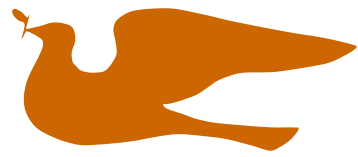


# Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies February Journal



A monthly newsletter of the latest activities, events, publications and press releases of the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies (JIIS)

## Lectures, Meetings and Other Events

- **A briefing session was held for the negotiation team in the Prime Minister's office**

on the subject of the holy sites and churches of the Old City – Instructor: **Dr. Amnon Ramon**

- **How to Influence Policy**

a planning session was held in preparation for a roundtable discussion on the question: how to assess and maximize the influence of environmental policy studies on policy and regulation? Participants: Ora Ahimeir, **Dr. Amir Idelman, Valerie Brachya, Galit Hazan, Prof. Eran Feitelson, Amit Shapira**. Amit Shapira is conducting an evaluation study examining the impact of JIIS's Environmental Policy Center on policy outcomes, public awareness and legislation in Israel. An intermediate progress report has been submitted.

- **AIPAC Board**

**Israel Kimhi** led AIPAC board members on a tour of Jerusalem.



- **Technology Incubators**

**Dr. Dan Kaufmann and Oz Gura** presented their research on technology incubators to the Director General of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor. JIIS was requested to present a proposal for conducting a continuation study.



Israel Kimhi

- **Urban Committees**

JIIS representatives **Israel Kimhi and Dr. Maya Choshen** attended more than 10 meetings in various



urban committees (concerning the following topics: preservation, education, sustainability and urban planning, a master plan for the Old City, etc.)

- **The Jerusalem Development Authority**

extended its contract with the JIIS for the study *Academia.Jerusalem*. This study is devoted to the development of a new image for Jerusalem and incentives to draw more students to study in the city.

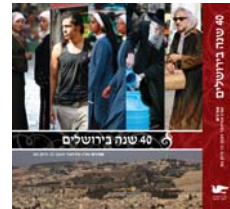


- **The Youth Movements**

responsible for the change that took over the Jerusalem municipality in the recent elections held a meeting at the JIIS. JIIS was represented by **Shiri Bronstein, Eitan Blauer, and Naomi Solomon**.

- **The Jerusalem municipality and the Jerusalem Development Authority**

each announced a purchase of 50 copies of JIIS's recent publication *40 years in Jerusalem*.



- **An interview with the Greek Orthodox Patriarch Theofilos the Third**

and the Chief Secretary of the Patriarchate in Jerusalem, **Archbishop Aristarchous**, was conducted by **Amnon Ramon and Aviel Yelinek**. The interview is part of a study on Israeli policy toward churches.

- **A meeting was held with representatives of the Marine and Coastal Environment Department of the Ministry of Environmental Protection**

concerning the collapse of the coastal cliff in Apolonia. **Dr. Amir Idelman and Dr. Amos Bein** presented solutions based on research conducted by the JIIS.

- **A meeting on the subject of sustainable consumption was held at the Ministry of Environmental Protection**

Present at the meeting were representatives of the business sector, government offices and NGOs. **Galit Hazan** represented JIIS at the meeting.

## Future Seminars

- Two conferences on Christianity and Christians in Jerusalem will be held in March. **Dr. Amnon Ramon** is responsible for coordinating JIIS efforts in this field.

- The first conference will examine church property and Christian interests in Jerusalem and the contribution of the churches to the city. This conference will be held in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection.
- The second conference will examine the findings of a public opinion survey conducted by the JIIS and the Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations (Executive Director: **Daniel Rossing**). The survey examined Jewish-Israeli public attitudes toward Christianity and the Christian presence in Israel. In preparation for this conference we have uploaded an article by **Dr. Amnon Ramon** summarizing the survey's findings to the JIIS website.



## In the Media

### Christians in Jerusalem

- The survey on Jewish-Israeli attitudes toward Christians and Christianity, conducted by the JIIS and the Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations, was the subject of several articles featured in the NRG, Ynet, News1, and Datili websites and news portals.
- The Moresht.co.il website published an article entitled: "The Religious are less tolerant of Christians." The front page of the English version of *Ha'aretz* ran the article: "Israelis split on accepting charity from Evangelicals." *Makor Rishon* ran an article entitled: "Large gap between ultra-Orthodox and secular Jewish attitudes toward Christianity." [HAARETZ.com](http://www.haaretz.com)
- An interview with **Dr. Amnon Ramon** was published in the *Jerusalem Post* and the *Makor Rishon* newspapers and aired on the Jerusalem and Ma'aleh Adumim radio stations.

### 40 years in Jerusalem

- Interviews with **Ora Ahimeir, Professor Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov, and Dr. Amnon Ramon** were aired on a local news program on Channel 1.

- The book was also featured in the weekly magazines: *Kol Ha'ir*, *Kol Ha'ir Plus*, *Hadashot Shelanu – Yerushalyim*, and in the bi-weekly local paper *Mekomon Beit-Shemesh*.

- **A Vision for Jerusalem**



The book was featured in a central article entitled "Saving Jerusalem" in the Epoch Times Israel, an Internet magazine. An interview with the book's editor, **Professor Gur Ofer**, was aired on the *Reshet Alef* radio station.

- **Students in Jerusalem**

An article in the weekly magazine *Kol Ha'ir* featured a study conducted by the JIIS comparing student benefits for public transportation between cities in Israel. The benefits in Jerusalem were ranked low in comparison with other cities in the country.

- **JIIS weekly column in Kol Ha'ir**

**Shiri Bronstein** wrote about the average wage in select cities in Israel. **Dr. Maya Choshen** wrote on the proportion of Olim who settle in Jerusalem. **Michal Korach** wrote about water consumption in Jerusalem and other municipalities.

- **JIIS Bi-weekly column in the Jerusalem Post**



**Shiri Bronstein** wrote about the average wage of new olim in Jerusalem and in Israel.

- **The Knesset TV Station**

aired an interview with **Professor Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov** on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

- **Most popular JIIS publications for February:**

*A Vision for Jerusalem* (Heb.)

*40 years in Jerusalem* (Heb.)

- **Website visits:**

visitors to [www.jiis.org.il](http://www.jiis.org.il):

8,832

visitors to the JIIS blog: 589



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