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The Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research is the leading policy-oriented research institute in Israel, focusing on the study of Jerusalem's complex reality and unique social fabric.

Established in 1978, the Institute focuses on the unique challenges facing Jerusalem in our time and provides extensive, in-depth knowledge for policymakers at the international, national, regional, and local levels, focusing on economic development, community development, and environmental innovations facing the Jerusalem region and other communities throughout Israel. As part of our mission, the Institute also provides research support services to philanthropies and international bodies, including the European Union, World Bank, USAID, and the International Finance Corporation. The Institute is an independent, non-profit think tank established under the leadership of past-Mayor Teddy Kollek and in cooperation with the Hebrew University and the Jerusalem Foundation. The Institute's many years

of multi-disciplinary work allowed it to expand its program to address complex challenges confronting Israeli society in a comprehensive manner. These challenges include urban, social, and strategic issues; environmental and sustainability challenges; and innovation and financial economics. Our professional team includes established researchers and practitioners with extensive expertise in urban planning, data and GIS, history, economic development, finance, and evaluation. The core elements of our approach are understanding the issues, building consensus among stakeholders, creating actionable strategies and specific plans, and managing and measuring impacts and results.





DEAR FRIENDS,

I am pleased to present you with our 2018 Annual Report, after an exciting elections year with two rounds of Municipal elections, and the recent national elections.

In 2018, we celebrated our 40th anniversary on the heels of a campaign season that is best characterized as lively and nail-biting. As a packed field of candidates competed for the top job and for seats on the Municipal council, many leading Mayoral candidates visited the Institute for briefings on Jerusalem's trends, challenges, and opportunities.

We frequently published polling data and related facts and analyses that were widely dispersed in social and traditional media. We were especially proud to see that voters, activists, and politicians alike shared and quoted our data, a testament to our longstanding tradition of making impartial data accessible and useful for all.

After the elections, we marked our 40th anniversary at a well-attended conference that focused on Jerusalem's most pressing issues:

The potential for the city's economic growth, the diversity of ethnicities and faiths within Jerusalem and the unique needs of East Jerusalem. Spirited and dynamic panel discussions and one-on-one interviews with leading journalists covered a wide range of issues with Mayor Moshe Leon, Minister of Jerusalem and Heritage, MK Ze'ev Elkin, Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, Shaul Meridor, Mayor of Beit Shemesh, Dr. Aliza Bloch, and many other extraordinary municipal professionals and activists.

In 2018, we continued to implement our strategic plan and dedicated resources to strengthening our organizational capacity to offer evaluation services as a source of additional revenue. Under the new leadership of Dr. Sarit Bensimhon-Peleg, we developed new research products, standardized our evaluation studies, formed a network of strategic

partners, and adopted a business model with potential to increase our financial stability.

As we look toward 2019, we know that Jerusalem will continue to face new yet familiar challenges, and we remain dedicated to tracking trends and forecasting opportunities for its future.

We remain committed to Jerusalem's sustainable economic development.

The Institute was recently appointed by the Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage to conduct the much-needed research, tracking and evaluation of the Government's decision to invest 2.1 billion NIS in East Jerusalem's economic development. At the same time, we are collaborating with the Jerusalem Municipality and Ministry of Finance on the development of sustainable and independent income sources for the city, an issue we continue to monitor through Financial Innovation Lab on Sustainable Jerusalem.

We remain committed to Jerusalem's urban development.

The new railway connecting Jerusalem to the Tel-Aviv metropolitan area in 30 minutes will undoubtedly have a significant impact on urban migration, employment and housing patterns in the city. We will be following trends in these areas and will advise stakeholders as we better understand these developments.

We remain committed to Jerusalem's visionaries.

Jerusalem is a breeding ground for social innovation and growing civil society. Groundbreaking grassroots social enterprises are established all the time, filling the gaps we see in our society and inspiring other cities throughout the country to follow our example. We continue to support our robust civil society and monitor its economic and social impact on Jerusalem.

