

Jerusalem Institute
for Israel Studies
Journal of Activities



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The Institute summarizes its activities in the form of a journal that reports on the subjects it has been addressing, the publications it has produced, and the coverage it has received in the media.

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Publications of the Institute, 2008: Interim Summary and Annual Outlook

Books are in Hebrew unless otherwise noted

Published January – May, 2008

- *Patterns of Land Utilization*, Motti Kaplan
- *The Statistical Yearbook of Jerusalem*, Maya Choshen
- *Jerusalem: Facts & Trends – The Current Situation and Future Trends*, Maya Choshen and Michal Korach
- *Jerusalem: Facts & Trends – The Current Situation and Future Trends*, Maya Choshen and Michal Korach [in English]



- *Jerusalem as A Destination for Internal Migration of Young Palestinian-Israelis*, Asmahan Masri-Harzallah (published in conjunction with Floersheimer Papers)
- *Jerusalem – The German Colony and Emek Refaim Street*, David Kroyanker (in conjunction with Keter Publishers)
- *Jerusalem and Its Role in Islamic Solidarity*, by Itzhak Reiter in cooperation with Palgrave Macmillan
- *The Deposit Law*, by Doron Lavie



To be published by December, 2008

- *40 Years of Jerusalem*, Edited by Ora Ahimeir and Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov
- *A Vision for Jerusalem, Executive Summary*, Gur Ofer
- *A Vision for Jerusalem*, Edited by Gur Ofer and the research team of "A Vision for Jerusalem"
- *Higher Learning, Job Training, and Employment in the Ultra-Orthodox Community*, Assaf Malchi, Bezalel Cohen, and Dan Kaufman
- *The Holy Places of the Old City of Jerusalem: Options for their Management in the Framework of a International Agreement*, Itzhak Reiter
- *War, Peace, and International Relations in Modern Islam: Religious Decisions on the Subject of Peace with Israel*, Itzhak Reiter and Galit Hazan
- *Community Believes in Education*, Maya Choshen, Michal Korach, Udi Spiegel, and Dafna Eizen (in cooperation with the Jerusalem Foundation and the Company for Community Center in Jerusalem)
- *The Disengagement*, Edited by Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov
- *Poverty in Jerusalem*, by Roni Strier
- *Indicators for Sustainability in Local Authorities*, Jerusalem Institute Research Group
- *Reconstruction and Restoration of Dirt Roads*, by Eran Doron

Events

- **International Conference in Switzerland: Defining Water Needs for Fully Exploited Resources, a Necessary Step for Israeli-Palestinian Reconciliation**

Access to water is one of the crucial sources of conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. The project "Water Needs" addresses this issue through a study of the needs for and availability of water in this region. As a first stage in the project, The Environmental Policy Center of the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies together with Palestinian researchers, the Peres Center for Peace, Green Cross



France and Green Cross Switzerland, held an international conference in Geneva from May 2-4, 2008, the goal of which was to define water needs in order to develop guidelines that will help Israelis and Palestinians to determine the needs of the two economies in the future.

Approximately twenty-five researchers participated in the conference. The team of Palestinian researchers was headed by Dr. Abed Al-Rahaman Tamimi, a team of Israelis was headed by Prof. Eran Feitelson, and a number of world-renowned experts from U.S. and Europe also took part.

Representing the Jerusalem Institute were: **Prof. Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov and Galit Hazan;**

The Israeli Team included: **Prof. Eran Feitelson, Prof. Richard Laster, Dr. Amos Bein, Prof. Avital Gasith, Dr. Itay Fishhendler, and Gadi Rosenthal;**

Representing The Peres Center for Peace: **Prof. Samuel Pohoryles and Oren Blonder.**

The Palestinian Team included: **Dr. Abed Al-Rahaman Tamimi, Dr. Amer Marei, Dr. Nidel Salim, Dr. Aiman El-Rabi, Mohammed Jarrar, and Maha Abu Laban.**

Additional information is available on the Institute's site (www.jiis.org.il): <http://www.jiis.org.il/index.asp?englishArticleID=30>

- **Conference at New York University: Israel at 60** This was a conference of the Association of Israel Studies, held in New York City, which drew on researchers of Israel from universities all over the U.S and beyond. The Institute gave was responsible for a panel devoted to Jerusalem, at which four researchers from the Institute spoke: **Prof. Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov**, who addressed international aspects of the city, **Dr. Maya Choshen**, who spoke about the city's population and society, **Israel Kimhi**, on the effects of 40 years of re-unification, and **Dr. Itzhak Reiter**, who spoke about the Islamic world and Jerusalem.



