

Urban Clinic Update

With the Jewish new year and holiday season ahead, here are some of the Clinic's recent projects in the fields of housing, social urbanism and urban regeneration. For more information and regular updates, visit our [website](#) and like our [Facebook page](#).



Our **last publication** on Israel's major urban regeneration framework – the “Raze and Rebuild” program of demolishing low-income home ownership and rebuilding high-rise luxury housing, argued that Israel's needs a national Urban Regeneration Agency. Now, government sponsored legislation is proposing the framework and budget – but without much consideration for sustainable urban design, community development, weaker populations, affordable housing and municipal innovation. The Urban Clinic is leading work with civil society and professional organizations to introduce transformative legislative reforms, based on innovative practices from Israel and abroad.

[The position papers, the proposed legislation and summaries of Knesset discussions \(Hebrew\) >>](#)

[The Clinic's publication on Raze & Rebuild >>](#)



“Placemaking is now a buzz word in Hebrew” we're told, after our week long urban festival with the NYC based **Project for Public Spaces (PPS)**. We're profiling leading Placemakers from Israel in our new publication, from the Mayor of Acre to a hostel-owner, including artists and architects, municipal officials and government policy makers. The publication, to be launched at the Israel Urban Forum in Acre, provides detailed information in Hebrew about the PPS method, and includes critical and reflective pieces by HUJI doctorate students.

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[About Placemaking week >>](#)



Our monthly Friday Walks are returning from Summer Break, thanks to generous Canadian support. Each walk highlights spatial justice issues in a different Jerusalem neighborhood. This year we're reaching out to Jerusalem-based environmentalists, educators and community leaders.

[About Friday Walks during 2015 >>](#)



The Urban Clinic Jerusalem Fellows program kicks off this year. Eight graduate students will receive scholarships for community-based initiatives on Placemaking in four Jerusalem neighborhoods, including one in east Jerusalem and one ultra-orthodox neighborhoods. The graduate student fellows will gain practical experience while strengthening the ability of the Community Councils to work with residents on neighborhood improvements.

Keep in touch, more information and updates will be published soon.



The Institute of Urban and Regional Planning at HUJI offers a yearly “Voices from the Field” lecture series, exposing graduate students to top practitioners on a select topic. The topic for 2015/2016 is public engagement in planning. The Urban Clinic is working with the Institute to open the lecture course to municipal planners, community workers and activists. Student reviews of the lectures will be published on the popular Hebrew blog – **“Street Language”**.



Israeli participants in the UN Habitat **World Urban Forum** are launching Israel's first ever “Urban Forum”, November 17th– 18th in Acre, The convention, unusually, brings together government, municipal and community leaders with urban thinkers and practitioners, to trade ideas on urban equity in a multi sectorial perspective. The Urban Clinic is leading a plenary session on Urban Regeneration, and co-chairing the Academic Committee.

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Urban Clinic Housing Coordinator Tal Alster has departed for a three-month internship in St. Louis Missouri with affordable housing and neighborhood developer McCormack Baron. Alster's internship will help test the potential of a national effort to train Israelis in the practices and policies of urban regeneration and affordable housing, including international internships.



The Urban Clinic at Hebrew University is an academic body that works to strengthen creative and socially aware urban leadership in Israel, including mayors, city planners, community leaders, academics and developers. The Urban Clinic provides state of the art knowledge about what works in housing, urban regeneration and community planning, to ensure that the current and next generation of urban practitioners are equipped with effective tools and skills to make our cities truly remarkable places for all. Founded in 2013, the Urban Clinic is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Hebrew University, linked to the Institute of Urban and Regional Studies. The Urban Clinic is headed by Dr. Emily Silverman. Visit our **website** to learn more.