

Biography of Daniel B. Shapiro

Ambassador Daniel B. Shapiro is a distinguished fellow at the Atlantic Council's Middle East Programs. From August 2021 until March 2022, he was a senior advisor to the State Department's Special Envoy for Iran. He served as US ambassador to Israel from 2011 to 2017. Prior to his appointment, he worked as senior director for the Middle East and North Africa on the National Security Council at the White House, following his role as senior policy adviser in Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

Shapiro dedicated much of his career working in senior positions in the US Congress, with a particular focus on Middle East policy. From 2001 to 2007, he worked as legislative director and later deputy chief of staff for then US Senator Bill Nelson. From 1999 to 2001, he was director for legislative affairs at the National Security Council, serving as congressional liaison for National Security Adviser Sandy Berger. Shapiro also previously served as a staff member on the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East and as a senior foreign policy adviser to US Senator Dianne Feinstein.

In addition to his congressional posts, he has also served as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. Shapiro was a distinguished visiting fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv from 2017 to 2021.