Institute researchers Dr. Maya Choshen, Dr. Itzhak Reiter, and Prof. Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov in New York

- **Meeting in New York with the President and Staff of the Revson Foundation** Four representatives of the Jerusalem Institute met with the president and staff of the Charles H. Revson Foundation in order to present the work of the Institute. **Prof. Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov**, head of the Institute, addressed international aspects of the city; **Dr. Maya Choshen**, presented data

and trends regarding the city's population and society, **Israel Kimhi**, reviewed the effects of 40 years of re-unification, and **Dr. Itzhak Reiter** spoke about the Islamic world and its attitude and connections to Jerusalem.

- **Special Conference at the Knesset on the Economic Future of Jerusalem**
This special event, organized at the initiative of **MK Colette Avital**, was held at the Knesset and featured lectures on the state of the capital. **Dr. Dan Kaufman** of the Jerusalem Institute gave a presentation based on his work on forces for economic growth in Jerusalem.
- **Conference: The Generation of Giants and Thereafter** Honoring the launching of the book by **Yuval Elitsur**, *31 Leaders – Founders of the Nation*, the Institute held an evening event that included lectures by former minister **Uzi Baram, Dan Bavly, Prof. Yehiam Weitz, and Prof. Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov**.
- **GIS Workshop "Tik Projects"** engages in documenting and analyzing ancient cities and includes among them Jerusalem. At this conference initiated by "Tik", experts from UNESCO – the U.N. organization devoted to Education, Science and Culture – gave presentations. From the Institute **Yair Assaf-Shapira** took part.
- **"Current Challenges of Peace-Keeping Missions"** This was the title of a presentation by **Dr. Kobi Michael** at a conference at Tel Aviv University. Michael also gave a talk at a conference at Beit Berl on "Issues of Weakness of Civilian Supervision over the Army in the Second War in Lebanon".
- **Visit of the Mayor of San Francisco Gavin Newsom**, the innovative mayor of San Francisco, was a guest of the Institute. **Israel Kimhi** led him on a tour of Jerusalem.
- **Annual General Assembly of the Institute** Many new members took part in the Institute's annual assembly. The primary research units of the Institute were presented – Jerusalem, conflict management, environmental policy and innovation – as well as new books and publications. A management report was presented and the 2007 financial report was approved; an accountant and auditor were also approved.

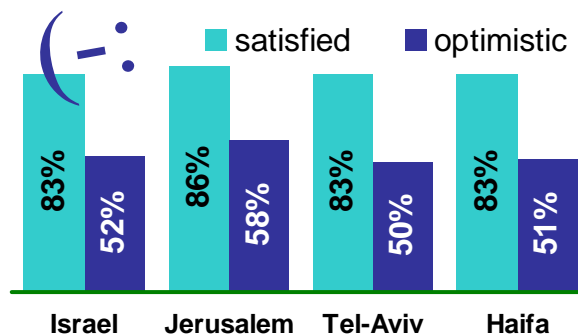


In the Media

- A wave of publicity preceding Jerusalem Day (June 2nd) began: articles including data and information from the Jerusalem Institute appeared in *Haaretz*, *The Jewish Quarterly*, *The Israel Hasbara Committee*, *The Jerusalem Post*, and the *Austin American Statesman*.
- The Spark Programs ("Nitsotz") on industrial innovation in Jerusalem were featured on the television program "'Hot' News in Jerusalem" and on Israeli Television's Channel 3. **Nir Ben Aharon** and **Dan Bendel**, both of the Jerusalem Institute, were interviewed.



- The Institute's weekly columns in the Jerusalem paper *Kol Ha'ir* were on: "Public Transportation in East Jerusalem", by **Dr. Maya Choshen**; "The Territory of the City of Jerusalem" and "Banks in Jerusalem" by **Yair Assaf-Shapira**; and "The Satisfaction of Residents of the Jerusalem Region with the Quality of their Life", by **Shiri Bronstein**.



- The Institute's research was cited and used as the basis for articles by the journalist **Nadav Shragai** in *Makor Rishon* and *Ma'ariv*, as well as in an article by **MK Colette Avital** in the *Jerusalem Post*.
- A major article on the built-up areas in Israel and trends of building and construction, based on research done by **Motti Kaplan** and published by the Institute, appeared in the newspaper *HaModiyya*.

Statistics

The Institute's Site

www.jiis.org.il

- Number of visitors: 14,740

Publications

- Number of publications sold: 11
- Best-selling publication: *The Germany Colony and Emek Refaim St.*, by **David Kroyanker**



The German Colony in a painting by Gustav Bauernfeind, from David Kroyanker's book *The Germany Colony and Emek Refaim St.*