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of International Diplomacy
at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya
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of Israel to the United Nations

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in Law and Humanities

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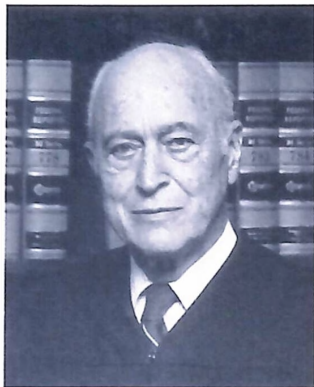
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“Israel and the
Evolving Frontlines
of a Disintegrating
Middle East:
A Guided Tour”



THE HONORABLE MAX ROSENN

(1910-2006)



THE HONORABLE MAX ROSENN
Senior Judge — United States Court of Appeals

Judge Max Rosenn's long career as a public servant spanned many fields, including law, philanthropy, public welfare, health and religion. He made innumerable contributions to the enhancement of northeastern Pennsylvania, to state government, and to the federal judiciary. Following the Hurricane Agnes Disaster of 1972, he played a vital role in the rehabilitation of Greater Wilkes-Barre and its many neighboring communities as chairman of the Flood Recovery Task Force for Wyoming Valley.

After receiving an undergraduate degree from Cornell University and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Judge Rosenn commenced his legal career. He interrupted that career to enter military service in World War II. After several years in the South Pacific, he returned to his wife and sons and resumed the practice of law. He entered state government in 1966 as secretary of public welfare for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As secretary, Judge Rosenn also served as a member of the cabinet of Governor William W. Scranton and in the cabinet of his successor, Raymond Shafer, and as chairman of the Governor's Council for Human Services. Following his resignation as secretary and resumption of the practice of law, he served as chairman of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and chairman of the Legislative Executive Task Force to Restructure Human Services for Pennsylvania. He also served as a member of the 1968 Governor's Commission to Revise the Public Employee Laws of Pennsylvania. President Nixon appointed him to the United States Court of Appeals in 1970.

He and his late wife, Tillie, lifetime residents of the Wyoming Valley, have two sons, Professor Keith and Dr. Daniel, and six grandchildren.

In recognition of his exceptional contributions and his warm relationship with them, Judge Rosenn's former law clerks and former law firm Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, with the assistance of his family and friends, established in 1980 the Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities.

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LECTURE IN LAW & HUMANITIES

WELCOME

Dr. Patrick F. Leahy
President Wilkes University

INTRODUCTION OF AMBASSADOR RON PROSOR

Richard Gelfond
CEO, IMAX Corporation

LECTURE

Ambassador Ron Prosor
"Israel and the Evolving Frontlines of a Disintegrating Middle East: A Guided Tour"

CLOSING

Dr. Patrick F. Leahy

Reception to follow in Upper Lobby

GUEST SPEAKER

RON PROSOR

Abba Eban Chair of International Diplomacy at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya and Former Ambassador of Israel to the United Nations

Ron Prosor is a passionate and principled defender of Israel who is well-known on the international scene with nearly three decades of experience at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His reach around the globe is far-ranging and varied. He most recently served as Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations (2011 to October 2015). Previously, he served as Israel's ambassador to the United Kingdom and as the director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he oversaw the work of the foreign ministry during the disengagement from Gaza in 2005. Mr. Prosor was instrumental in establishing diplomatic relations behind the Iron Curtain following the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and was also a member of Israel's delegation to the Wye River Summit talks in 1998. Mr. Prosor served in Washington as minister-counselor for political affairs at the Israeli Embassy from 1998 to 2002. A graduate of the IDF Battalion Commanders, Mr. Prosor attained the rank of major in the artillery division of the IDF. He holds a master's degree in political science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Mr. Prosor is a prolific writer and has been published in leading international publications, including the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times*.



Rich Gelfond has this to say about Ambassador Prosor:

"Ron is one of the most brilliant, articulate and interesting people I have ever met. In many ways, his value system reminds me of the judge. He is kind, genuine and direct — a real force of nature."

"It gives me pleasure to offer an encomium to the Law and Humanities Lecture Series that was established by the late Max Rosenm 25 years ago. Certainly I enjoyed speaking at Wilkes University in 2001, and it caused no pain that I was in the company of such previous lecturers as Justice John Paul Stevens, Doris Kearns Goodwin and the late Senator Paul Simon. The finest moment was, however, meeting Judge Rosenm. What an exceptional and distinguished man he was."

— The late Norman Mailer, Novelist, Biographer, Historian

"Judge Rosenm was a very special man who had a great passion for the truth, not only in the law. He was clearly an inspiration to those fortunate young lawyers on his staff. I was enormously touched by the affection between the judge and generations of men and women who worked with him and learned from him."

— Robin Wright, Author and Chief Diplomatic Correspondent for *The Los Angeles Times*

"Judge Rosenm was a remarkable man — a real star! I knew him through his son, Dan, who is also a star — how about that for genetics? He was intensely interested in babies and families. He joined me in his fervent desire to understand and do well by them. Our talks together over the years inspired me to try to live up to this remarkable man. He was a beacon of passionate involvement for all of us. I was surely honored to be a lecturer in his name."

— T. Berry Brazelton, M.D., Author, Educator, Renowned Pediatrician

"I remember the evening at Wilkes as if it were yesterday. The love that everyone had for Judge Rosenm made the lecture one of those unforgettable experiences. His warmth and openness was truly contagious and everyone had a wonderful time. His memory will forever grace this special lectureship."

— Doris Kearns Goodwin, Ph.D., Author, Historian, Political Analyst

1982–2015 GUEST LECTURERS

Anthony Lewis
Columnist, *New York Times*

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Correspondent, *NBC News*

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Richard Schifter
Former U.S. Ambassador to United Nations

Henry Steele Commager
Historian, Professor of Law, *Amherst College*

Bertina Gregory
Senior Correspondent, *ABC*

Malcolm Toon
Former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union

Nina Totenberg
Legal Affairs Correspondent, *National Public Radio*

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Dean, *School of International Studies*,
University of Miami

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Justice, *U.S. Supreme Court*

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Author and Yale Law School Professor

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Christopher Dillon Quinn
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One of The Lost Boys of Sudan, featured in the film
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Brian Greene
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