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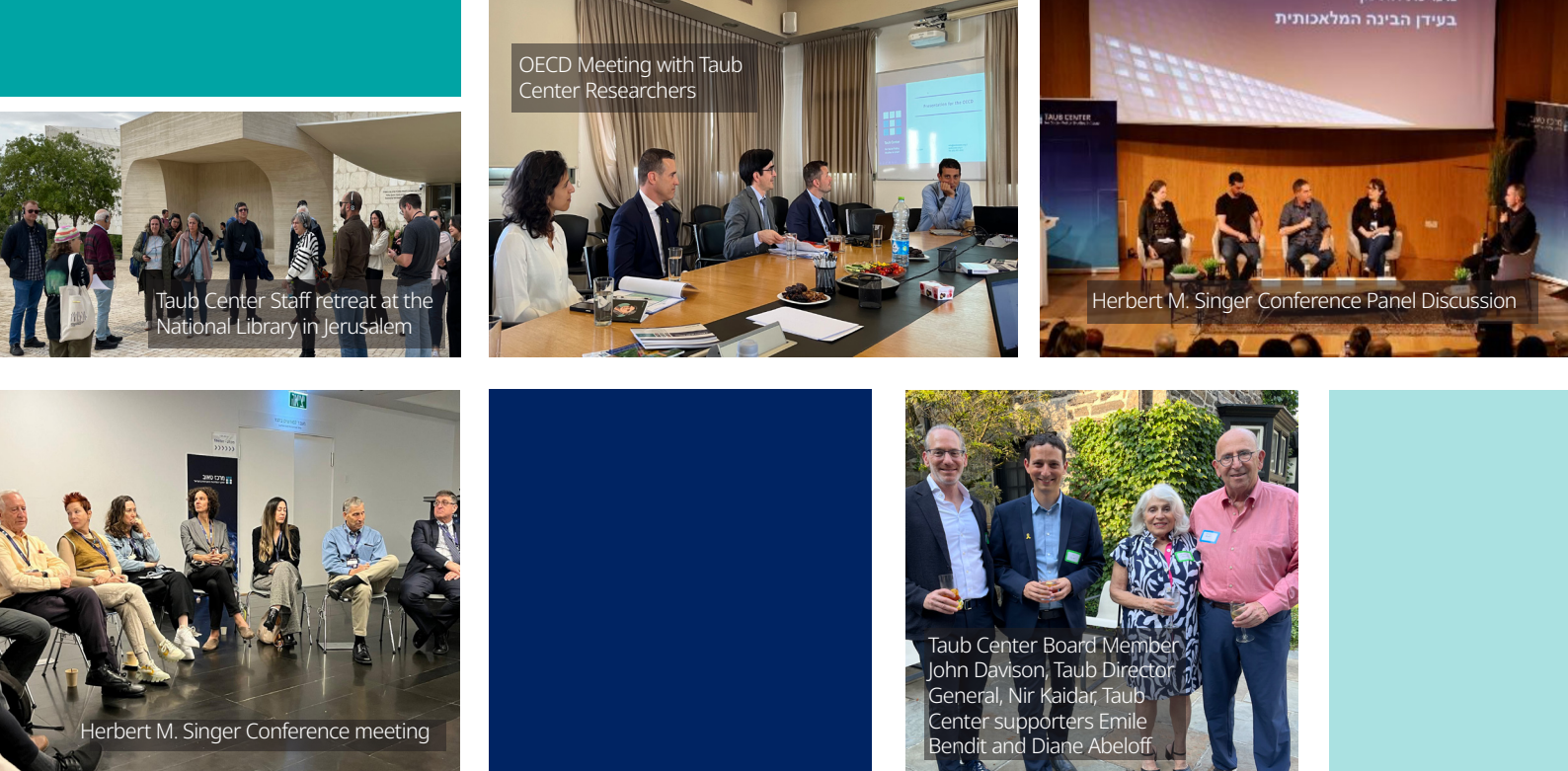


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Dear Friends,

As we gather to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, we do so against the backdrop of a nation tested by profound challenges. Yet, amidst these trials, there shines a beacon of hope and resilience that defines our collective spirit.

It is with great pride and humility that I assume the role of Chair of the Taub Center's Board of Directors. I am deeply honored to lead an organization renowned for its unwavering commitment to advancing knowledge, fostering dialogue, and shaping policy for the betterment of Israeli society. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Jim Angell for his exceptional leadership and dedication as outgoing Chair. Under his stewardship, the Taub Center navigated through turbulent times with agility and foresight, ensuring our impact was felt across every facet of Israeli life. Jim, your legacy of service and commitment is a testament to your vision and will continue to inspire us all.

As I believe many of you know, the responsiveness and adaptability of the Center's work since October 7th has been of critical importance to Israel's security. As we look to 2025 and beyond, this work will only grow in urgency. I have seen firsthand the vital role the Center plays in addressing internal societal challenges that are central to national stability. Our ability to conduct independent research, influence policy decisions, and drive meaningful change across Israeli society has never been more essential. But we cannot do it alone—we need thoughtful, engaged leadership to join us in advancing our mission.

I am privileged to work alongside our esteemed Board members and supporters, whose steadfast dedication fuels the Taub Center's mission. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in our achievements, and I look forward to continuing this journey together, guided by our shared values and a collective determination to effect positive change.

As we look ahead, we are called upon to embrace the challenges before us with optimism and resolve. The Taub Center stands ready to confront these challenges head-on, armed with evidence-based research and a commitment to innovation. Together, we will build a future where opportunity and prosperity flourish for all.

In closing, I invite you to join me in embracing the opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we will write the next chapter of the Taub Center's legacy—one defined by resilience, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to Israel's future.

With gratitude and optimism,
Miri Eisin
Chair, Board of Directors

Our Mission

- Education
- Demography
- Health
- Economics
- Labor
- Welfare
- Early Childhood
- Environment & Health

The Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel is an independent, non-partisan, socioeconomic research institute based in Jerusalem.

The Center conducts high-quality, impartial research on socioeconomic conditions in Israel, and develops innovative, equitable and practical options for macro public policies that advance the well-being of Israelis.

The Center strives to influence public policy through direct communications with policy makers and by enriching the public debate that accompanies the decision- making process.

The Taub Center envisions an Israeli society and economy that is based on strong, sustainable foundations, in which social policies and public discourse are grounded in evidence-based research and long-term strategic thinking.



Improving Policymaking in Israel

Research



Dissemination methods

- Ongoing meetings with policymakers
- Videos, infographics & podcasts
- Presentations & conferences
- Op-eds, press releases & blogposts
- Social media & newsletter
- Informing philanthropy



Taub Center Board member, Anat Gafni, Taub Center's V.P Strategic Partnerships, Michal Ben Dov and Dr. Maya Sadeh, Principal Researcher and Head of the Research and Policy Initiative for Environment and Health at the Taub Center

Policy Impact



In times of both crisis and renewal, the role of rigorous, independent research in shaping a stronger, more resilient Israel has never been more critical. At the Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel, our mission goes beyond producing data and analysis—we strive to turn knowledge into action. Our impact is measured not only in the policy changes we help bring about but also in the broader conversations we shape, ensuring that the most pressing social issues remain at the forefront of Israel's public agenda.

Real impact is not abstract; it is tangible, measurable, and deeply embedded in the decision-making processes that shape the lives of all Israelis. This past year, our research was cited in Knesset discussions, integrated into government ministries' strategic planning, and brought directly to the attention of Israel's top policymakers. Our insights have reached the public through extensive media coverage, shaping discourse and fostering informed debate on issues that matter most.

As we present the 2024 Annual Impact Report, we reaffirm our commitment to producing research that does not sit on a shelf but actively influences the decisions that will define Israel's future. The challenges ahead are great, but so is our resolve. With the dedication of our researchers, the support of our partners, and the engagement of decision makers, we continue to turn evidence into action, insight into influence, and policy into progress.

Policy Changes Driven by Taub Center Research

In 2024, significant policy changes took shape, influenced—at least in part—by the Taub Center's research and active engagement in key policy discussions. While some of these efforts were rooted in studies conducted in previous years, the Center's ongoing work ensured that data-driven insights remained central to decision-making processes. By providing analysis and fostering informed dialogue, the Taub Center played a crucial role in shaping policies that impact Israeli society.

A More Progressive Approach to Health Insurance Premiums

At the start of 2024, the Knesset debated the structure of health insurance premiums. In response, the Taub Center published a policy brief highlighting concerns about their lack of progressivity and proposing alternative models for a fairer system. This research played a key role in shaping the discussion, ultimately contributing to a legislative change that ensures health insurance premiums are now collected more progressively, reducing the burden on lower-income populations.

Postponing Reform in Product Imports for Improved Regulation

Amid recent Knesset discussions on easing regulations for imported goods, the Taub Center played a pivotal role by presenting data that illuminated critical flaws in the current regulatory model employed by the Ministry of Economy. The Center's evidence-based contribution helped inform decision makers and led to the postponement of the proposed reform. This delay allows for a more thoughtful review and the opportunity to strengthen regulatory oversight, ultimately supporting better-managed and safer product imports.

Reforming Long-Term Care Insurance

Israel's long-term care system has been under increasing strain, with an aging population and heavy reliance on private funding leading to disparities in access and affordability. In response, the Taub Center published a comprehensive report highlighting these challenges and engaged directly with policymakers to explore potential solutions. Through ongoing discussions and expert analysis, the Center contributed to shaping the policy debate, leading to the introduction of new legislation in April 2024 that addresses key concerns and provides a framework for long-term care coverage for at least the next two years.

Public Hospital in Be'er Sheva: Shifting Administration to HMOs

In response to plans for a new hospital center in Be'er Sheva, the Taub Center published a policy paper recommending that the hospital not be run by the government. Instead, the paper outlined that Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) should manage the hospital for greater efficiency. This proposal was adopted, leading to the decision to transfer the hospital's administration from the government to the HMOs, ensuring a more effective and streamlined healthcare facility.

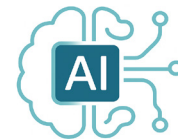


Influence on Public Discourse



The Taub Center played a key role in shaping the Shapira Committee's recommendations for improving special education in Israel, with Principal Researcher Nachum Blass leading the advocacy for smaller class sizes and a shorter school week. The Center's work influenced proposed reforms aimed at better integrating special needs children and enhancing overall educational outcomes.

In a groundbreaking move, the Taub Center published a **first-of-its-kind study examining the extent of artificial intelligence (AI) exposure in the Israeli labor market and its anticipated impact.**



Homicides in Arab society in Israel are rising at an unprecedented rate. A Taub Center study analyzed homicide trends by population group and compared them to international data. The findings revealed a steady monthly increase in homicides within the Arab population. Compared to other high-income countries, **Israel's Arab population experiences one of the highest homicide rates.**

A Taub Center study examined **the health and economic impacts of magnesium deficiency**, a vital mineral for human health. The findings revealed that insufficient magnesium intake is linked to a higher prevalence of type-2 diabetes and ischemic stroke. Before the desalination era, natural water supplied 10%–20% of Israel's magnesium intake, but today, with desalinated water making up about 70% of household water supply, this essential mineral is entirely absent.



The Taub Center published a study **assessing the welfare system's performance during the war.** The findings highlight that years of underfunding, severe shortages of social workers, and unequal resource distribution left the system unprepared to handle the war's complex challenges and the vast needs of affected populations. However, the study also found that the Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs, along with local social services departments, responded swiftly and adapted their operations, enabling staff to address some of the emerging challenges.



The Taub Center conducted a unique study exploring the impact of losing a nuclear family member during early childhood on the surviving children's future academic achievements. The study examines how the effects differ between the loss of a parent and the loss of a sibling, providing **critical insights into the long-term consequences of early bereavement.**

The events of **October 7, 2023, and the ensuing war have had a profound impact on young children and their parents.** A number of surveys by the Taub Center's Initiative on Early Childhood Development and Inequality reveal alarming challenges, including difficulties in parental functioning and emotional and behavioral regression among children—particularly those with reservist parents, those from evacuated families, and those from low-income households.



Taub Center Staff meeting with Prof. Itamar Grotto, a Public Health Physician and Professor of Epidemiology

The Taub Center plays a crucial role in shaping public discourse by bringing pressing social issues to the forefront of national conversation. Through rigorous research and active engagement with policymakers, media, and the broader public, the Center ensures that critical topics—such as special education policy, social services in the AI era, public health concerns, and the social impacts of war—receive the attention they deserve. By providing data-driven insights and evidence-based recommendations, the Taub Center influences not only decision makers in government but also public awareness and debate, fostering a deeper understanding of challenges and paving the way for meaningful policy change. The issues highlighted here exemplify how Taub's research sparks discussions that help shape a more equitable and resilient Israeli society.

Use and Citation of Our Research in Policy and Decision-Making

Another key measure of our impact is how often our research is used and cited in government reports. In 2024, various government bodies—including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and the Bank of Israel—incorporated our findings into their official publications, reflecting the Taub Center’s role as a trusted source of data and analysis. Our research was

also cited by international organizations such as the OECD, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), underscoring the global relevance of our work. Beyond government agencies, non- government organizations relied on our research to prepare for discussions in the Knesset, highlighting the broader influence of our work in shaping informed policy conversations.



The Taub Center’s policy programs serve as an important forum for bringing together experts and stakeholders from across civil society, government, academia, and research institutes to engage in in-depth discussions on Israel’s most pressing social challenges. These gatherings foster open dialogue, encourage shared learning, and provide a platform for diverse perspectives to shape and refine policy solutions. By convening key figures from multiple sectors alongside the Center’s content experts, the policy programs create an environment where research-based insights meet real-world experience, ensuring that discussions are both informed and action-oriented.

Liaison with Civil Society, Philanthropy, and the Public: Facilitating Cross-Sector Dialogue

Discourse and Raising Awareness on Important Issues



Shavit Ben Porat presents at the Knesset Committee for Labor, Welfare and Health



Dr. Carmel Blank presents at the Knesset Special Committee for the Rights of the Child



Dr. Sarit Silverman presents at the Knesset Committee for Education, Culture and Sport



Beyond publishing research, the Taub Center actively engages in shaping public discourse by bringing data-driven insights directly to policymakers. Our researchers participate in Knesset committee discussions, presenting key findings and outlining policy alternatives to ensure that decisions are grounded in evidence. Each research publication is accompanied by a tailored dissemination package, designed to reach the most relevant audiences—including government officials, policymakers, and advocacy groups. By strategically sharing our work and taking part in critical policy conversations, we help bring pressing social and economic issues to the forefront of national decision-making.

Meetings with Decision Makers

Taub Center researchers regularly meet with ministers and senior officials across the political spectrum, fostering a two-way exchange of knowledge and ideas. These meetings go beyond presenting our research—they offer an opportunity to understand the pressing challenges facing different ministries, gain insight into their policy priorities, and identify critical gaps that may not yet be on their agenda. By engaging directly with decision makers, we ensure that our research remains relevant and responsive to national needs while also bringing overlooked issues to the forefront of public discourse.

Participation in Public Committees

Taub Center researchers play an active role in public committees, contributing their expertise to shape policy discussions and decisions. In many cases, our participation comes at the direct request of government ministers, reflecting the trust placed in our data-driven approach. Throughout 2024, Taub Center staff took part in a diverse range of committees, including the Shapira Committee on Special Education, the Academic Committee of the National Council for Food Security, and the Advisory Committee on Artificial Intelligence, among many others. Through these forums, we provide critical insights that help guide national policy on some of Israel's most pressing social and economic issues.

Appeals Committee on Price Regulation | Advisory Committee on Artificial Intelligence Shapira Committee | President's Climate Change Forum | Academic Committee of the National Council for Food Security | Health Council | Advisory Committee to the CBS | Cross-sector Roundtable in the Prime Minister's Office

- 1. National Economic Council
- 2. Miki Zohar, Minister of Culture & Sports
- 3. Naomi Lieberman, Ministry of Education
- 4. Yaakov Margi, Minister of Welfare
- 5. MK Naor Shiri
- 6. Sharon Alroy-Preis, Ministry of Health
- 7. National Authority for Measurement and Evaluation
- 8. MK Meirav Cohen