I look forward to a productive 2019 and I hope to see you in Jerusalem very soon

Sincerely,
Lior Schillat

2018 PROJECTS & IMPACT

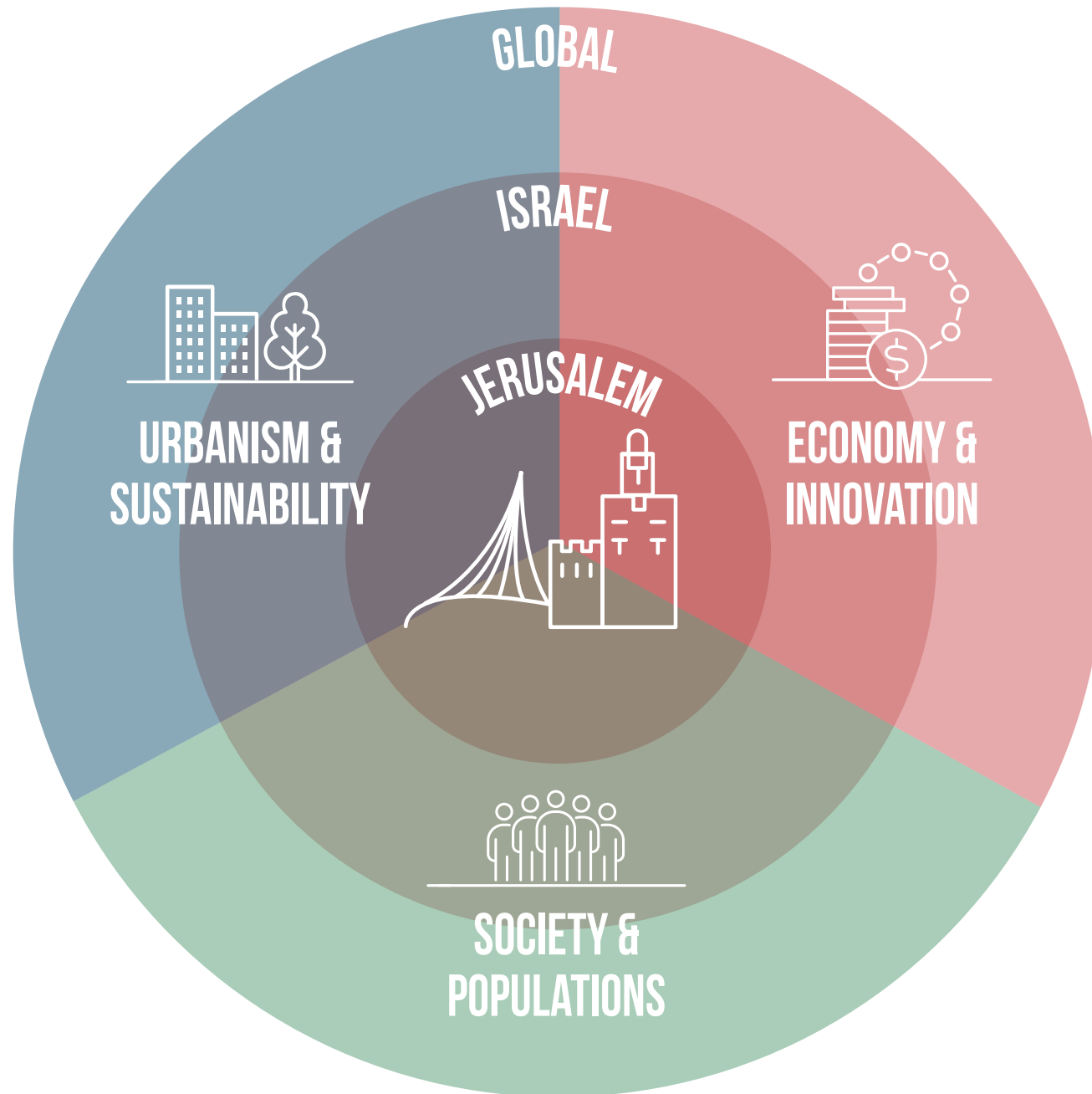


THEORY OF CHANGE



We create social change using policy-oriented research & analysis, with trend-tracking capability to impact policymakers and stakeholders on critical issues.

