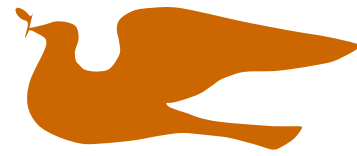


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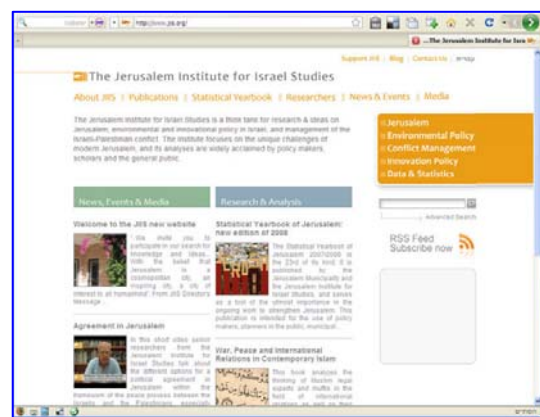
A monthly newsletter of the latest activities, events, publications and press releases of the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies (JIIS)

## New Website

### In Celebration of Jerusalem Day: the JIIS is pleased to present its new website

The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies is pleased to announce its new website launched on Jerusalem Day, 22 May 2009, 28<sup>th</sup> of Iyyar, 5769.

- The new website will offer insights into JIIS's activities and studies about Jerusalem, conflict management, environmental policy and technological innovation. The website will offer access to recent publications, statistical databases, maps, presentations, information about future events and conferences, video clips offering scholarly perspectives on current events, and details about our research team. The new website will allow the general public access to many of the JIIS's activities that have so far not been in public view and will provide in-depth, specialized and diverse information in every one of the Institute's research areas, including academic publications, maps, video clips and interviews.



- Jerusalem Day was chosen, not coincidentally, for launching the website as a reflection of the JIIS's commitment to provide modern and contemporary, diverse and pluralistic perspectives on Jerusalem. JIIS aims to promote Jerusalem's human, economic, religious and secular potential through its original



Pages from the new website



and systematic work. Every year, Jerusalem Day presents an opportunity for us, here at the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, to celebrate the City's undeniable charm and importance and to offer solutions for the challenges facing her.

## Meetings

- **Jerusalem Mayor, Nir Barkat** attended a meeting with Dr. Dan Kaufmann and Naomi Solomon, the co-organizers of the  AcademiCity student exchange program. Mayor Barkat commended the program and expressed interest in becoming involved in it. An introductory press release will be held for the AcademiCity student exchange program on Jerusalem Day.
- **The Israeli and Palestinian Water Requirements** research-team held its final meeting and submitted its final report. This program was assisted by the Peres Center for Peace and Green Cross Switzerland. 
- **A Master Plan for Jerusalem's Public Libraries** was presented to the Director-General of the Municipality of Jerusalem by Dr. Maya Choshen, Michal Korach and Israel Kimhi.
- **A meeting was held with JIIS supporters in Washington** and a discussion was held with Ora Ahimeir about Jerusalem. Two volunteers agreed to participate in a new Israeli-Palestinian program that is currently being proposed to the European Union.
- The European Union carried out a routine audit of the **Jerusalem – Regional Innovation Strategy (JRIS) project**. The auditing team was sent by the European Union to audit the project that was carried out by the JIIS between 2005 and 2008. The European Union routinely audits a random sample of the programs it supports. Dr. Dan Kaufmann, Naomi Solomon, and JIIS's accountant, Ada Leibovitz accompanied the visitors throughout the day and the audit was concluded successfully without any serious remarks. The auditors noted the excellent level of preparedness of the JIIS, which greatly quickened the process and contributed to its success.



The Audit team with JRIS coordinators

## Conferences and Lectures:

- **A JIIS Conference on the Implications of the Security Fence around Jerusalem** was held with the participation of Jerusalem Mayor, Nir Barkat and his assistants as well as representatives of the Israeli Border Guard and other security bodies.
- **JIIS hosted cadets from the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS)** for their annual visit. Israel Kimhi and Ora Ahimeir gave a lecture on Jerusalem.
- ***An Army that has a State?*** – The JIIS hosted a book launch event for a new book edited by Prof. Gabi Shefer and Amiram Oren.  
Lecturers: Oren Barak, Shaul Arieli, Amos Harel and Amiram Oren.  
Chair: Prof. Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov.

## In The Media:

- ***40 years in Jerusalem:*** The book was presented in the "Erav Hadash" television show. Dan Margalit and Tali Lipkin-Shahak held an interview with Ora Ahimeir. The book's main messages were summarized in a comprehensive article published in Ha'aretz and written by Ziva Sternhell on city planning in Jerusalem. 
- **JIIS weekly column in *Kol Ha'ir*** – Dr. Maya Choshen wrote about community gardens in Jerusalem; Michal Korach wrote about Jerusalem's younger population; Yair Assaf-Shapira gave a breakdown of the number of employees in Jerusalem by industry and data on motorization levels in Jerusalem. 
- **JIIS Bi-weekly column in the *Jerusalem Post*** – Dr. Maya Choshen wrote about household expenditures in Jerusalem. 
- **AcademiCity** -- the project, which is a joint effort of the JIIS and the Jerusalem Development Authority, was covered in the Academia section of Haaretz.
- *Makor Rishon* and *Kol Ha'ir* newspapers covered an honorary book presentation of the bird-watching report as an economic field in Israel to the Prime Minister. The report was presented to then Prime Minister Ehud Olmert by Dr. Yossi Leshem and Prof. Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov.

- *Al-Quds* newspaper reported recent a JIIS study that revealed troubling data on population density in East Jerusalem.
- The local newspaper, *Zman Mevaseret*, featured a long interview with and profile of Dr. Emanuel Sharon, the former chairman of the JIIS Board of Directors, for his contribution to the Israeli economy.
- **Visitors to the website**  
8,375 visited the institute's website at [jiis.org.il](http://jiis.org.il)  
541 visited the institute's blog
- **Publications sold**  
The most popular publication: *40 years in Jerusalem* (91 copies sold)



Invitation to a conference on developing a network of bird-watching sites in Israel.