

The Jewish Agency for Israel

Speaker Bio



JOSH SCHWARCZ

Secretary General

A graduate of Columbia University in New York, Josh Schwarcz serves as the Secretary General of The Jewish Agency for Israel.

He is also the founding head of The Jewish Agency's Security Assistance Fund for Jewish Communities and the Director of the Government of Israel's Forum for Emergency Assistance to Jewish Communities.

In a volunteer capacity, he serves on the board of the Israel Museum where he is Chairman of the Marketing Committee. He is also a member of the board of Amigour Public Housing and is a member of the Steering Committees of Birthright Israel and Masa Israel Journey.

Previously, he served as the Director of Public Affairs at Peace Watch and was an official observer to the first Palestinian elections. In addition, he was the Director of Invitees at the Israeli Presidential Conference of President Shimon Peres.

Mr. Schwarcz was born in Canada and made Aliyah at the age of 20. He served as a reserve officer in the Israel Defense Forces.

ABOUT THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL:

For nearly 90 years, The Jewish Agency has been the champion of our Jewish story. Once we achieved our original goal of establishing a secure homeland in Israel, we turned to helping Jews in peril come home. As the needs of the Jewish People continued to change, so did our response. Our mission today is to ensure that every Jewish person, no matter where they are in the world, feels an unbreakable bond to one another and to Israel.