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Ambassador (Ret.) Yossi Gal is Vice President for University Advancement and External Relations. A career diplomat, he served Israel as the nation's Ambassador to France and Monaco (2010-2015) and Ambassador to the Netherlands (1995-2001). Previous service included posts to Washington, D.C. as Director of the Ambassador's office (1976-1981) and Embassy Spokesman (1985-1989). He has lectured throughout the world and published articles in the French and U.S. media.

Ambassador Gal launched his Foreign Service career in 1975, after graduating from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He fulfilled varied responsibilities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including as Director of the Information Department and Deputy Director-General for Communications, participating in peace negotiations with Israel's neighbors and chairing the Israeli delegation to the multilateral peace talks on the environment. He then headed the Press and Communications Department at the Prime Minister's office, served as Deputy Director-General for Economic Affairs, and was ultimately promoted to Director General of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Extensively involved in international relations, Ambassador Gal participated in the Madrid Peace Conference, was a member of the peace negotiating team with Jordan and the Palestinians, headed the process of Israel's adherence to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and led the negotiations on upgrading relations with the European Union.