

## HOWARD KOHR

Widely recognized as a leader in working to strengthen the vital U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, Howard Kohr became AIPAC's Executive Director in 1996, and is now Chief Executive Officer. Under his tenure, AIPAC has been consistently ranked as the most influential foreign policy lobbying organization on Capitol Hill.

The New York Times has called AIPAC "the most important organization affecting America's relationship with Israel," and AIPAC is ranked by Fortune magazine as number four on its "Power 25," placing it ahead of groups including the AFL-CIO, the National Association of Realtors, the American Medical Association, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Kohr has helped to navigate congressional passage of the annual U.S. Foreign Aid bill by historic, record-breaking margins -- accomplishments achieved often in the midst of a hostile, budget-cutting environment. He also played a key role in moving groundbreaking sanctions aimed against rogue terror states from conception to legislation.

Respected by both Democrats and Republicans, Mr. Kohr has been a principal guide in helping the pro-Israel community build vital relationships with the leadership on Capitol Hill. He is routinely praised by members of both parties for his insight, leadership and good counsel on issues of critical importance.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Kohr's determination, strength of character, and his dedication to the Jewish people can be traced back to the example set by his parents. His father, Kurt, escaped from the Dachau concentration camp after five years of slave labor, and then was wounded in action while fighting for the Hagana during Israel's War of Independence. Kurt Kohr has been Howard's inspiration throughout his career as an activist for Jewish causes.

Prior to joining AIPAC, Howard held a number of distinguished posts: among them, Management Fellow for the Department of Defense, Deputy Director of the National Jewish Coalition, and Assistant Washington Representative of the American Jewish Committee. He resides in Fairfax, Virginia, with his wife, Sherri, and their three children.