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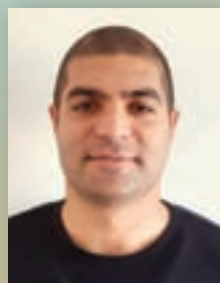
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Dear friends,

The Regavim Movement is pleased and proud to share this end-of-year summary of activities. Every year, as we celebrate the Land of Israel on Tu B'Shvat, the Regavim Movement takes a moment to take stock of our activities in the year that has passed.

Although the entire world has been dealing with the corona pandemic and its many consequences for most of this past year, here in Israel we have had to contend with the additional complications caused by the ongoing political crisis. These two challenges have a decisive and direct impact on Regavim's activities. Despite the difficulties posed by these unforeseen circumstances, we have made every effort to continue to push forward with our agenda, to maintain our ongoing activities and even expand our scope - in our Field Division, in the Legal Division, in our Policy Division, and in our Media and Communications Division.

This survey offers a taste of the core items on our agenda this past year, and an overview of scope of our activities. It allows us an opportunity to share important milestones with our friends and supporters.

This year, we are celebrating the 15th anniversary of Regavim's founding by taking a moment to look back at where we began and where we now stand on the map of Israeli non-parliamentary organizations. We are taking a moment to appreciate the important role Regavim now fills in Israel's public discourse, and the crucial contribution we have made to the cause of Zionist land-use policy throughout the country: as a significant presence in legal and judicial forums, as a major force in the Sisyphean battle against illegal construction and takeover of Israel's national land resources, as an important contributor in the various stages of Israel's policy formulation and legislative processes, as a leader in the struggle to preserve Israel's natural resources and protect the environment, and more.

This past fiscal year saw drastic changes, not only on the financial and economic front but in each and every area of our activity. The words of the great rabbinic sage Rabbi Tarfon, "It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it," aptly summarize both the successes we have had this past year, and the challenges that lie ahead.

Without your support and partnership, and the partnership of other dear friends like you, we would have been unable to make these important contributions, to remain steadfast in our mission to protect and promote the Zionist vision, or to continue to meet the challenges to that vision.

I thank you, once again, for your support and partnership.

Meir Deutsch, Director General

Some of our successes in 2020

→ The Battle for Area C

Last year, the Political-Security Cabinet held a series of deliberations aimed at formulating a strategic response to the Palestinian takeover of Area C. Over the past year, Regavim's activities on this issue were expanded to include new approaches to the issue. We focused on establishing designated groups of residents, farmers, security personnel, military officers and civilian officials, who provide real-time reporting on illegal construction and agricultural activity as well as enforcement activity in the open spaces of Area C. This intensive activity resulted in vastly increased enforcement: Each month, engineering and excavation machinery was impounded in dozens of cases, and illegal activities were halted in dozens more. On a parallel track, we

convened follow-up hearings in the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and in the Knesset plenum, and established a forum of municipal land-protection coordinators to facilitate greater cooperation and formulation of shared operational objectives and procedures, and provided professional training in GIS software, a key tool for field observation and monitoring. In recent months, the Ministry of Settlement Affairs, headed by Minister Tzachi Hanegbi, began to take an active role, which we hope will bolster our efforts to win the battle for Area C. Because the State of Israel's official response to this serious threat is still desperately insufficient in terms of resource and manpower allocation, Regavim's activities, which combine an effective presence on the ground with relentless political pressure, continue to attempt to raise awareness and fill the void.

Israel proud to have halted int'l projects for Palestinians in Area C



Men removing solar panels before Israeli authorities demolish a Palestinian house in Khirbet Jisha on September 1. The home was built in Area C without an Israeli permit. *Hanan Ruder / AFP*

Amira Hass

In the battle over Area C, where Israel maintains full security and civilian authority, it's chalking up successes against the Palestinians and the European Union and has significantly reduced the number of internationally (mainly European) financed Palestinian projects. That's the news provided by the head of Israel's Civil Administration in the West Bank, Brig. Gen. Ghasan Ali, to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in two meetings in late

July and mid-August. The subject: "the Palestinian takeover of Area C" referring to 61 percent of the occupied West Bank. The committee members, however, had reservations about the description of the situation as a "success." "Even though there are wonderful and highly motivated people (in the Civil Administration), they are too small and this mission is several sizes too large for them," said Matan Kahana of the right-wing Yamina party. The legislators demanded a firmer

stand to prevent what they called a hostile illegal takeover of the area. Yamin's Bezalel Smotrich suggested that the settlements receive the authority to supervise and demolish unlicensed Palestinian structures in open areas, he was backed by Likud's Ariel Kalliner. Yamin's Ayaleh Shaked, a former justice minister, proposed pressure on the government to appoint a project manager "whose entire objective would be to prevent the takeover of Area C." Kahana suggested that a special Israeli authority be set up to this end.

