

Tikvah Israel

Over the past few years, Tikvah Israel has moved to the very center of the Israeli national debate. Our student programs immerse Israeli college students and young professionals in the foundational ideas of economics, political philosophy, and Zionist history. Tikvah alumni now hold key positions of influence in every sector of Israeli society: as Knesset members, journalists, experts in think tanks, and policymakers. Our publications address in depth the major challenges facing Israeli society, and the leading newspapers in Israel regularly review, analyze, and react to our books, conferences, and programs.

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The Argaman Institute

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF ISRAELI POLITICAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND CIVIC LEADERS

The Argaman Institute opens Israeli university students and young professionals to the best conservative thinking about Jewish nationalism and tradition, self-government and free-market economics, Israeli military strategy and diplomacy.

For decades, Israeli academic culture has been largely dominated by a narrow progressive consensus, shaped by Israel's socialist past and the adoption of the latest academic trends from America and Europe. Argaman aims to broaden, deepen, and rebalance Israeli public discourse through high-level learning and civil conversation. Every year, the Argaman Institute selects roughly 100 exceptional Israeli undergraduates, MA and PhD students, and young professionals for an intensive year of learning. We focus on four key areas: (i) political philosophy, (ii) economics and public policy, (iii) military and diplomatic strategy, and (iv) Jewish and Zionist thought.

Argaman students come from every major Israeli college and university—including Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan, IDC, and Shalem—who commit one full day per week to learning at Tikvah. Our programs include extensive reading of classic texts and policy papers, independent research and writing, public presentations and debates. Our students are hungry to bring conservative thinking into the Israeli public square, and they are ambitious to launch careers in politics, journalism, law, national security, and education.



EXODUS SEMINAR: FOUNDATIONS OF CONSERVATIVE THOUGHT

Exodus is our gateway undergraduate program on conservative political thought, with parallel tracks in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Our students progress from the foundational texts of modern economic and political philosophy (e.g., Adam Smith, Edmund Burke, Alexis de Tocqueville, F. A. Hayek); to the study of great political leaders (e.g., Henry Kissinger, Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher); to the careful analysis of key policy issues—including Israeli education policy, the reform of the Israeli welfare state, the relationship between religion and society, and the national security challenges facing modern Israel.

HERZL PROGRAM: JEWISH & ZIONIST THOUGHT



The Herzl Program focuses on the relationship between traditional Jewish ideas and the future of modern Israeli society. Moving from the political teachings of the Hebrew Bible to the founding fathers of the Zionist movement, Herzl students explore how to defend the “Jerusalem School” of social thought in an increasingly post-modern, post-nationalist, post-religious age. Israel is one of the most traditional nation-states in the West—with high birth-rates, a proud national culture, and a deep sense of the linkage between preserving our Jewish heritage and sustaining our Jewish future. Grounded in deeper Jewish roots, the Herzl Program aims to develop a new generation of intellectual leaders who believe in Israeli exceptionalism.



ADAM SMITH PROGRAM: ECONOMICS, POLICY & THE FREE SOCIETY

While Israel’s dynamic hi-tech sector is world-renowned, the rest of the Israeli economy is over-taxed, heavily regulated, plagued by persistent sluggish growth, and in urgent need of reform. The Adam Smith Program aims to advance a new way of thinking about the Israeli economy. Drawing on the thought of Adam Smith, F. A. Hayek, and Charles Murray among others, our program explores the relationship between economic and political freedom, the drivers of economic growth, and the debate between free markets and socialism. We then apply these frameworks of economic liberty to empirical analysis of Israeli labor markets, government regulation, education policy, and the promotion of Israeli entrepreneurship.

CHURCHILL PROGRAM: STRATEGY, DIPLOMACY & SECURITY



Israel’s strategic thinking is beset by critics, internal and external, questioning the very legitimacy of national self-defense through force. The Churchill Program focuses on teaching strategic analysis to graduate students and young professionals in the national-security sector. Moving from classical thinkers like Thucydides, Machiavelli, and Clausewitz to the latest analysis of Israeli military engagements against Hamas and Hezbollah, our program provides a thorough grounding in the philosophy of international relations. We study the core ideas of grand strategy, the moral basis for using force, the military history of ancient and modern Israel, and the threat matrix facing Israel today.



