



Ministry of Foreign Affairs



MEIRAV EILON SHAHAR

**Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the United Nations
and International Organizations in Geneva**

Ambassador Meirav Eilon Shahar was appointed Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations and International Organizations in Geneva in August 2020.

Prior to this mission, she served as Deputy Director-General for Coordination and Policy Planning (2017-2020), and as Israel's Ambassador to Vietnam between 2012 and July 2017.

Joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1995, Meirav Eilon Shahar has represented Israel in a number of different capacities. Until summer 2012, she directed the Department for United Nations Political Affairs in Jerusalem after returning from New York, where she served as Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations.

Previously, Ms. Eilon Shahar served as Consul for Communications and Public Affairs at the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles from 2000 to 2002. There, she directed public, media and academic affairs in the southwestern United States. She also served as Second Secretary and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Israel in Nairobi, Kenya, between 1997 and 2020. In this capacity, she oversaw all aspects of bilateral relations between Israel and six East African countries.

Born in Ramat Gan, Israel, on 12 September 1969, she served in the Israel Defense Forces for two years, after which she earned a dual degree in Political Science and Cinema & Communications from the Tel Aviv University. In the following years, Ms. Eilon Shahar completed her Master's in Public Policy and Administration from the Tel Aviv University.

Ms. Eilon Shahar is married with three children.