OUR AGENDA



2018 HIGHLIGHTS



RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Think tanks are most successful when they address real public policy challenges, carry out thorough policy-oriented research, analyze data to understand current trends, and provide decision-makers with knowledge-based recommendations.

Throughout 2018, the Institute led over **40 projects**, published over **20 publications**, and attracted national and international interest.



Urbanism & Sustainability

- Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem – 32nd Edition
- Jerusalem Facts & Trends 2018
- Mapping East Jerusalem Neighborhoods
- Jerusalem 2040 - Forecasts & Distribution of Centers of Employment, Study & Activity
- Quality of Life in Jerusalem
- GOV.City
- Sense of Security of Tourists in Jerusalem
- Short-term Rental Properties for Tourists in Israel and Abroad
- Here Comes the Train: Data and Scenarios Pertaining Potential Effects of the Train Connecting Jerusalem Metropolitan to Tel Aviv
- Sustainable Transportation



Economy & Innovation

- Sustainable Jerusalem
- Vocational Training: A Tool for Employment Integration of East Jerusalem Residents
- Economic Effects of Land Arrangements in East Jerusalem
- The Economic Potential in East Jerusalem's Arab Woman Joining the Workforce
- Developing a Model for Tourism Tax in Jerusalem
- High-Tech Industry Employment-Oriented Study Track
- The Green Construction Initiative
- Community Development Financing
- California – Israel Innovation Partnership
- Developing Policy Mechanisms & R2 Circular Economy Business Models
- International Development Finance



Society & Populations

- Migration to & from Jerusalem
- Civil Society in Jerusalem
- Healthy Encounters: Jerusalem Hospitals as Shared Spaces for Jews and Arabs
- Shared Spaces in Jerusalem's City Parks
- Participation of the East Jerusalem Middle Class in the Israeli Economy & Society
- Christians in Israel, the Palestinian Authority & the Middle East
- The Potential Demand for Haredi High School Yeshiva Studies

*For further reading on the projects listed above, please see the attached projects portfolio

OUTREACH & TRAINING

As the Institute's main goal is achieving substantial impact on policy planning and implementation, we invest great efforts in the development of training programs and outreach strategies to effectively disseminate our research and recommendations among policy makers.



Urbanism & Sustainability

- Roundtables – The Mapping East Jerusalem Neighborhoods Project
- Promoting Sustainability in Jerusalem
- The East Jerusalem Taskforce
- Jerusalem Forum



Economy & Innovation

- The Milken Institute Fellows Program
- Milken Fellows Alumni Program
- Blum Global Fellows/MDP Program



Society & Populations

- The City Planners' Workshop for Shared Spaces in Jerusalem
- The Community Workers Workshop for Shared Spaces in Jerusalem
- Haredi Society Researchers Forum

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EVALUATION RESEARCH

In 2018, the Institute dedicated many resources to the development of professional and organizational capacity in the field of evaluation research. To this end, we have been developing the Institute's evaluation capacities to create a revenue unit in order to increase our financial stability. Over the course of the year, the Institute developed new research products, standardized evaluation studies, developed a net of strategic partners, and implemented a business model for increased financial independence.



Urbanism & Sustainability

- Evaluating the "Spearheading Change in East Jerusalem" Project
- Evaluating the Social-Environmental Activity of "Community", a social enterprise in the Kidron Valley



Economy & Innovation

- The Jubilee Plan – Strategic Evaluation Research
- The East Jerusalem Development & Entrepreneurism Unit – Strategic Evaluation Research



Society & Populations

- The Yaelim Project at Ein Yael
- The "Building Community" Project in Kiryat HaYovel



KNOWLEDGE DISTRIBUTION

OUTREACH - KNOWLEDGE DISTRIBUTION



IN THE MEDIA

In April 2018, the Institute appointed a new spokesperson, Nadan Feldman – a position previously performed by a third-party vendor. In addition to his work as a spokesperson, Feldman is a researcher at the Institute and a PhD student at the Hebrew University's History Department. Feldman's professional background is in economic journalism.