Hashiloach

ISRAEL'S MOST INFLUENTIAL JOURNAL OF
POLITICAL, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC IDEAS

Founded by Tikvah Israel in 2016, *Hashiloach* publishes long-form essays on every aspect of Israeli society—from the reform of the Israeli economy to the meaning of Zionism, from the Covid crisis to the future of Israeli schools, from Israeli military strategy to the state of the Israeli family.

In America, social-policy journals like *National Affairs*, *City Journal*, and *Commentary* have exerted a major influence on the policy agenda of the nation over the course of decades. No such thing existed in Israel—so we created it. We launched *Hashiloach* to reach an elite Israeli market—and it has now become the centerpiece of a larger movement, with nearly 5,000 paid print subscribers and a much larger readership online—by far the most widely read Hebrew-language publication of its kind.

Hashiloach is regularly debated and discussed in academic, cultural, governmental, and legal discourse. Published five times per year, every issue includes a variety of researchers and scholars, policymakers and practitioners, prominent Israeli intellectuals and first-time writers. We also regularly translate important essays from around the world—classic and contemporary—that we believe Israeli readers need to know. And we sponsor regular writing contests and workshops to identify new talent.

150+

UNIQUE WRITERS FEATURED
SINCE OUR 2018 LAUNCH

4,750+

PAID ISRAELI SUBSCRIBERS
TO THE *HASHILOACH*
PRINT EDITION

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KNESSET MEMBERS, JUDGES,
AND AMBASSADORS WHO HAVE
APPEARED IN OUR PAGES



HASHILOACH # 23 | JANUARY 2021

Our January issue includes a thorough critique of the Israeli judicial revolution by law professor and former justice minister Daniel Friedman; an essay on the Bedouin population of the Negev by journalist Akiva Bigman; a series of articles on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from a conservative perspective, on the state of archeological conservation in the West Bank, on the history of Israel’s “Bureau of Future Generations,” and on the rise of the “new religious historians.” In our “Classic Texts” section, we revisit a speech by Ben-Gurion regarding the question of an Israeli constitution, and we offer a sobering review of the critically acclaimed yet not as critically watched Aaron Sorkin movie “The Trial of the Chicago 7.”



HASHILOACH # 24 | MARCH 2021

Our March issue contains a proposed new strategy for determining Israel’s permanent borders by MK Tzvi Hauser; a discussion of the paradoxical nature of current Western ideas of morality in warfare by Dr. Elad Lison; a series of articles on the situation of Mizrahi Jewry in Israel versus that in France, on the state of Israel’s northern periphery, on the bureaucratic power which dictates Israeli legislation, and on the latest interpretations of Yehuda Amichai’s poetry. We offer a review of two books about the Chinese “Belt and Road Initiative” and a review of *Never Alone* by Natan Sharansky and Gil Troy.