Until about two years ago, these issues were discussed by a subcommittee for the West Bank at the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, headed by then-MR Moti Yogev of Habayit Hayehudi. The subcommittee was a key tool of right-wing Knesset members, including many settlers, for shaping Israel's conviction that Area C is Israeli territory for all intents and purposes. The subcommittee was also vital for planning Israeli policy there: accelerating and expanding construction of settlements while preventing Palestinian construction. The committee members and its regular guests – including settler leaders and members of the group Regavim, whose proclaimed mission is to safeguard "the Jewish nation's land" – often criticized what was described as the helplessness of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories and the Civil Administration subordinate to it. The committee members encouraged these agencies to show greater firmness against Palestinian projects. European involvement in financing humanitarian projects in Area C was often raised in the subcommittee as a practice that must be eliminated. At the two sessions on July 29 and August 1, Chairman Yogev's answer of

→ National Insurance Institute (Bituach Leumi) Inspectors and the Battle Against Polygamy

In recent years we brought the problem of polygamy and its strategic, national and economic implications onto the public agenda. An inter-ministerial committee under the auspices of the Ministry of Justice, in which Regavim participates as a public-sector representative, was established to address the problem and



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To counter this initiative, we launched a campaign warning the public about the danger it presents. Our forthcoming report, based on the data at the heart of this campaign, is in the final stages of pre-production and is scheduled for release in early 2021. The report will include up to date information on illegal construction in the Negev, its growth over the past 15 years, and the broader impact and implications of this expansion. Our public awareness

In the last quarter of 2020, we launched a campaign to raise public awareness of the extent of illegal construction and the general atmosphere of lawlessness in the Negev. We anchored the campaign on new, in-depth research and mapping, aided by high-tech tools, to track the expansion of illegal construction over

Land Regulation



campaign included a demonstration by “Ben Gurion” himself at the official annual commemoration ceremony at Sdeh Boker, a series of video clips that addressed different aspects of the Negev challenge, and dozens of tours and fly-overs for MKs, local and foreign journalists and other public-opinion influencers, giving them a first-hand look at the situation on the ground in southern Israel.

→ Promoting Land Regulation in Judea and Samaria

After the liberation of Judea and Samaria in 1967, the IDF suspended the process of land registration and regulation that had been initiated by the Jordanians and continued by the British mandatory government. As a stop-gap replacement for this process, the IDF instituted a system of “declaration of ownership” for state land. The fact that only one-third of territory of Judea and Samaria had been fully registered at the time this new policy was implemented has created severe constraints for the development of Jewish communities and has enabled Arab land-grabs on a massive scale. In 2020, Regavim focused on this problem through media and public awareness campaigns and intensive lobbying efforts. Our objective is to generate a much broader understanding that the only way to preserve vital national interests, promote Israeli jurisdiction, and protect individual rights of ownership in these areas is through the renewal of the land regulation and registration process by the State. We are happy to report that as a result of our efforts, both the defense establishment and the Civil Administration published opinion papers that reflect and reinforce our position, and we believe that this breakthrough represents a significant step toward the application of Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria. Currently, we are working at the parliamentary level to promote a government decision renewing the regulation and registration process.

Kaminitz Law



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→ Blocking the Repeal of the Kaminitz Law

Over the past year we continued the fight for Amendment 116 of Israel's Planning and Construction Code, known as the Kaminitz Law - crucial legislation which Regavim was instrumental in formulating. The Kaminitz Law led to vastly improved enforcement against illegal construction: According to Ministry of Justice data, illegal construction starts were reduced by over 50%! In 2020's recurring elections cycles, the United Arab List attempted to bring about the repeal of the Kaminitz Law, and each time - Regavim was there to block the attempts, with the help of MKs and ministers who understood the magnitude of this issue. The United Arab List's fight against the law continues in the current government; unfortunately, Minister of Justice Avi Nissenkorn has instituted changes to the government's enforcement policy for the coming two-year period, but we are gratified that

we were able to prevent the complete repeal of the Kaminitz Law, which was a distinct possibility.

