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- > advisor to Israel's prime ministers and government delegations
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- > prolific author of scholarly books and articles

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Shlomo Avineri was born in Poland in 1933, and has lived in Israel since 1939. He is the author of eleven scholarly books including *Israel and the Palestinians*, *The Making of Modern Zionism*, and *Europe's Century of Discontent: The Legacies of Fascism, Nazism and Communism* as well as numerous articles on Middle Eastern affairs, political theory, and international affairs. He recently participated in preparing a Hebrew edition of Theodor Herzl's *Diaries*, and wrote the historical introduction to the 3-volume edition. He is a frequent contributor to and is widely quoted in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Canadian Dimension*, *The National Post*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Die Zeit*, *Die Welt*, *Le Monde*, *Le Figaro*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Beirut Daily Star*, and *Jordan Times*.

In addition to his distinguished career as Political Scientist at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Avineri has held visiting appointments or professorships at Yale, Cornell, University of California, Wesleyan University, City University of New York, Cardozo School of Law, Northwestern University, Australian National University, Oxford, and Central European University Budapest. He has held fellowships at the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and the Wilson Center, all in Washington, and at the Institute of World Economics and International Relations, Moscow.

From 1975 to 1977, Avineri served as Director-General of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the first government of Itzhak Rabin. He was head of or a member of Israeli delegations to UNESCO, and from 1990 to 1992, was a member of the international team of observers for the first post-communist elections in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, and Croatia.

The Annual Sol and Florence Kanee Distinguished Lecture Series was established in 2006 to honour the Kanees and to help sustain the Jewish Heritage Centre in its ongoing growth. Sol Kanee was the longtime former honorary president of the Jewish Historical Society and laterally the Jewish Heritage Centre, and was a national and international Jewish leader. With Florence, Sol was a dedicated supporter of our organization. The inaugural lecture in 2006 featured historian Sir Martin Gilbert who spoke on the history of the Jews of Arab lands. In 2007, professor of Jewish and Holocaust studies Dr. Deborah Lipstadt spoke about her successful defense trial against Holocaust denier David Irving. Both lectures were sold out.