

Presentation of the Research Study

On December 6, 2018, INSS researchers and a representative of the Ruderman Family Foundation presented the study to Israeli President Reuven (Ruvi) Rivlin on the relationship between Israel and American Jewry and its impact on the national security of the State of Israel. The study, *The American Jewish Community and Israel's National Security*, was conducted in cooperation with the Ruderman Family Foundation.

Upon receiving the book, President Rivlin said: "I am pleased to receive this important study, particularly in the current crucial period for relations between Israel and world Jewry. I regard world Jewry



Israeli President Reuven Rivlin receives *The American Jewish Community and Israel's National Security*, prepared by INSS, in cooperation with the Ruderman Family Foundation. Photo: Mark Neyman / GPO

as the fifth tribe of Israel, and I believe that its importance and its role are determined not by its location but rather by its immense importance to building the society, the state, and the people in Israel. This study proves, without a doubt, American Jewry's importance to the national security of the State of Israel and to the national strength of the Jewish people, and I thank you for this. I am aware of the widening gaps between Israel and American Jewry. Many Israelis have no family connections to diaspora Jewry, and for them this Jewish community is remote and unfamiliar. It is important that we do not wait in passive anticipation for the arrival of the inevitable. Now is the time to build bridges of understanding and appreciation between us. We are brothers, and brothers we shall remain."



A panel at the INSS 12th annual international conference (January 28, 2019), titled: "The Rift between Israel and American Jewry: Why Should We Worry?" l-r: Ambassador Daniel Shapiro (moderator), Mr. Jonathan Greenblatt, Ms. Shira Ruderman, Ms. Jane Eisner. Photo: Chen Galili

The American Jewish Community and Israel's National Security was presented during the INSS 12th annual conference, in Tel Aviv, on January 28, 2019. The main insights and recommendations were discussed in both a conversation with Mr. Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and a panel discussion, led by Ambassador Daniel Shapiro.