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Telhami is also a member of the U.S. Institute of Peace Study Group on Arab-Israeli Relations. The purpose of this new initiative is to produce a set of practical guidelines for future American negotiators. It also aims to increase understanding of both achievements and missed opportunities in the Arab-Israeli negotiating experience. The findings will be analyzed and will focus on "lessons learned." The report will be issued in December. The group is chaired by Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer, now a professor at the Woodrow Wilson School.

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