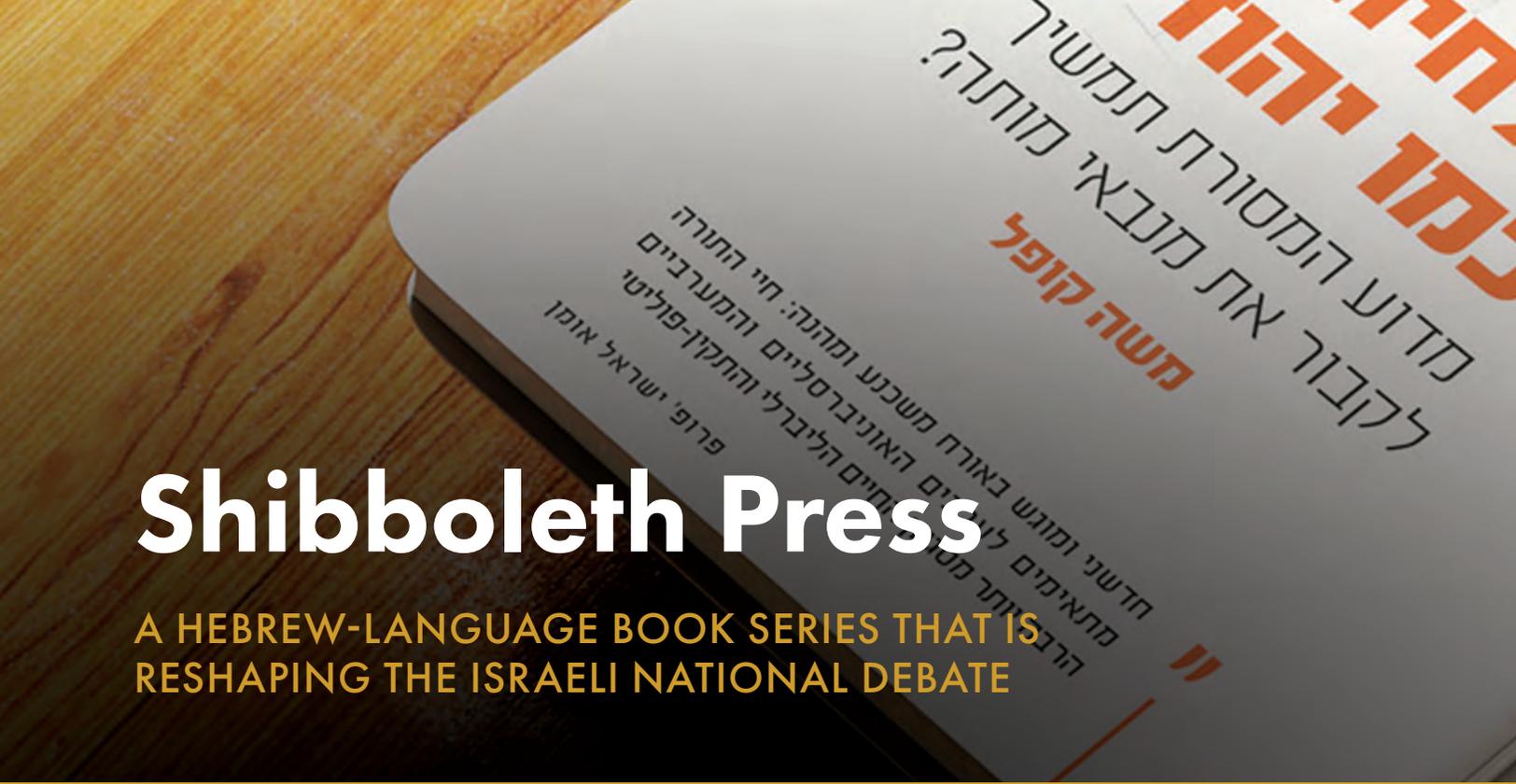
HASHILOACH # 25 | JUNE 2021

Our June issue presents an analysis and reform agenda for Israel’s police force by Tikvah Israel’s director Amiad Cohen; an Israeli introduction to neoconservatism by Dr. Sagi Barmak; articles on Israel’s presidential institution, on the IDF’s military strategy in Gaza, on court-mandated parental recognition for same-sex couples, and on the illiberal turn in Western progressive politics. In our “Classic Texts” section we revisit Hillel Zeitlin’s account of his experience at the fourth Zionist Congress, and we offer a scathing review of Rutger Bregman’s *Humankind*.



HASHILOACH # 26 | SEPTEMBER 2021

Our September issue includes a discussion of the relationship between conservatism and religion by prominent Israeli intellectual and Tikvah senior fellow Rabbi Chaim Navon; a piece about the history of Israel’s law of return, in which Dr. Natanel Fisher dispels the myth of the law being based upon the Nazi Nuremberg laws; and articles on the state of Israel’s education system from a teacher’s perspective, on the relation between national identity and Israeli poetry, and on the question of Israel’s political “center.” We also include a Hebrew translation of Winston Churchill’s “The Dream,” and a review of Yoram Hazony’s book on the political thought of Herzl.