Through its media presence, the Institute reaches diverse audiences and populations. The Institute's publications were mentioned in a range of print media, including Israel's leading newspapers. Researchers were interviewed in the local, national, and international media. During the course of 2018, the Institute appeared hundreds of times in various media outlets, including performances on some of the most prestigious stages.

In Israeli media: Haaretz, Makor Rishon, Yediot Ahronot, Ma'ariv, Globes, Calcalist and The Marker, in the London and Kirschenbaum program on Channel 10, in the flagship radio programs of Razi Barkai on Galei Tzahal and Keren Noibach in Reshet Bet, Ynet, Jerusalem post, Walla, Knesset channel etc.

In the world press, the Institute and its researchers received references and quotes in leading newspapers around the world. These include The New York Times, The Economist, The Atlantic, The Jewish Chronicle, Bloomberg, The Wall Street Journal, Foreign Policy, and the US Public Radio NPR.



The
Economist



THE
WALL STREET
JOURNAL

The New York Times

HAARETZ



THE JERUSALEM POST

ישראל היום

מעריב

DIGITAL PRESENCE



Website

The Institute's current website was launched in 2009 and has since undergone minor timely updates. Throughout 2018, we began the process of building a new website for the Institute. The process included the characterization of the new site, the articulation of the website's goals, target audiences, and contents. After a number of interviews, the vendor was chosen to create the new site.

With the formation of the new website, the Institute is determined to disseminate its vast knowledge and policy recommendations to all population groups in the city – from decision makers, to people of interest, and to every resident. Thus, the new website will be tri-lingual – Hebrew-English-Arabic

OVER
300,000 PAGE
VIEWS

11,000 AVERAGE SESSIONS
PER MONTH

105,282 USERS VISITED THE JERUSALEM
INSTITUTES WEBSITES



Blog

The Institute maintains a blog where researchers post their research insights and analysis. Selected blog posts are also published as a weekly column in the widely read Jerusalem Post in the English-language. The columns published by the Jerusalem Institute's researchers cover a range of topics, including: Jerusalem's public infrastructure, public transportation, culture, city taxes, crime, immigration, sports, and of course elections.

46 POSTS PUBLISHED
IN HEBREW

36 POSTS PUBLISHED
IN ENGLISH

14,000 READERS VISITED THE JERUSALEM
INSTITUTES BLOG

DIGITAL PRESENCE



Facebook

The Institute's Facebook page is a central content platform aimed at the Institute's target audience: Jerusalem's influencers, media agents in the local and national arena, and policymakers in the municipality and the government.

In-depth, high-quality content is published frequently along with graphs and pictures. The page and published posts, have attracted considerable interest, brought new audiences in and out of Jerusalem, and significantly increased the exposure of the Institute's activities in social media.

The Institute's Facebook page was especially visible during the 2018 election season, which took place in two rounds during October through November 2018. The institute published dozens of election posts, including high-quality data analysis. The posts included varied content, maps, graphs, analyzes and commentaries, all while maintaining political neutrality. The posts also received great attention, sparked professional discussions among different commentators, and strengthened the public standing of the Jerusalem Institute as a professional, reliable, and involved research body in the Jerusalem arena.

REACHED OVER

15,000 FACEBOOK
USERS

1,000 "NEW FOLLOWERS" JOINED THE
INSTITUTE'S FACEBOOK PAGE

174 POSTS
PUBLISHED



Newsletters

The Institute is updating its community on a regular basis regarding events, publications and highlights of the Institute's work. In 2018, we began a new tradition of updates from the Director General to the Institute's partners and stakeholders, with the purpose of providing timely updates showing data and analysis on current events and relevant developments.