→ Protecting the Bilu Pioneers' Land

After we exposed a network of illegal Arab outposts on privately-owned agricultural land purchased before Israel's independence by the Bilu Pioneer Movement in the Gedera-Rehovot region, we demanded decisive enforcement and prevention. Once the National Planning and Construction Enforcement Unit and other representatives of the government stepped in, the situation on the ground began to shift. Increased enforcement, along with the legal pressure we exerted, has made the ringleaders of this land-seizure enterprise understand that crime doesn't pay: Recent developments indicate that they are pulling up stakes and abandoning their plans for this area.

FIELD DIVISION

The fieldwork conducted by our Regional Coordinators throughout the year resulted in dozens of new case files on illegal construction, environmental abuse, administrative lapses and land-use issues. Here's a small sample of some of the stand-out cases of 2020:

➔ Palestinian Authority Schools in Area C

In the past decade, the Palestinian Authority has built dozens of illegal schools as part of a systematic program to seize control of the open spaces of Area C. These schools are built virtually overnight in the final weeks of the summer recess, and children

are seated at their desks in early September. Once the building is in use, the Palestinian Authority knows that there is little chance that the State of Israel will evacuate or demolish it, for fear of the public relations nightmare and international pressure such action would cause. These illegal schools serve as an anchor for new illegal outposts, and in a few short years, the entire area surrounding each school is covered in illegal construction.

Our Field Division mapped out all Palestinian Authority schools built in Area C, and we are now processing the data that will serve as the basis of a report on this phenomenon, which

Latest Illegal Palestinian Authority School Built Overnight, This Time in Jordan Valley

By Hana Levi Julian • 6 Tishri 5781 • September 23, 2020

Photo Credit: Eitan Meiri / Haaretz



Newly-built illegal school constructed in Area C in the Jordan Valley, in 24 hours, by the Palestinian Authority

One more illegal school joins the rapidly growing roster of similar structures built by the Palestinian Authority at lightning speed. The newest to join the ranks is an illegal school built overnight – literally – in the Jordan Valley.



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we hope to release before the coming summer season. At the same time, we have submitted two petitions to the High Court of Justice against two such schools built this past summer, one in Gush Etzion and the other in eastern Binyamin.

→ The “Terrorist State - Right Around the Corner” Campaign

Following the publication of President Trump’s “deal of the century” we launched a large-scale campaign to explain that the “prize” - the extension of Israeli sovereignty over small sections of Judea and Samaria - comes at a very dangerous price: The plan would result in a Palestinian state in the heart of Israel, it would carve up Judea and Samaria beyond recognition, and it would strangle existing Jewish communities. We translated the plan’s

conceptualized “resolution” into a detailed map to illustrate the drastically limited dimensions of Israeli settlement envisioned in the Trump plan, contrasted with the de facto secession of the entire area to Palestinian Authority control. We posted warning signs along the proposed borders, published explanatory video clips and a series of media items, and hosted MKs and ministers on field tours to illustrate the dangers of the Trump Plan. Regavim’s campaign alerted supporters of the settlement enterprise to the more problematic elements of the plan, and sparked the pressure that eventually shelved this dangerous initiative.

→ Mapping Project: The Arad Region

The illegal encampments of the Negev are largely concentrated in the triangle created by the Arad-Beer Sheva and

Beer Sheva-Dimona highways. In recent years we have documented significant expansion beyond this triangle, resulting in a gradual spillover into the area east of Arad. To facilitate legal action against these new illegal encampments, our field team conducted comprehensive mapping of the area using state of the art digital tools, and the database that we have created is being processed and translated into concrete legal action.

→ Blocking New Palestinian Authority Outposts

Our field division carried out meticulous monitoring of dozens of outposts that the Palestinian Authority plans to establish or expand with funds provided by its European benefactors. Areas targeted by the PA have been placed under close surveillance and we are monitoring developments in order to prevent expansion and takeover of state land.