Shibboleth Press

A HEBREW-LANGUAGE BOOK SERIES THAT IS
RESHAPING THE ISRAELI NATIONAL DEBATE

In 2018, Tikvah Israel launched Shibboleth Press to bring the most important books to the very center of Israeli discourse—on current affairs and economic policy, military history and political biography, Zionist thought and world politics.

Books matter in Israel—both to influence the current national debate and to shape the intellectual vision of future Israeli leaders. Yet many important books and ideas were never available in Hebrew—whether in academia, in the political arena, or in the larger culture and society. So we launched Shibboleth Press to fill this need, with the idea of producing original Hebrew versions of classic and contemporary books from thinkers like Roger Scruton, Charles Krauthammer, Thomas Sowell, Donald Kagan, Victor Davis Hanson, and Charles Murray. We are also producing Hebrew-language originals from influential and emerging thinkers.

Public interest is thriving. As we begin our fourth year, we have already sold well over 140,000 books, including numerous Israeli bestsellers. Our books are being debated and discussed—in leading Israeli newspapers like *Haaretz* and *Makor Rishon*, in university and yeshiva classrooms, and among policymakers at the highest levels of the Israeli government.

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BOOKS PUBLISHED IN
OUR FIRST FOUR YEARS

140,000+

SHIBBOLETH
BOOKS SOLD

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SHIBBOLETH BOOKS THAT HAVE
APPEARED ON ISRAEL'S
BESTSELLERS LIST

The Shibboleth Series: A Growing Library

Social and Economic Thought



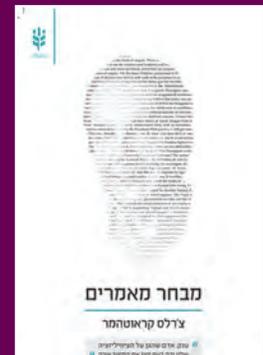
THE QUEST FOR COSMIC JUSTICE
THOMAS SOWELL



AMERICA: LAND OF HOPE
WILFRED M. MCCLAY



LOSING GROUND: ON THE WELFARE STATE
CHARLES MURRAY



THINGS THAT MATTER: ESSAYS & OBSERVATION
CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Political History and Biography



ABRAHAM LINCOLN: REDEEMER PRESIDENT
ALAN C. GUELZO



THE WINSTON CHURCHILL EFFECT
BORIS JOHNSON



REAGAN: WHEN CHARACTER WAS KING
PEGGY NOONAN



MENACHEM BEGIN: A POLITICAL REVOLUTION
MOSHE FUKSMAN SHAL

Military History and World Politics



CARNAGE & CULTURE: HOW THE WEST WON
VICTOR DAVIS HANSON



THE STRANGE DEATH OF EUROPE
DOUGLAS MURRAY



ON THE ORIGINS OF WAR
DONALD KAGAN



THE SPIRIT OF JEWISH NATIONALISM
YORAM HAZONY

Israel Law and Liberty Forum

ADVANCING A NEW DEBATE ABOUT THE ISRAELI LEGAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEM

Launched in 2019, the Israel Law and Liberty Forum aims to create a community of law students, lawyers, policymakers, and judges who believe in the core principles of a free society—including judicial restraint, the separation of powers, and limited government.

Inspired by the success of the Federalist Society in the United States, we launched the Israel Law and Liberty Forum with a few core principles in mind:

- Over the past many years, the issue of judicial activism and regulatory overreach has become one of the defining issues in Israeli public life, with far-reaching implications for national security, economics, and the Jewish culture of Israel. We wanted to offer a thoughtful intellectual alternative to the prevailing progressive legal culture, rooted in the highest-level judicial thinking and committed to civil debate.
- Law students are key, and they are hungry for serious debate and competing alternatives. And Israel is a small country, with only a handful of leading law schools training the future judicial and political elite. This is, for us, a huge opportunity.
- Ideas matter. We wanted to produce magazine articles, translations of important works of judicial philosophy, podcasts, and websites that create a new canon of Israeli judicial thinking.
- We wanted to create a network—even a movement—of people interested in these ideas, and a pipeline of talent into the key positions in Israeli government and for key appointments to the Israeli courts.

