

## Updates from the Urban Clinic

We'd like to bring to your attention our Community  
project - a new Clinic initiative that brings  
government, and community

Other updates include: Urban Centre work on Urban 95cm – making cities better for young children (95cm is the height of an average 3 year old), a course training Social Advisors in Urban Regeneration in Jerusalem, Friday Walks, and Israel's National Urban Task Force. For additional materials and Hebrew [See](#).

ground, and residents can feel powerless to affect change. The

Planning” project brings together 40 architects/planners and community organizers from 10 cities to develop new tools that bridge the gap.

The first three sessions have explored the Jerusalem model, with community planners embedded in neighborhood community centers; Tel Aviv’s new move to a new “Community Authority” aiming to enhance resident engagement; and an innovative “CEO Forum” focused on planning and community in one of Lod’s most complex neighborhoods. Each session

nearby tools and recommendations for change. Summaries in Hebrew are [HERE](#) and see below for a profile of project manager Hani Cohen Caspi.

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### Friday Tour Series with the Urban

In a highly divided city such as Jerusalem seeing about a third of their

religious but not ultra-orthodox and "miscellaneous" (not ultra-orthodox, not religious).

series is to break some of these ethno-religious/cultural barriers and introduce professionals, students and activists to areas of their city they may have never seen. The tours, led by neighborhood planners and community social workers from the Community Councils, give participants new information and an avenue for direct feedback on local projects.

Upcoming tours include visits to the north-central neighborhood of Shmuel HaNavi on May 19th, and north-east (over green line) neighborhood of Pisgat Ze'ev on June 6th. Background papers and summaries are available in Hebrew [Here](#).

This year the series looked at expanding access to public spaces and buildings in the central Talbiya areas, dramatic and disconnected neighborhood change plans in Talpiot (online summary in English [here](#)), and issues of ownership and identity in Nahalat Shiva, downtown city-center. The walk in Beit Hanina was for Jewish Jerusalemites – a rare window into the complexities, failures, and

undaunted resident-led achievements associated with planning in East Jerusalem Palestinian areas.

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## Training Course for Social Consultants in Urban

הזמנה לסדרה מקסימים  
קבוצת עמיתים – תכנון אורבני קהילתי  
מפגש ראשון | 6.2.2017

מרכז תכנון ופיתוח  
המחלקה לתכנון ולפיתוח  
המשרד לתכנון ולפיתוח  
המנהל האזורי



The Israeli government is looking to increase the numbers of homes available in existing urban areas by replacing low-

יועצים חברתיים  
בהתחדשות עירונית

with brand new highrise buildings for middle-income families. While most agree that the densification of urban

suburban sprawl, and low-income home-owners will benefit from a major increase in the value of their homes, the demolition can also bring severe social consequences.

The government expects that not be a result of raze and rebuild take often left raze and rebuild project. Recent legislation passed after funding for 30 new municipal urban includes a "social planner" and planner is meant to be someone communities, and mitigation strategies the favor of residents.

The Jerusalem Municipal urban is developing the first a training candidates to fill the new social position was developed in conjunction with in the graduation photo below.

architecture, community social work and informal education. The course materials, developed with the Urban Clinic (see [here](#) in Hebrew), is now ready to be scaled up and delivered by other municipalities.





What would you change about the city, if you were only 95cm high, the average height of a three year old? So much thinking is devoted to educating



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and raising our children, but we tend to ignore the fact that the

According to Professor James Heckman, "If we can do anything possible, from birth through age 5, we can do it. If we can do it, we can plan, build and manage it." The U.S. Department of Education's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development, the Bernard Van Leer Foundation, and the National Academy of Sciences are working to find out answers, and point the way.

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summaries are available in Hebrew [HERE](#). Additional projects include:

with recommendations for change.






מבמש שני:  
 משחק, מרחב ציבורי וסביבת המגורים  
 29.3.17 בתוך C-Hotel בנות אילון  
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of Housing UN-Habitat, attended [Habitat III](#), the United Nations international four-day conference in Quito, Ecuador, and ratified

sustainability, and economic growth. The Urban Clinic served as academic advisor to the delegation, and organized the main Israeli event, on "[Initiating National Urban Policy](#)", with the participation of the Housing Minister from Paraguay, the director of the Singapore Center for Liveable Cities, representatives from the OECD and Cities Alliance and the director-general of the Israeli Housing Ministry (see the invitation [here](#)). Participation in Habitat III and special seminars for the delegation there, further advances the work of the Israel National Urban Task Force, in which the Urban Clinic also serves as academic advisor. After returning to Israel, senior delegation representatives presenting their conclusions for advancing national urban policy in a conference hosted at Hebrew University (poster on right). Among the recommendations for change: Israel needs national policies to promote walkability, public spaces in cities, and ensure that planning advances social equity.

More about the delegation, the National Urban Task Force and the Hebrew University conference are [here](#)



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העיריזם



האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים  
המחלקה לגאוגרפיה

לקראת מדיניות לאומית לעירוניות בישראל:  
החזרה מ Habitat III

יום רביעי, 24 בדצמבר כ"א בכסלו תשע"ז

16:30 | ברכות, טקס הענקת פרסים ומלגות של המחלקה לגאוגרפיה, ארוחת ערב קלה ושיח בוגרים

מ"פ"ש שלמה אנג'ל | Director, NYU Urban Expansion Program  
"התפשטות עירונית בעולם: מה לעשות?"

18:45 | פאנל בהשתתפות:

מנכ"ל משרד השיכון, מר אשל ארמוני | מדיניות לאומית לעירוניות - משי"ט וממשלה  
ח"כ יו"ר השדולה לעירוניות, מר מרדכי | דרום של השדולה לעירוניות בבוסתן  
העיר, מר מרדכי | דרום של השדולה לעירוניות בבוסתן

מנהל המכון ללימודים עירוניים ואזוריים, מרכז ע"ן קרן | הדמיונות האחרונים בקידום ראיית מטרופוליט  
 יו"ר: ראש הקליניקה האובסטרט, ד"ר אמיל סילברמן | מהלך הדמיונות לאומית לעיריות

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Chani Caspi-Cohen – Community Planning Project Coordinator



Chani Caspi-Cohen joined the clinic in November 2016 as coordinator of the "Urban Community Planning" project. Hani received her BA in Geography and MA in Public Policy, both from the Hebrew

University. Today, she's an urban planner who specializes in sustainable public transportation, focusing especially on the integration of housing, social sustainability and transportation in order to create long-term community plans. In the past, she worked for private consulting firms that advised the Ministry of Transport, the National bus company (Egged), as well as municipal Strategic Planning Departments. She believes in the integration of academic knowledge and practical actions, and in the importance of welcoming the community to take part in the planning processes. Contact Hani at: [hanic78@gmail.com](mailto:hanic78@gmail.com)

The Urban Clinic at Hebrew University is an academic body that works to strengthen creative and socially aware urban leadership in Israel. The Urban Clinic provides state of the art knowledge about what works in urban leadership, and works with local government and community leaders to