IDF's Civil Administration: Hundreds of PA Employees Engaged in Land Registration of Area C

By Jewish Press News Desk - 7 Kislev 5781 - November 23, 2020

Photo Credit: courtesy, Riqaim



Palestinian Authority builds illegal school with European Union funding in Nahal Machoch Nature Reserve on Israeli state land, Nov 19 2019

Brigadier General Ghassan Alian, Commander of the IDF's Civil Administration, said at a hearing in the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that the Palestinian Authority (PA) employs hundreds of people to register real estate in Judea and Samaria – including in areas under full Israeli control, while the Civil Administration has only about 20 people dealing with this issue.

→ Enforcement Focus on the National Infrastructure Corridor - Route 6 Trans-Israel Highway

Illegal construction has encroached on the national infrastructure corridor in northern Israel. We notified the



Bustanei Hefetz

Temple Mount



National Enforcement Unit and initiated action against illegal structures, which resulted in the demolition of one events hall in the town of Tira and the impending demolition of another hall.

→ The Bustanei Hefetz Commercial Zone

After we identified large-scale illegal construction by Arabs on state land in Samaria, in an area slated for development of the Bustanei Hefetz Commercial Zone, we exerted massive pressure on the relevant enforcement authorities: Our preliminary correspondence, warning of impending legal action, resulted in the dismantling of the structures and the removal of the squatters.

→ Temple Mount Antiquities

After a small section of floor tiles on the Temple Mount caved in, revealing an underground tunnel, we submitted urgent requests to the Israel Police and the Israel Antiquities Authority for emergency excavations at the site - before the dislodged tiles are replaced and access to the tunnel is once again blocked. To our dismay, the authorities fell into step with the Muslim Religious Trust (Wakf) and allowed the opening to be re-sealed before exploratory excavations could be carried out.

Legal Division

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We filed a total of 19 administrative petitions in the High Court of Justice and District Courts this year, exposing acute and ongoing law enforcement failures in matters pertaining to land use throughout Israel, and we continued our legal battle in the active cases filed in previous years. Some of the central cases we prosecuted this year:

12 ➔ The Illegal Commercial Center at Kfar Kasem

West of the northern Arab-Israeli city of Kfar Kasem, at the junction of Route 5 and Route 6 (the Trans-Israel Highway), in one of the most central spots in the country, a commercial and industrial center has been growing for

years, covering hundreds of dunams and housing thousands of structures. Aside from being the largest illegal commercial-industrial hub in Israel, it is also a major source of pollution, damaging the environment and endangering the health and safety of the surrounding towns and the tens of thousands of motorists who use this junction daily - and it continues to grow with each passing day. We petitioned to demand that the relevant authorities take immediate, decisive action; at a hearing of our petition, the authorities described initial enforcement steps and committed to take more decisive steps. The court gave the government two months to report on steps to correct the safety hazards that this illegal activity has created.





Abu Basma

→ Failure to Carry Out Judicial Demolition Orders Against Illegal Structure in Southern Israel

In 2009 we petitioned the Beer Sheva District Court regarding dozens of illegal structures in the Neveh Midbar and Al Kasum Municipalities in the Negev - structures that were built in complete disregard of the municipal master plans and the national incentives for regulating and developing Bedouin communities. The District Court issued orders for demolition of all structures still in the initial stages of construction - stipulating that the orders were to be carried out within 1 year. Following an appeal submitted by the municipalities, the High Court of Justice required increased law enforcement activity in the region, but struck down the lower court's 12-month time frame. This year, we re-submitted the petition, proving that although dozens of demolition orders were issued for these structures by the court, to date they have not been carried out by the municipalities or by the relevant enforcement bodies. In a December 2020 hearing, the court ordered the inclusion of the structures' owners as respondents in future deliberations.

→ Petition to Repeal the Law Prohibiting Sale of Land in Judea and Samaria to Jews

In 1953, the Jordanian government passed a law prohibiting the sale of land in Judea and Samaria to non-Arabs., with the express intention of denying the rights of Jews to receive or purchase property rights in the area under Jordanian occupation. To the State of Israel's disgrace, this racist law remains on the books, and is still enforced - against Jews only. At the end of 2020, we petitioned the court to repeal this racist and discriminatory law, and the court required the state to respond to our petition within 60 days.

