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### Press Release

#### **Minister of Finance Yuval Steinitz will leave tonight for the US at the head of an Israeli delegation for the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Washington**

Minister of Finance **Dr. Yuval Steinitz** will leave tonight for the US, at the head of the delegation from the State of Israel, for the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Aside from Minister Steinitz, the delegation will include the governor of the Bank Of Israel – **Prof. Stanley Fischer**, the director general of the Ministry of Finance – **Mr. Chaim Shani**, and the accountant general of the Ministry of Finance – **Mr. Shuki Oren**.

Beginning on Monday, Minister Steinitz will conduct a series of meetings with foreign investors in New York and will also deliver a lecture to students and faculty members at the Columbia University Business School on how Israel is contending with the world economic crisis, and he will review the biennial budget model and its contribution to coping with the crisis. Dr. Steinitz will also lecture to students and senior faculty members at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University.

During the annual meeting in Washington, Minister Steinitz will meet with a series of finance ministers, the first of which will be the Indian finance minister, **Mr. Pranab Mukherjee**, with whose country the State of Israel has extensive trade relations. Dr. Steinitz will hold meetings with the heads of the International Monetary Fund, as well as economic and political meetings with US senators, congressmen and senior officials in the American administration.