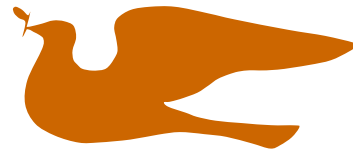


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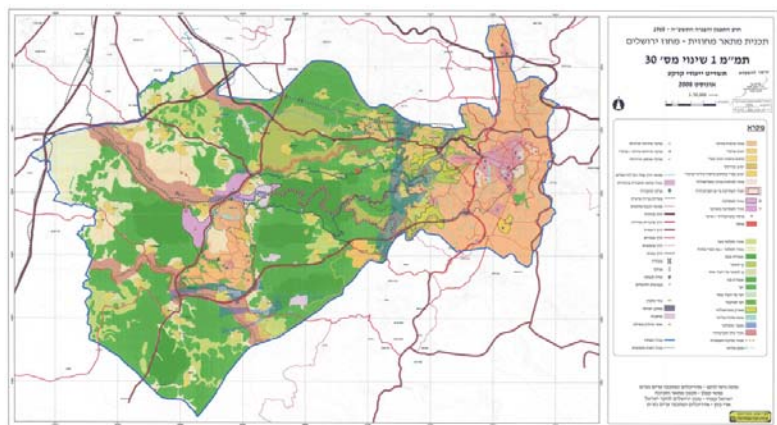
The Institute summarizes its activities in the form of a journal that reports on the subjects it has been addressing, the publications it has produced, and the coverage it has received in the media.

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## From Research to Implementation

- Ten years after the beginning of preparations for a master plan for the Jerusalem region, the Ministry of the Interior presented its plan for public evaluation and objection. At the end of this period the plan will become a binding, statutory document. The



Jerusalem regional master plan

plan was prepared by a large team of experts led by **Israel Kimhi**, and it sets principles for the development of the region, and places two large metropolitan parks in the outskirts of the city. A series of roundtables and public discussions are now being scheduled in order to present the plan to the policy-makers and the public for their comments and input. The central goal of the



plan is to create the conditions for the more efficient functioning and economic development of the Jerusalem region as a center for government, culture, and education as well as international tourism.

## New Publications

- *The Holy Places of Ancient Jerusalem: Options for their Management as in the Framework of an International Arrangement*, by **Yitzhak Reiter**, 29 pages, In Hebrew, with an abstract in English

Reiter, an expert on Islam, outlines some of the major issues and problems facing negotiators interested in settling the matter of control over Jerusalem's holy places, including the history behind them and the history of the attempts to solve the problems to date.

- *A Vision for Jerusalem: A Plan for Rejuvenating Jerusalem, the Capital of Israel*, By **Prof. Gur Ofer** and the "Jerusalem Vision" Team

A summary and abbreviated version of research and papers on possible solutions to the problems facing modern Jerusalem and its inhabitants.

All the papers deal with ideas and plans for the economic renewal of the city and for halting the negative developments. The research team

was monitored by a steering committee of professionals who volunteered their time, under the direction of **David Blomberg**. The project was supported by some of the leading funds operating in Jerusalem, among them the Jerusalem Foundation.



## At the Institute

### General Assembly

- The General Assembly of the Institute gathered and approved the summary report of the Institute for 2007, following its approval by our auditor and comptroller. The report is a document that describes the Institute's activities and beginning 2008, every NGO is required to submit one to the appropriate government agency.

### The Surprising Students

- The Institute's researcher **Naomi Solomon** has begun studying students who are accepted to academic institutions in Jerusalem but ultimately decide to register in academic institutions

elsewhere in the country. In order to understand their reasons for doing so, she prepared a questionnaire on the subject. An astounding 5,000 responses have already reached the Institute, and they contain valuable information as to the motivations of the students in their selection and their attitudes towards the city. The goal of the project is to increase the number of students who choose to study in Jerusalem and to return to Jerusalem the image of a center for higher education – an image it once had that has eroded in recent years.

### Advancing Policy

- A work group of volunteers and professionals in the field of conservation in Jerusalem held a series of eight meetings to formulate suggestions and operatives for the city master plan. This was in accordance with a request from the regional planning committee.

### Project on the Water Needs of Israel and the Palestinian Authority

- Two meetings of the group on water needs took place. At the first, **Dr. Amos Bein** of the Israeli team presented findings on Israeli water economy and at the second, **Dr. Amer Marei** of the Palestinian team presented findings on the Palestinian water economy. Both presentations were followed by discussions devoted to planning the next stages of the project.