→ Freedom of Information Petition: Illegal Siphoning of Water and Electricity

We followed up on some disturbing information we received regarding illegal water and electricity hook-ups to state-sponsored schools in the Negev, and began to collect and compare usage

data for all of the regional councils in the Negev - Jewish and Bedouin - to illustrate the costs of illegal siphoning. The Al Kasum Municipal Council, one of the two Bedouin councils, refused to provide the data we requested on water and electricity usage of schools in its jurisdiction, forcing us to petition the court. The case is ongoing, and we hope we will soon be able to report progress and to present a comparative analysis of the data.

→ Petitions against Illegal Schools

We filed two new petitions against illegal schools built by the Palestinian Authority in strategic areas that have been the targeted for hostile takeover. These “confrontation schools” are exemplars of a systematic program aimed at changing the map of Area C (see above).

→ The Beit Fajar Quarry

This year, we re-opened our petition against the largest illegal quarry in Israel, which continues to operate in eastern Gush Etzion. This massive quarry covers more than 1500 dunams (!), and encroaches on hundreds of dunams of state land. It is a major source of pollution and has caused unspeakable environmental damage - and there has been no law enforcement whatsoever against it. Our first petition was submitted over a decade ago, but was denied as a result of the government’s commitment to enforce the law and to regulate the site. In the decade that has passed, the government has taken no action whatsoever on the matter, forcing us to re-open the case.

→ The Illegal Commercial Center at the Hizme Junction

At the northern entrance to Jerusalem, an illegal commercial and industrial

Israeli watchdog sues to halt ‘irreparable damage’ at illegal Palestinian quarry

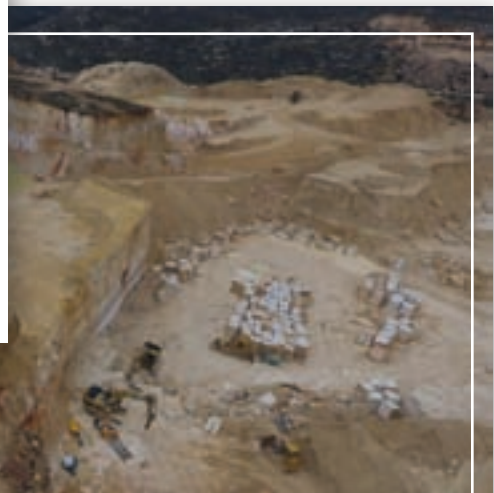
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The Regavim Movement wants to force the government to take action against “criminals” who “rapaciously exploit the natural resources of the Land of Israel.”

By World Israel News Staff

On Tuesday, the Regavim watchdog group announced it filed a petition in the Jerusalem District Court to shut down an illegal Palestinian quarry in Israel’s eastern Gush Etzion region.

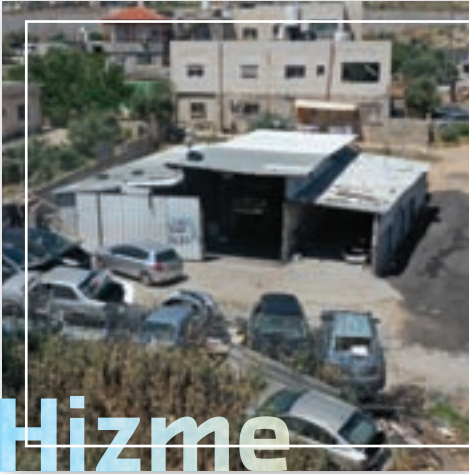




Illegal Siphoning of Water

→ Other cases (box)

- **Luban a-Sharkiyeh:** Illegal Commercial Zone adjacent to the main thoroughfare of Judea and Samara
- **The Illegal Neighborhood of Villas in Nebi Elias Village:** Petition for enforcement action
- **Khan al Ahmar 2:** An illegal Arab outpost located on the path of Route 1, on land slated for a new junction of the highway
- **Dahar al-Malek:** Arab encroachment on land in the Jewish community of Shaked, in an area under security orders as a no-construction zone
- **Freedom of Information:** Civil Administration Enforcement Priorities - as a result of our petition, the CA released the necessary information
- **Bidiya:** We petitioned against illegal construction and land seizure by Arabs in western Samaria
- **The Political Deal to Repeal the Kaminitz Law:** We petitioned the High Court to order Blue and White and the United Arab List to disclose the deal they had struck, in which Arab MKs would recommend Beni Gantz to form the government in exchange for a commitment to repeal the Kaminitz Law
- **The “Race of the Century”:** Petition for enforcement against the Palestinian Authority’s targeted land-grabs in areas of Gush Etzion slated for Israeli sovereignty under the Trump “deal of the century”
- **Peduel:** Massive illegal Arab construction and land seizure on the ridge near the Jewish community of Peduel. The court issued a temporary injunction.



