



Adelson Family Foundation

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Adelson Family Foundation Appoints Shoham Nicolet as President

NEEDHAM, Mass. — August 3, 2026 — The Adelson Family Foundation (AFF) today announced the appointment of Shoham Nicolet as its next President. Nicolet succeeds Michael Bohnen, who has retired after serving as its President for the past 20 years.

Israeli-born Shoham Nicolet is a nonprofit executive and entrepreneur who has been a leader in the American Jewish community for more than two decades through both professional and lay leadership roles in the nonprofit world. A former combat officer in the Israel Defense Forces, he is the co-founder and former longtime Chief Executive Officer of the Israeli American Council (IAC). Throughout his adult life, he has been dedicated to strengthening Jewish and Israeli identity, deepening the connection between Israel and Jewish communities across the United States, and expanding philanthropy and community engagement.

Mr. Bohnen has served as President of AFF since its founding, following a career as a corporate lawyer. He is an active leader in the Jewish community in Boston and nationally.

Dr Miriam Adelson, Trustee of AFF, said,

“I am delighted to welcome Shoham to the Foundation. We have worked together to expand and deepen the connection to Israel and Jewish identity in communities across the United States. His leadership and vast experience will be invaluable as he leads the Foundation and advances its mission in the years ahead.”

Dr. Adelson added,

“I am deeply grateful to Michael who brought his legal acumen, knowledge of the community and passion for Jewish philanthropy to his role with AFF for the past two decades.”

Mr. Nicolet said:

“I am deeply honored and humbled by the opportunity to work once again with Dr. Miriam Adelson, whose extraordinary vision, leadership, and generosity, together with her late husband, Sheldon Adelson, of blessed memory, have had a transformational impact on Israel and the Jewish people.”

Founded in 2007 by Dr. Miriam Adelson and her late husband, Sheldon Adelson, of blessed memory, the Adelson Family Foundation supports initiatives of Jewish and non-Jewish charitable organizations that strengthen the Jewish people and the State of Israel, improving lives through strategic philanthropy. Since its founding, the Adelsons have contributed almost \$2 billion to charitable causes through AFF and the Dr. Miriam and Sheldon Adelson Medical Research Foundation and personal giving.