israeli Consul General in New York

1986-1988 Director of the Office of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

1984-1986 Prime Minister Shimon Peres' Advisor and Spokesman

1983-1984 Communication Consul  
General Consulate of Israel in New York

1980-1983 Communication & Press Officer  
Embassy of Israel in Ottawa, Canada

1978-1980 Assistant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesman

**Other positions:**

2014 - Columnist for Al-Monitor

2008 - Member of the International Advisory Council for the U.S Center for  
Citizen Diplomacy

1999-2014 Director of Metro International

1997-1999 Director in the "Koor" Company  
Director in the MTG Company, Stockholm

1993-1994 Chairman, Board of Directors  
"Bezalel" School of Arts, Jerusalem

**Awards:**

Highest Distinction of the King of Norway, 1994  
Légion D'Honneur by the President of France, 2000

**Publications:**

*The Process* Published by Random House – 1998  
Selected for 'Book of the Year', New York Times  
Translated into 5 languages

*Peace First* Published by Yedioth Ahronot Publishers – 2005  
Translated into Arabic by Dar El Jaleel Publishers – 2006  
& into English by Berrett-Koehler Publishers – 2008

"The Process: 1,100 Days That Changed the Middle East" article published in the  
*Foreign Affairs* newspaper in 1998.

"Pax Mediterraneo" article published in the *Mediterranean Quarterly* in winter 2006.

"Oslo: Twenty Years After" column published in the *Harvard Negotiation Journal*,  
January 2014.

**Languages:**

Hebrew, English, French and German.