Hizme



hub has sprung up over the past few years, gradually growing to include dozens of storefronts built along the highway (Route 60). This commercial center is both a safety hazard and a daily nuisance, disrupting the flow of traffic at a very busy intersection and hindering Ministry of Transports plans

to expand this heavily traveled section of the road and the entrance to the capital.

→ The Beit Jann Case

After Environmental Police inspectors were attacked and their vehicle set on fire during an enforcement sweep in the Har Meron Nature Reserve, Regavim's Legal Department began to monitor the case, including a demand that the offenders be prosecuted for their extreme violence and for attacking state officials in the line of duty.



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→ The Bir Zeit Scrapyard

We petitioned the court regarding a gigantic, illegal automotive scrapyard near Bir Zeit, on land under Israeli jurisdiction (Area C), that is a major source of environmental damage caused by improper handling and disposal of toxic substances, fuel run-off and automotive effluents.

Policy and Legislation Division

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→ Knesset Hearings

The past year has been shaped by deep political crisis as well as the corona crisis. Nonetheless, in 2020 we participated in more than 20 Knesset committee hearings, many of them initiated by Regavim. These deliberations examined many of the items at the top of Regavim's agenda, including the territorial and legal aspects of the battle for Area C, land-use policy in the Negev and the Galilee, the scourge of agricultural crime, environmental protection issues and more.

→ Formal Queries in the Knesset Plenum

An additional tool that we put to frequent use this year was the submission of plenum queries on a variety of subjects, submitted by MKs to the relevant minister who then responded to the query from the speaker's podium. Among the queries we initiated:

Queries submitted by MK Moshe Arbel regarding illegal schools and involvement of foreign governments in illegal activity in Area C

Query submitted by MK Uzi Dayan regarding the renewal of land regulation and registration

Query submitted by MK Michal Shir regarding protection of archaeological sites

Query submitted by MK Bezalel Smotrich regarding the Civil Administration's internal directive to refrain from enforcing the law

Query submitted by MK Ofir Sofer regarding the impounding of Bedouin Authority



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inspectors' personal weapons

Query submitted by MK Matan Kahane regarding ineptitude of the Bedouin Settlement Authority

Query submitted by MK Osnat Mark regarding regulation of Bedouin settlement in the Negev

→ Bringing Members of Knesset out to the Field

We took advantage of this year's unusual circumstances to hold meetings and field tours for dozens of MKs from all the Zionist parties in the Knesset, in order to enlist their support for Regavim's activities and to give them a deeper, first-hand understanding of the situation on the ground and the challenges we are facing.

MKs who toured the Negev with us: MK Matan Kahane, MK Michael Malchieli, MK Yitzchak Pindrus, MK Uriel Busso, MK Hila Shay Vazan, MK Osnat Mark, MK Naftali Bennett, MK Ayelet Shaked, MK Bezalel Smotrich, MK Ofir Sofer, MK Ariel Kallner

MKs who toured Judea and Samaria with us:

Minister Tzachi Hanegbi, MK Yinon Azulai, MK Moshe Arbel, MK Michal Shir, MK Uzi Dayan, MK Bezalel Smotrich, MK Chaim Katz, MK Nir Barkat, MK Ariel Kallner, MK Ofir Sofer, MK Amit Halevi, MK Avi Dichter, MK Kathrin Shitrit, MK Uriel Busso, MK Yitzchak Zeev Pindrus, MK Moshe Abutbul, MK Yosef Taieb, MK Ayelet Shaked, MK Hila Shay-Vazan. MK Gideon Saar





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The Adam v'Adamah Center for Law, Zionism and Society

Regavim's Adam v'Adamah Center is dedicated to examining and developing legal and academic doctrine regarding the settlement enterprise and Israel's rights under international law. The Adam v'Adamah Center disseminates this information and encourages discussion and research among the academic and professional community, in the media, and in public discourse.

Unfortunately, the corona crisis forced us to suspend our academic activities; our seminars - "Judea and Samaria: Legal Aspects" for honors students and public sector jurists - which began last year, were postponed. The legal clinic in conjunction with the Shaarei Mishpat Law and Science Institute and the session on legal issues at the annual Judea and Samaria Conference at Ariel University were also put on hold.

