

Daniel Shek

Former Ambassador of Israel to France



A veteran of Israel's diplomatic service, Daniel Shek served as Ambassador to France. During his 27 year long career he also served as Director of European Affairs, Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry and Consul General in San Francisco. He has extensive experience in European Affairs and has participated in a number of chapters of Arab-Israeli negotiations, in particular while working closely with then Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Ambassador Shek has for many years taken part in devising media strategies for the Foreign Ministry and is considered an expert on public diplomacy. He continues to be a frequent guest on media outlets worldwide. He is a strong believer in "soft power" and people to people processes and has throughout his career devoted special attention to projects in the areas of commerce, R&D and culture.

A close associate of Israel's former Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, and current leader of the opposition Isaac Herzog, Ambassador Shek is co-founder of her HATNUA party and has accompanied their recent election campaigns.

Since leaving the Foreign Service Ambassador Shek is an independent consultant on Israeli and international affairs and teaches Diplomacy at Tel Aviv University. He is also a member of the leadership team of IPI, the Israeli Peace Initiative, a civil society driven effort to promote regional peace in the Middle East, and chairs the Public Council of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies.