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## **ISRAEL'S RESPONSE AND RESCUE TO THE HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE**

**Guest Speaker: Ambassador Danny Biran**

Israel Chief Administrator for Haitian Rescue

**Sunday, December 12 - 6:30pm**

**Congregation Ahavas Israel**

**Free admission**

**Danny Biran** has been serving as Ambassador, Administrative Affairs, at the Consulate of Israel in New York since August 2008. He is responsible for Human Resources and Administrative Affairs for all Israel's embassies and consulates in the United States, Canada, Central and South America.

Prior to his present appointment, Ambassador Biran has served in various diplomatic posts at the Israeli embassies in Washington D.C, Athens - Greece, Buenos Aires and Lima-Peru. In Israel, he filled various posts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs such as Director of the Situation and Operations Center, Director of Human Resources, responsible for the Ministry's overseas employees.

He was the head of the rescue team after the terrorist attack at the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires, key administrator for the erection and function of the field hospital the Israel Defense Forces set up to assist the refugees during the war in Kosovo. He was the government representative to assist the Jewish community in Caracas, Venezuela, following President's Chavez decision to cut relations with Israel. Most recently he was the chief administrator in Haiti where Israel sent immediate aid of army doctors and rescue experts and set up a field hospital to assist the victims of the earthquake. Ambassador Biran was born in Israel, has served in a special paratroopers unit at the Israeli army and holds a Bachelor's degree on International Affairs.

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