We are pleased to announce that the second volume of the series, "Law in Judea and Samaria" dedicated to commercial law, the result of several years of intensive effort, is now in print. A festive book launch will be held as soon as the corona crisis abates.





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A Coalition Dedicated to Preservation of Israel's Antiquities

Last year, Regavim 'adopted' Preserving the Eternal, a start-up project that grew out of an ad hoc coalition of organizations and volunteers dedicated to combatting the looting, vandalism and systematic erasure of antiquities and heritage sites in Judea and Samaria.

In 2020, the "Preserving the Eternal" Project assumed a central role and its intensive activity has already begun to have a major impact on the ground. Regavim assisted in building the organizational, strategic and operational framework, and helped the fledgling organization establish collaborative relationships with relevant bodies. Now that the project has established a firm grounding and is up and running on steady footing, it is embarking on a new path. Regavim takes great pride in serving as an incubator for new projects, and we feel that it has been a privilege to help them grow into influential and impactful organizations that set out on an independent path. We wish the "Preserving the Eternal" Project great success in their important mission.

Among the achievements of the Preserving the Eternal Project this past year:

→ Survey of National Heritage Sites

A position paper prepared in the weeks before the roll-out of President Trump's 'deal of the century' evolved into a methodical survey of some 365 heritage sites in Judea and Samaria. The study, titled "The National Heritage Survey," was conducted in cooperation with a multidisciplinary team of experts and established a new standard for evaluating threats to these sites. The survey will be published by the Shiloh Policy Forum in the coming weeks, and an official launch event will be accompanied by a special hearing in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on the issue of national heritage sites in Judea and Samaria.

→ Introducing the Public to Important Heritage Sites

Throughout the year we conducted multifaceted activity at a number of major sites. We spotlighted the National Park at Ancient Shomron (Sebastia), sparking public awareness and media coverage of the site and of the massive takeover by the Palestinian Authority. The situation at Sebastia became a hot topic in public discourse, in the Knesset, and in the media, and our weekly tours of the site have been attended by hundreds of people - all of which has created unprecedented pressure on the government to enforce the law. We drew attention to the Palestinian Authority's

ongoing destruction of antiquities at the site and released photos of the enormous Palestinian flag placed in the heart of the ancient forum at the site. As a result of the public outcry, Minister of Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage Rabbi Rafi Peretz and several MKs visited the site.

At the Hasmonean Palaces in the Jordan Valley, we joined the effort to establish a national park and to preserve the necropolis. After we exposed the desecration and looting of the catacombs, we participated in the rescue and reinterment of the scattered bones at the Kfar Adumim cemetery. We produced a series of videos for evangelical audiences about Jericho and the heritage sites in the area.

→ Parliamentary Activity

The challenge of preserving heritage sites was discussed in Knesset committee hearings, and was raised in the plenum through official parliamentary queries as well as through a proposed amendment to the Antiquities Law prohibiting commerce in antiquities, submitted by MK Amit Halevi. We also worked on amending the Israel Antiquities Authority Law to subordinate the Civil Administration's archaeology officer to the Israel Antiquities Authority, as a means of initiating a discussion of the division of authority and responsibility and of bringing the Antiquities Authority into the issue of antiquities theft and destruction in Judea and Samaria.



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→ Cooperative Efforts

Our ongoing contact with the field inspectors of the Civil Administration's Archaeology Division, which includes joint meetings and fieldwork, and our cooperation with the JNF and with volunteer field-reporting groups of hikers and field personnel, have resulted in enforcement activity and the arrest of antiquities robbers. In the run-up to Hanukkah, we launched the 'Heritage Menorah Project' - tours of Hanukkah-related heritage sites in collaboration with the National-Religious Educational Administration and coalition organizations, with the understanding that bringing hikers and other visitors will lead to greater involvement of the law enforcement bodies responsible for security at these sites, and will spur increased government investment. Throughout the year we continued our "Sun-Free Tours" - walking tours on nights when the moon is full, visiting heritage sites that are in danger of destruction and looting. These hikes are guided by the top-tier experts and archaeologists, and dozens of families and hikers attend each tour.