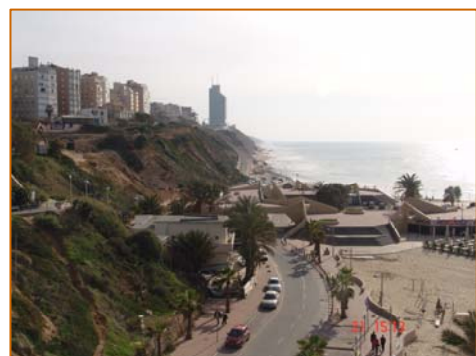


Prof. Eran Feitelson and Galit Hazan

Participants: From the Israeli team -- **Prof. Eran Feitelson, Prof. Shmuel Pohorils, Dr. Yitzhak Abet, Oren Blonder, Dr, Amir Eidelman, Prof. Reuven Laster, Dr. Amos Bein, Gadi Rosenthal, Advocate Danny Livni, and Galit Hazan**; from the Palestinian team – **Dr. Abed Al-Rahaman Tamimi, Dr. Amer Marei, Saned Sallhot, and Maha Abu Laban.**

### Policy Paper for Dealing with the Erosion of Cliff Shores

- Three meetings on the subject of the cliffs were held with policy makers. The first was to discuss the planning aspects of the policy with the head of the Shores Preservation Committee. The second meeting took place at the Ministry of Finance for a discussion of the Finance Ministry's stance regarding the cliff report and its conclusions. The third meeting was with the Minister for Environmental Protection, **Gideon Ezra**, for an updating on the positions of the Finance and Justice Ministries.



Eroding Costal Cliff at Netaniya

## Environmental Crimes and Enforcement – Research Completed

- At a meeting at the Ministry for Environmental Protection with **Yitzhak Ben David** (Benda), Deputy Minister for Enforcement, the researcher **Attorney Orr Karassin** presented the findings of research and an index of indicators used for measuring the effectiveness of enforcement. It was decided to continue cooperation in order to implement the research recommendations. Participants: **Dr. Amir Eidelman, Attorney Orr Karassin, Galit Hazan.** The research was also presented to **Galit Cohen**, the head of the Department of Environmental Policy.



Attorney Orr Karassin presenting the findings of the research at the Institute

## The Jerusalem Educational Administration (JEA)

- The Jerusalem Educational Administration (JEA), headed by **Benzion Namet**, held two seminars at the Institute.



## Day Seminar for Young Designers in Jerusalem

- The seminar was conducted at the Institute as a joint effort with the Jerusalem Center for Design, MATI -- The Jerusalem Business Development Center, and the Ministry for Industry, Trade, and Labor.



## In the Media

- 02Net* reported on the completion of the Master Plan for Jerusalem and its presentation for public comment.
- Institute researcher **Dr. Kobi Michael** is running for Mayor of Eshkelon. A large article on the subject appeared in *Star Hadarom* and other local newspapers, as well as in internet new sites *NRG* and *Ynet*.
- The Ultra-Orthodox want to study in institutions of higher learning – articles and interviews on the subject appeared on the subject following the publication of research by **Dr. Dan Kaufman, Assaf Malchi, and Bezael Cohen.** *TheMarker* -- the economic magazine of *Haaretz* -- and *Station Seven* were among those that publicized the findings.



- Growing criticism of the separation fence in Jerusalem referred to the Institute's research and publications. Articles appeared in the newspapers *Hamodiyya*, *Makor Rishon*, on Jerusalem Radio, and **Dr. Kobi Michael** was interviewed on the television new magazine *Mihayom Lemahar*.
- The Institute's weekly column in the newspaper *Ha'ir* addressed the following subjects: The Religious Population of Jerusalem that is not Ultra-Orthodox, by **Yair Assaf-Shapira**; Foreign Residents and the Cost of Real Estate in Jerusalem, by **Aviel Yelinak**, Destinations of Jerusalemites Who Leave the City, and Immigrants Who Chose to Reside in Jerusalem, by **Dr. Maya Choshen**.
- The Institute's bi-weekly column in the *Jerusalem Post* dealt with the geographical distribution of Jerusalem's population, an article written by **Yair Assaf-Shapira**.
- *Yediot Ahronot* referred to the problems of Jerusalem and to the Institute publication, "A Vision for Jerusalem."

### The Institute's Site

- Number of Visitors: 9,907



Israel Kimhi presenting the new master plan