

Press Release

50 years after the Six Day War and 40 years after Israel's "mahapach", the political shift that changed the course of the country, the Shores Institution is publishing a policy brief detailing Israel's primary socioeconomic challenges for the years ahead.

As the country's seventh decade is coming to an end, Israel has reached a crossroads that will determine if it will even be in another several decades. Israel's current economic situation is one of the best that it has been for years, providing an opportunity for the country to consider and act upon the long run – where are Israel is headed, what this implies, and what can be done about it.

The Shores Institution policy brief, prepared by Prof. Dan Ben-David and Prof. Ayal Kimhi at the request of the Prime Minister's National Economic Council, distills for the government of Israel and for the public the root (*shores* – hence the name of the institution and the focus of its mission) socioeconomic challenges faced by Israel, problems that have been mismanaged or neglected for decades. Some of these are existential issues. They determine the economic future of Israel – upon which the country's ability to defend itself depends.

Utilizing graphs that provide historical benchmarks spanning decades and international benchmarks that compare Israel to all of the developed countries, the Shores policy memo maps out Israel's socioeconomic direction that endangers the future of Israel.

While the issues are known, the magnitude of the problems – and their implications – are much less known. In a brief schematic outline, Professors Ben-David and Kimhi bring together in one memo the fundamental underlying sources of Israel primary socioeconomic challenges and the key policy directions for dealing with these.

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