The International Division

This year, Regavim's International Division faced challenges on numerous fronts: the corona pandemic, Israel's volatile political atmosphere, unprecedented turmoil in the American political system, and unanticipated developments in European and Arab international relations.

Despite the very severe limitations to international travel, we managed to maintain an impressive level of international activity and exposure in major media outlets worldwide, resulting in thoughtful and fruitful communication with public opinion leaders and official representatives of foreign governments and international bodies, and to introduce Regavim's activities to new audiences around the globe.

→ Political Activities

We conducted "virtual tours" and updates on our field activities for the staff of the US Embassy in Israel, including the Chief Political Officer, the Chief Human Rights Officer, senior assistants to the US Ambassador to Israel, and Ambassador David Friedman himself. These meetings enabled us to present our findings and analysis on a wide range of topics at the core of Regavim's activities, which impacted official US policy and influenced public discourse and policy in Israel and abroad.

→ Communications and Media

We hosted journalists from international media outlets and communications syndicates and networks from around the world on tours of Judea and Samaria, the Negev and central Israel, giving them new insight and up-close perspective on the different challenges facing the State of Israel in each region of the country, and presenting Regavim's analysis and proposed solutions. Participants in these tours reported on our activities in Korea, Japan, Italy, Austria, Germany, England, Canada, the United States, France,





Ireland, the Czech Republic, Spain and elsewhere, and coverage of Regavim's activities saw impressive growth, both in terms of quantity and quality. Our unique perspective and methods were the subject of magazine articles, in-depth studies of a range of issues, and breaking news coverage and analysis in print, digital and broadcast media.

→ Informational Field Tours

In strict adherence to corona safety guidelines, we hosted small groups of Zionist activists - both home-grown and visitors - for fact-finding field tours of Area C, the Negev, the E1-Adumim Region, and more.

→ Webinars and Virtual Events

The International Division was hosted by numerous Zionist organizations around the world, in events that gave hundreds of people a taste of Regavim's work:

- The Zionist Organization of America
- Canadians for Israel's Legal Rights
- The Canadian Antisemitism Education Foundation
- Americans for a Safe Israel

- The Australian Jewish Association
- International Beitar Movement

→ Some of our Major International Media Exposure:

- Fox News: UN accused by Israeli group of flouting international law by funding construction in Israeli-controlled areas
- Washington Post: Israel's Netanyahu still working out annexation plans
- JNS: Israeli NGOs applaud jail term for Bedouin man convicted of polygamy
- Auditor Online (Germany) Die palästinensische humanitäre Täuschung der Öffentlichkeit organisiert aus Europa
- The Jerusalem Report: The historic battle for Israel's heritage
- I24 News (French): Le Grande Live: Israël : des sites bibliques exclus du plan d'annexion
- Yisrael Hayom: Report: Palestinians exploiting corona to destroy Hasmonean-era fortress
- Fokus Jerusalem German TV: Polygamy in the Bedouin sector of the Negev

Hebrew Language Media

This year more than ever, in the shadow of unprecedented lockdowns and corona restrictions, our high-profile visibility in classic, sectoral, local and digital media was as important as our media presence on social platforms.

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In 2020, more than **700 media items**, covering breaking news and stories we promoted, appeared in Israeli and foreign media, alongside hundreds of additional quotes of Regavim's analysis and opinions on a wide range of topics.



On our Facebook page, which serves as an interactive platform and a means for reporting illegal construction, environmental abuse and more, we published over **250 informational** posts that were seen by some **6,200,000 users**. Our page's audience grew exponentially over the course of the year and is now followed by more than **50,000 active fans** who respond, comment and share our posts.



This year, we published more than **100 videos** on our social platforms, touching on Regavim's core agenda item. These informational videos have been seen by more than **2,300,000 viewers** on our page alone - and by hundreds of thousands of additional viewers on other media platforms.



On Twitter, which is a popular platform among politicians and media personalities, we passed the **3 million** views mark for our hundreds of tweets, and welcomed thousands of new followers.



Naturally, we use Instagram to help protect our national land resources, and we've seen an increase of dozens of percent in the number of followers, who use our posts to keep abreast of developments.

Regavim's social media presence in English has seen impressive growth this year, as well. The number of followers on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram has jumped in recent months, and our hundreds of posts have been seen and shared thousands of times.

If you don't follow us on social media yet - now's the time to join us, and join the conversation!

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