18,000 RECIPIENTS

18 NEWSLETTERS WERE SENT TO THE INSTITUTE'S
COMMUNITY IN HEBREW AND ENGLISH

CONFERENCES

In 2018, the Institute hosted over a dozen public conferences on a broad range of issues pertaining to Jerusalem, Israel, and the world.

The following events are a small fraction of the wide scope of the Institute's public events in 2018.

The Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research's 40th Anniversary Conference

This year, the Institute held a conference marking 40 years since the Institute's establishment. A day conference, focusing on the three major challenges facing Jerusalem in the upcoming years – the unique needs of East Jerusalem, the economic growth of the city and Jerusalem's mosaic of population groups.

These issues were presented on stage in professional panels, reviews of experts, and one-on-one interviews by leading journalists. Among the speakers was the Mayor of Jerusalem, Moshe Leon, Minister of Jerusalem and Heritage, MK Ze'ev Elkin, Head of the Budget Department at the Ministry of Finance, Shaul Meridor, Mayor of Beit Shemesh, Dr. Aliza Bloch, as well as professionals from municipal and governmental agencies, and extraordinary Jerusalem activists.

The conference was sponsored by the Jerusalem Foundation, the Jerusalem Municipality, and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.



CONFERENCES

Elections Season's Launch #Municipalriot

Jerusalem Municipal elections brought an increased interest amongst Jerusalem residents and civil society organizations regarding Jerusalem.

In partnership with Jerusalem's Young Adults Center, Merkaz Ha'Tzeirim, we decided to launch the elections season with an evening full of knowledge, statistics, and important information for the municipal elections. The event was held with the purpose of providing Jerusalem's residents with the tools and data they need to fulfill their civic right and vote consciously. Occuring six months prior to the elections, it attracted hundreds of young Jerusalemites from across all sectors of the city.

The night included mingling & cocktail followed by a series of 5 mini-lectures by the Institute's researchers on the following subjects:

- Michal Korach presented 2018 migration trends in Jerusalem
- Dr. Maya Choshen presented the characteristics of community and education in Jerusalem's neighborhoods
- Yamit Naftali discussed the city's economy and women's employment patterns in Jerusalem
- Tehila Bigman tackled the subject of East Jerusalem, discussing trends, challenges, and future developments
- Erela Ganan updated the crowd regarding urban sustainability in Jerusalem, focusing on transportation, and urban planning



CONFERENCES

Changing Trends in ultra-Orthodox Education

59% of ultra-Orthodox do not rule out the possibility that their son will study in a yeshiva that offers matriculation.

Two new studies were conducted in the area of Haredi society, dealing with trends and changes in the formal education system of the ultra-Orthodox sector. These are: experiences and conclusions from the “Supervisors Write” project - a series of studies carried out by the ultra-Orthodox district inspectors of the Ministry of Education under the guidance of researchers from the Center for the Study of Haredi Society of the Jerusalem Institute; and a survey on perceptions of the Haredi society regarding secular studies and matriculation exams in high school yeshivas.

The first part of the conference focused on the “Supervisors Write” project: The Haredi district is the only district established since the 1980s in the Ministry of Education and is a milestone in the ministry’s activities. The district is currently developing a five-year program to prevent dropout, improvement of teachers’ professional development and of student’s achievements, investment in technological education, and encouragement of statehood participation in ultra-Orthodox schools. The purpose of the district is to open

as many possibilities for the compatibility of educational institutions for all types of ultra-Orthodox communities, today and in the future. The second part of the conference focused on research pertaining to ultra-Orthodox high school yeshivas. According to the survey’s findings, the Haredi public is increasingly demanding ultra-Orthodox yeshivas that combine secular studies and matriculation examinations. The speakers referred to the findings of the survey from their experience in the highschool yeshiva world.

The conference was sponsored by the New York Federation.



CONFERENCES

Religious, Politics and the Management of Holy Places

On the fifth anniversary of the death of Prof. Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov (Barsi), the Institute held a seminar on religion, politics, and the management of holy places. The conference focused on Jerusalem's unique combination of religion, politics, economics, real estate, and a holy place.