Our Programs and Activities

The Israel Law and Liberty Forum has quickly established a large footprint in the legal world. Our initial activities include:

— New **FORUM CHAPTERS AT THE LEADING ISRAELI LAW SCHOOLS**— including Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan University, and IDC. We already have over 120 active student members and our chapters have hosted over 30 public debates.

— Our **TWO-WEEK INTENSIVE SUMMER PROGRAM** for exceptional law students, creating a core group of campus leaders. The program combines the study of classical legal theory with a detailed analysis of the major legal issues in Israeli society today, and the faculty have included some of the preeminent legal minds from Israel and the world.

— The first-ever **STUDENT WRITING CONTEST** on conservative legal questions at Hebrew University, which is expanding to all Forum campuses in 2022.

— Israel's **FIRST CONSERVATIVE LEGAL PODCAST & MAGAZINE** to explore the key issues and debates in Israeli law and policy. Both are growing in popularity.

— **ADVISORY BOARDS WITH SENIOR LEGAL ACADEMICS** in Israel as well as in the United States, which we believe are crucial to helping guide the organization, hone its brand, and help young jurists advance into public and academic life. The boards include former Minister of Justice Daniel Friedmann, Nobel Prize winner Robert Aumann, and Professor Richard Epstein.

— A **GROWING NETWORK OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS**, whom we will incorporate into the leadership of the professional chapters we plan to start in 2022.

— An **ONLINE LIBRARY OF CLASSICAL TEXTS** on law, including translating many of the most important modern legal works into Hebrew for the first time.

— **ISRAEL'S FIRST-EVER NATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE**, planned for 2022, will bring together top law students from around the country to debate and discuss the major legal and policy questions facing Israeli society.





Haredi Leadership Project

A NEW CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUTURE
OF THE HAREDI COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL

Launched in 2015 and led by Rabbi Yehoshua Pfeffer, Tikvah's Haredi Division has two core aims: to advance serious new thinking about the future of the Haredi community and to educate a new generation of Haredi leaders who take greater civic responsibility for the Jewish nation.

The Haredi community is growing faster than any other sector of Israeli society, and the cultural and communal walls separating the Haredi community from greater Israel are more porous than ever. Pressed from the outside by those who believe that Haredi citizens are not fully integrated in their own country, the Haredi community is asking itself: What are the core Torah values that define Haredi life, and what will it take to preserve them in the modern age?

This period of reflection and change is a significant opportunity to build on the strengths of the Haredi community—including its commitment to perpetuate Jewish life from generation to generation—while also accepting much greater responsibility for the economic well-being, political strength, and national security of the Jewish state.

Rabbi Pfeffer—a graduate of Hebrew University Law School, a former clerk for the Israeli Supreme Court, and a former rabbinical court judge—has emerged as one of Israel's leading voices on these questions. Through a bold set of initiatives—launching a magazine of Haredi ideas called *Tzarich Iyun*, running seminars and fellowships for young Haredi leaders, and helping found new schools, yeshivas, and mechinot programs for Haredi students—Tikvah is helping to form the rising Haredi generation in Israel.



TZARICH IYUN: A HAREDI MAGAZINE AND WEBSITE

Tzarich Iyun is a unique and groundbreaking Haredi journal, which provides a platform for piercing discussion and thought on contemporary social, political, and religious questions—from Haredi involvement in the Israeli economy and army, to the curricular vision of Haredi schools, to the Haredi understanding of Israeli nationalism. With greater Haredi integration in broader Israeli society, coupled with the lowering of segregationist walls, the Haredi community requires a new generation of leaders to elucidate its own ideals, face up to its present challenges, and communicate the community's changing relationship with broader Israel. *Tzarich Iyun's* long-form essays provide in-depth analysis of these questions. Over time, we supplemented the original Hebrew-language version of *Tzarich Iyun* with an English version, a literary supplement that publishes high-quality short stories (*Bein Hazemanim*), and a popular magazine (*Hamakom*) that aims to galvanize and mobilize the community of Haredi families who combine civic responsibility with deep religious commitment. *Tzarich Iyun* reaches some 50,000 unique readers monthly, and it has become the center of gravity for a new Haredi conversation.



