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## WHAT WE DO

CFI works to promote its twin aims of supporting Israel and promoting Conservatism in the UK. With more than 2,000 activists as members, CFI is active at every level of the Conservative Party.

CFI organises numerous events in and around Westminster, takes Conservative parliamentarians and candidates on delegations to Israel, campaigns hard for Tory candidates in target seats, and works to ensure that Israel's case is fairly represented in Parliament.

After leaving the House in 1974, Michael Fidler created CFI, as he felt the time was right to correct mistaken impressions and to demonstrate strong Conservative support for the State of Israel.

"It is important to me that the Conservative Party has a good relationship with Israel and with CFI. You do a great job for the Party and I want to thank you for everything that you've done, and even more for everything that you will do in the future."

*Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt Hon. Philip Hammond MP, October 2014*

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## PROFESSIONAL TEAM

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## James Gurd

Executive Director

James directs and oversees all aspects of CFI's ongoing work, activities and campaigns, as well as formulation of political strategy.

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## Einat Shazar

Projects Director

Einat directs CFI's wide-ranging yearly events programme, including the Conservative Party Conference activity and CFI's major fundraising events. Einat also oversees CFI's office management and administration.



## Sedef Akademir

Research and Events Officer

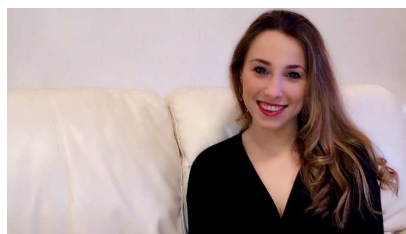
Sedef oversees the collation and distribution of CFI's findings and research, and assists with aspects of event management. Sedef is also the editor of CFI's publications and website, and manages CFI's activities with young Conservatives.



## Elkie Myers

Parliamentary Officer

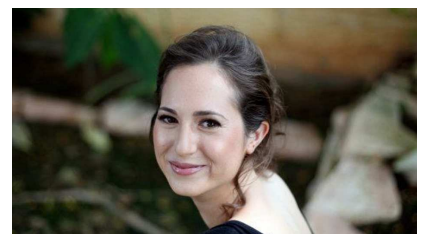
Elkie assists with research for CFI's briefings and oversees CFI's parliamentary monitoring activities. Elkie also assists with aspects of CFI's political activities, online activities and publications.



## Natalie Jacobs

Projects Officer

Natalie assists with CFI's busy events schedule, including events in Parliament and CFI's Annual Business Lunch. Natalie also assists with CFI's office administration.



## Tanyah Murkes

Head of Israel Office

Tanyah is based in Israel and is the Head of CFI's Israel Office. Tanyah manages all aspects of CFI's activities in Israel, including CFI's parliamentary delegation programme. Tanyah is also responsible for the collation of research and briefing material in Israel that will assist CFI's activities in the UK.



## Ellen Steel

Israel Liaison

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ground logistical support, and also assists with the collation of research in Israel to help inform CFI's work in the UK.

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