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Insights from the Israel 2020 Planning Process

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The starting point of this program in national physical spatial development was essentially a national, inclusive, multidisciplinary vision, considering all the social, technological, political, security and environmental trends taking place in the region. The optimal allocation of physical space for the various uses in the distant future was influenced by estimates of expected changes in areas such as: expected regional geopolitical scenarios, economic development of the country, characteristics of the markets, the mix of industrial products and trade and services entities, long-term demographic changes predicted on all relevant parameters; technological innovations and the implications of security system activities. The "Israel 2020" team made an effort to base planning on a holistic and unified approach to all the required assumptions and relating to the various development trends. From this concept, detailed and coordinated strategies were constructed to address the specific planning issues.

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the planning structures into initial configurations (a kind of atomization of planning structures) and linked them in urban, open, integrated arrays, and the connections between them. This language was adopted, with some modifications, by TAMA 35. Urban spaces became urban textures, land spaces and textures, etc. The Israel 2020 plan significantly influenced the language prevalent today - ecological corridors occupying green corridors, partitions and urban open spaces, and different relations between the open and the built environments, expressed in preserved-integrated textures, different development models etc.

A Consciousness-Changing Plan - The Influence of Adam Mazor and Plan 2020

Alon Tal

A moment of enlightenment that changes worldviews: increasing density in the State of Israel may disrupt living systems and the environment. Adam Mazor pointed out this trend, and the right ways to resist it. This founding moment changed the basic concepts of planning in Israel, from "conquest of the wilderness" to controlled and intelligent planning, challenging the outdated concept that calls for maximum population growth and recognizing that in a closed ecosystem, it is not possible to continue to grow forever. This insight should penetrate all policymaking and planning systems in Israel.

From Israel 2020 to Israel 2050 – the Planning Challenge to the State of Israel towards its Second Jubilee: Continuing Israel 2020'Activity under the Samuel Neaman Institute

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This paper describes the continuation of the 2020 plan on three levels. The first - its implementation in TAMA 35 and many other plans that followed; the second - an attempt to create a more distant planning horizon - 2050 and beyond; and the third - continued development of the "Israel as an Environment of Peace" scenario, at its centered in a joint organization of the national space "Israel 2020", "Palestine 2015". Attempts to continue on this road were unsuccessful, and perhaps ahead of their time. But it is right and proper that ways be found to complete them.