TIKVAH'S HAREDI LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Our Men's Leadership and Women's Leadership programs introduce Haredi students and young professionals to new ways of thinking about Israeli society and public policy—including economics, nationalism, political thought, jurisprudence, and the future of the Israeli family. Our aim is to provide a forum for participants to develop a modern Haredi approach to these questions, informed by a deep sense of responsibility for the national future of Israel. Our participants hail from a wide range of influential positions, including journalism, politics, the rabbinate, and Israel's civil service. We offer similar programs for even younger Haredi adults (under 25), inspired by the insight that building a movement requires the energy and vigor of youth. Our vibrant alumni community includes over 500 men and women, many of them active in building the institutions, programs, and projects required for moving the Haredi community toward a healthy integration in Israel, building upon rather than seeking to dismantle the deep social and religious virtues present within Haredi society.



Israeli Conservatism Conference

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF ISRAELI CONSERVATIVES & A NEW GOVERNING AGENDA FOR THE JEWISH STATE

Launched in 2019, the Israeli Conservatism Conference is the first-ever large scale gathering of Israeli conservatives from every sector of society united in the mission of advancing a free, flourishing, and sovereign Jewish state.

The inaugural 2019 Israeli Conservative Conference took place in Jerusalem, attracting nearly 1,000 Israelis for a full day of conversation and debate. Concerned citizens, activists, policymakers, and public intellectuals joined together to outline conservative priorities in law, society, economics, culture, education, and national security.

The crowd was young, energetic, and eager to build a movement, and the speakers included some of the most interesting minds in Israel: Amit Segal, a top Israeli investigative journalist and political commentator; Professor Gadi Taub, a prolific author and media personality; Dr. Yoram Hazony, political theorist and leader of the “National Conservatism” movement; Irit Linur, radio commentator and prize-winning novelist; Ricky Maman, economics columnist and policy advocate; Simcha Rothman, legal activist and new member of the Knesset. Follow-up sessions—held on Zoom during Covid—included leading businessman Shlomi Fogel, global venture capitalist Michael Eisenberg, and renowned human-rights advocate, the Hon. Irwin Cotler.

Tikvah Alumni: In the Israeli Arena



MK SIMCHA ROTHMAN

Simcha Rothman is a member of the 24th Knesset and a national leader on reforming the role of judges and legal advisors. He is the founder of Israel's Movement for Governability and Democracy and bestselling author of *Supreme Rulers: How Israel Became a Legalocracy*.



RICKY MAMAN

Ricky Maman is a weekly economics columnist at *Makor Rishon* newspaper. She is head of an NGO advocating for school choice and education reform. She is also a research fellow at the Kohelet Policy Forum, where she focuses on Israeli public sector unions.



AKIVA BIGMAN

Akiva Bigman is head of the investigative news desk for Israel's Channel 14. He was formerly a senior editor at *Israel HaYom* and editor-in-chief of *Mida*, Israel's first conservative news-analysis website.



RABBI CHAIM NAVON

A prolific columnist and public intellectual, Rabbi Chaim Navon has written numerous books on Jewish philosophy, Zionism, and Israeli culture. He recently authored a science-fiction novel exploring the transformation of the Israeli family.



MK AMICHAJ CHIKLI

Amichai Chikli is a member of the 24th Knesset. He was elected with the Yamina party, but now leads an independent conservative faction. He is the founder of Tavor Mechina, a pre-army academy, and is writing a book on Israeli identity.



SARA HAETZNI-COHEN

Sara Haetzni-Cohen is a prominent Israeli columnist, formerly for *Makor Rishon* and now for *Israel HaYom*. She is head of Yisrael Sheli, a massive online social-activism community advancing Zionist ideals.