- Tehila Bigman discussed the religious aspect of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and how religious leaders perceive the conflict on both sides of the divide.
- Prof. Yitzhak Reiter discussed the question of whether it is possible to resolve conflicts in places holy to more than one religion and demonstrated this aspect through the conflict over the construction of the bridge to the Mugrabi gate at the entrance to the Temple Mount.
- Dr. Amnon Ramon discussed the question of why the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was closed for three days in February, how will the land of Talbiyeh and Niyot be transferred to the Greek Orthodox Church, and what will happen in 2050?
- Photographer Gali Tibbon, who follows the religious ceremonies of the three faiths, presented her special photographs from the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Western Wall and other religious sites in Jerusalem. All of which were accompanied by stories and anecdotes of the behind the scenes on ritual, religion, and politics, in the Holy City.

East Jerusalem Voting – Simulation Game

The Institute collaborated with the RAND Corporation conducted a simulation game, to understand the potential impacts of East Jerusalem residents ending the boycott of municipal elections. The simulation game, held at the Institute in Jerusalem, included many experts and practitioners.

During the one-day simulation, participants worked in small teams to represent specific entities or factions, the teams included: the Jerusalem municipality, Government of Israel, Palestinian Authority, Palestinian religious leadership/Hamas, East Jerusalem civic leadership, Middle Eastern governments, and the international community. The simulation followed the Chatham House Rule, meaning that nothing said during the event will be connected to the person who said it.

The results of the simulation were analyzed and published by the RAND Corporation and experts of the Institute.



POLICY BRIEFINGS

Throughout 2018, the Institute continued to serve as a key information source for government and municipal policymakers, reporters, international organizations, civil society, and philanthropies.

The Institute hosted dozens of conferences, delegations and briefings for local and international policymakers, leaders, and the public on a broad range of topics.



Leading researchers from the Institute briefed top policymakers and agencies, including:

Municipal

- Mayor of Jerusalem
- Mayoral candidates
- Mayor of Beit Shemesh
- Mayor of Ma'ale Adomim
- Jerusalem Municipality
- Jerusalem's Development Authority
- East Jerusalem's Development Ltd
- Israel Police - Jerusalem District

National

- Prime Minister's Office
- Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Environmental Protection
- Ministry of Economy and Industry
- Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services
- Ministry of Transportation
- National Security Council
- National Economic Council
- Council for Higher Education

International

- Foreign Diplomatic Delegations
- Foreign Reporters Delegations
- Philanthropic Foundations Federations and Individuals
- US Energy Leadership
- European Central Bank
- AIPAC
- FIDF

PUBLICATIONS



PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

The Jerusalem Statistical Yearbook

**Dr. Maya Choshen (ed.), Yair
Assaf-Shapira, Omer Yaniv,
Dafna Shemer, Shaya Rosenblum**

Jerusalem Facts and Trends

**Michal Korach, Dr. Maya
Choshen**

The Potential Demand for Haredi High-School Yeshiva Studies

**Prof. Amiram Gonen, Bezalel
Cohen & Eliezer Hayun**

The Economic Impacts of Land Registration in East Jerusalem

Maayan Nesher

Healthy Encounters: Jerusalem Hospitals as Shared Spaces for Jews and Arabs

**Dr. Marik Shtern & Dafna
Shemer**

Civil Society in Jerusalem - Methodical Research and Mapping

**Lior Regev, Dr. Marik Shtern
& Erela Ganan**

Vocational Training: A Tool for Employment Integration of East Jerusalem Residents

Yamit Naftali & Dr. Marik Shtern

The Economic Potential in East Jerusalem's Arab Woman Joining the Workforce

Yamit Naftaly

Supervision in the Haredi District of the Ministry of Education: Between Authorities, Networks and Public Life

Anat Barth (Editor)

