

Preface – From the Director of the Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research

We are pleased to present our readers with the 32nd Jerusalem Statistical Yearbook, the latest in the series of Yearbooks that have been published by the Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research and the Jerusalem Municipality since 1982.

The Statistical Yearbook seeks to delve into the depths of the complexity of Jerusalem and present the city's manifold reality. The Yearbook provides the statistical infrastructure for researchers, professionals and decision-makers that facilitate the analysis of trends, assessment of alternatives and crafting of knowledge-based policies. The data presented enable the public at large to become acquainted with the wide range of aspects of life in Jerusalem and comprehend the reality beyond the imagery.

The Jerusalem Statistical Yearbook is an important dimension of the 2018 work plan of the Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research, which is comprised, among other things, of research on components of the city's economic development, such as stimulating the hi-tech sector, tourism and higher education; the continued study of migration to and from Jerusalem; developing indicators for quality of life in the city and its neighborhoods; promoting the subject of urban sustainability in Jerusalem and other cities; developing financial tools and programs for the city's advancement; evaluation studies on a series of social initiatives throughout the city; and research on Shared Spaces for the city's various population sectors.

In recent years, the Jerusalem Statistical Yearbook got a "little brother", in the form of the Ultra-Orthodox Society Statistical Yearbook that we published in partnership with the Israel Democracy Institute. This year, we will continue to make information and knowledge about the ultra-Orthodox population in Israel, particularly in Jerusalem, accessible to the public at large. We will also continue to analyze the complex reality of East Jerusalem, among other things through our Arab Neighborhoods Mapping Project, through studies on the subject of employment and professional training programs in East Jerusalem and thoroughly analyzing the sharp rise in the lack of land for city residents and the city and state coffers.

The Yearbook is the result of the intensive work of the Jerusalem Institute staff. I would like to thank the Yearbook Editor, Dr. Maya Choshen, and my colleagues who comprise the Yearbook staff, namely Yair Assaf-Shapira, Omer Yaniv, Dafna Shemer and Shaya Rosenblum, for their dedicated, professional work. I would also like to express my gratitude to the partner institutions that made the publication of the Yearbook possible: the Jerusalem Municipality, the Jerusalem Development Authority, the Jerusalem Foundation and the Leichtag Foundation. Special thanks are due to the President of Israel, Mr. Reuven (Ruvi) Rivlin, who has followed and encouraged the publication of this Yearbook for many years.

This year, the Jerusalem Institute celebrates 40 years since its establishment and we are proud to carry in the Institute's magnificent tradition of making reliable, independent information on the city accessible to decision-makers, researchers and lovers of Jerusalem, wherever they are. We hope that this Yearbook will add an important dimension of knowledge about the city and help inform and expedite programs for Jerusalem's development, advancement and status in Israel and the world.

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