Consul General Opher Aviran was appointed in August, 2010 to serve as the Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern United States. In February, 2012 the Georgia General Assembly honored Consul General Aviran for his tireless efforts in strengthening the bond between Israel and the Southeast in the fields of economics, academics, culture and politics.

Between international postings, Consul General Aviran worked in Israel in a variety of high level national security positions. The Consul General was appointed Director of the Jordanian, Syrian and Lebanese Affairs Department in Jerusalem in 1999. In 2004 he proceeded to become the Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the Israel Defense Forces Planning Branch in Tel Aviv.

Consul General Aviran spent several years overseeing the professional development of his colleagues. Mr. Aviran served as Director of the Cadet Course within the Foreign Ministry’s Personnel Training Department. In 2007, he was promoted to Head of the Bureau for Personnel Training and Development.

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Consul General Aviran looks forward to promoting political and strategic cooperation between the State of Israel and the Southeast United States. He intends to further the economic, commercial, scientific and cultural cooperation in this region.