The Abu Tor Neighborhood

**Yaara Issar, Prof. Yitzhak Reiter,
Israel Kimhi, Ahmed Asmar,
Murad Natsheh, Galit Raz-Dror,
Tehila Bigman**

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

The Kafr 'Aqab Neighborhood

**Ahmed Asmar, Prof. Yitzhak
Reiter, Israel Kimhi, Murad
Natsheh, Yaara Issar, Galit Raz-
Dror, Tehila Bigman**

East Jerusalem Arabs: Residency Vs. Citizenship Policy Paper

Dr. Amnon Ramon

Israel's Bridge to Developing Economies

**David Denker, Prof. Glenn Yago
& Steven Zecher**

Models for Biomedical Innovation and Commercialization

**Prof. Glenn Yago & Steven
Zecher**

Here Comes the Train: Data and Scenarios on the Expected Impact of the New Railway Line Connecting the Jerusalem Metropolitan Area to Tel Aviv

Israel Kimhi & Yair Assaf-Shapira

MILKEN FELLOWS' APPLIED RESEARCH

Energy Efficiency and the
Internationalization of
the External Costs of the
Electricity Price

Bat-El Naor

Loan Fund Program to
Restructure Excessive Debt
Among Families Living in
Poverty

Safa Younis

Israeli Agritech and India's
Agriculture Challenges –
Governmental Policy to
Encourage Innovation and
Export

Dror Shvadron

Evaluating Direct and
Indirect Benefits of Green
Office Buildings in Israel

Ron Govezensky

THE ACADEMIC PERIODICAL FOR THE STUDY OF HAREDI SOCIETY

The War of Independence
in Jerusalem; Criticism in
the Area of Security, as
Reflected in "Hayoman" of
Agudat Israel

Eldad Naor

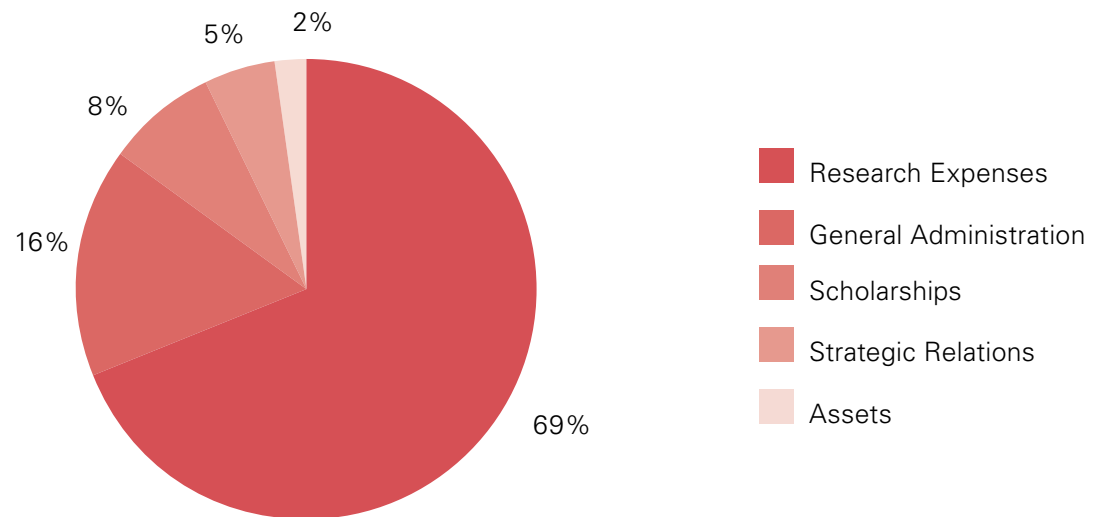
Public Facebook Pages
as Means of Constructing
the Authority of Spiritual
Leaders in Jewish Traditional
Society

Merav Amran

ANNUAL BUDGET 2018

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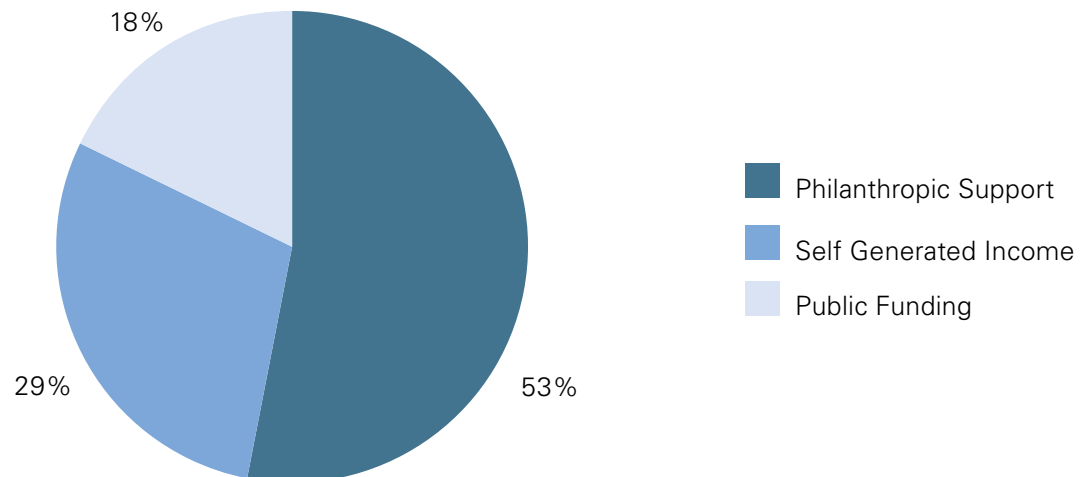
Research Expenses	7,110,095
General Administration	1,592,706
Scholarship	846,730
Assets.....	225,858
Strategic Relations	557,717



KEY INCOME STREAMS

As percentsge of total income

Philanthropic Support.....	5,325,880
Self Generated Income	2,965,789
Public Funding	1,771,930



TOTAL INCOME 10,063,600

BLUM FAMILY FOUNDATION	1,783,684
DEAD SEA BASIN AUTHORITY	146,697
EAST JERUSALEM DEVELOPMENT LTD	113,070
FRIEDRICH NAUMANN FOUNDATION	160,000
GILBERT FAMILY FOUNDATION	356,450
HORIZON 2020 (EU)	382,665
JDC - ELKA INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE	75,000
JERUSALEM FOUNDATION	258,196
KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION	37,682
LEICHTAG FOUNDATION	238,197
MATI JERUSALEM	33,000
MEM FUND	18,585
MILKEN INSTITUTE	1,381,408
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	106,828

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS	10,000
MINISTRY OF JERUSALEM AND HERITAGE	642,000
MINISTRY OF TOURISM	35,000
MUNICIPALITY OF JERUSALEM	867,300
NATAN FUND	46,023
PEARS FOUNDATION	921,148
RAYNE TRUST	54,990
START-UP NATION CENTRAL	29,000
THE JERUSALEM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	1,130,000
TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN TEAM JERUSALEM	82,478
UJA FEDERATION OF NEW YORK	148,433
YAD HANADIV	905,000
MISCELLANEOUS	100,765

OUR GOVERNANCE

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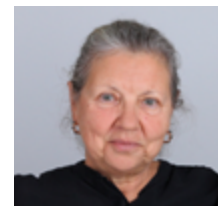
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Accounting



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Innovation Center



Shira Sanani
Executive Assistant to
the Director



Idit Amir
Executive Assistant to
the Director (As of Sep.
2018)



Prof. Amiram Gonen Z"l

We mourn the loss of Prof. Amiram Gonen.

A visionary researcher who sadly passed away this year. Head of the institute between 1986-89 and a dedicated veteran researcher. Amiram researched many fields, from urbanisation and suburbanization, to the geography of minority groups - with an emphasis on Haredim - and patterns of burial. Since 2013, he has served as the head of the Center for the Study of Haredi Society at the Institute. He saw the integration of the ultra-Orthodox as a national goal and believed that special efforts should be made to encourage yeshiva students to acquire an academic education. Amiram has published six books and maintained clarity and sharpness of thought until his last days.

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