Strong Institutional Relationships

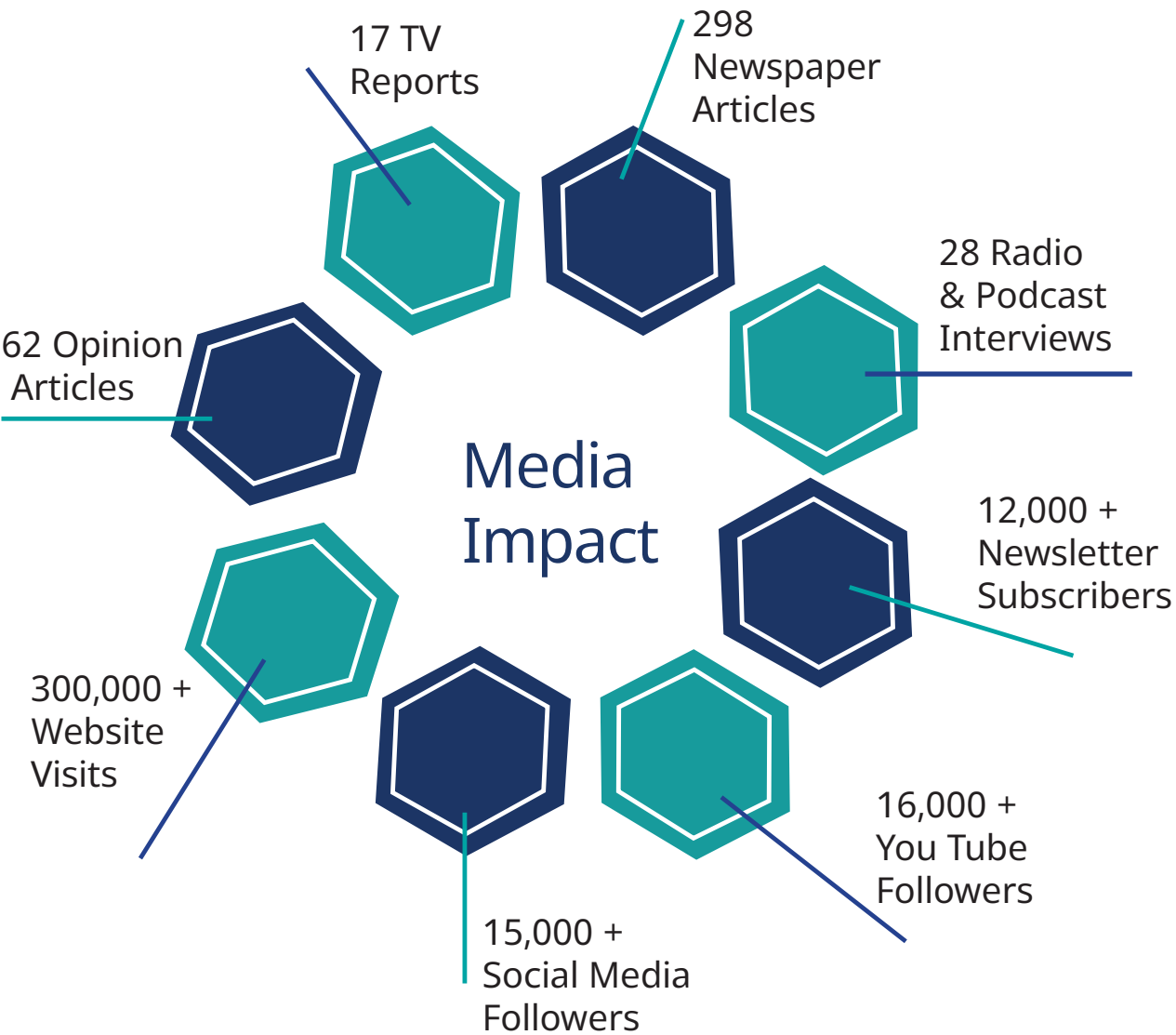
The Taub Center maintains strong, ongoing relationships with key organizations that rely on our research to keep their work relevant and well-informed. Through regular meetings and consultations, we provide data-driven insights that help these organizations navigate emerging challenges and contribute meaningfully to policy discussions. By fostering these connections, we ensure that our research continues to serve as a valuable resource for shaping effective and impactful decision-making.

Bank of Israel | Ministry of Health | OECD | World Bank | International Monetary Fund | Ministry of Finance | State Comptroller | Ministry of Welfare

"You oversee many areas, which is fascinating. I'd be happy to continue discussing research topics and to host you at the Knesset."
MK Meirav Cohen



Bringing Research to the Public: Engaging Audiences in Israel and Abroad



The Taub Center is committed to making its research accessible and impactful for the general public, both in Israel and internationally. Our engagement spans multiple platforms, from high-level meetings with ambassadors and policymakers to interactive webinars covering a wide range of social and economic issues. The Center’s newsletter, reaching over 10,000 subscribers, ensures that key findings and analyses are delivered directly to a broad audience, while our active social media presence in both Hebrew and English further extends our reach. By leveraging these diverse channels, the Taub Center fosters informed public discourse and strengthens connections between research, policy, and everyday life.

Bridging Knowledge and Action: Engaging Civil Society and Philanthropy

Taub Center researchers actively engage with civil society and philanthropy through a series of dynamic meetings and lectures throughout the year. These interactions serve as pivotal platforms for disseminating our research findings, fostering productive dialogues, and influencing public discourse. By collaborating closely with representatives from diverse sectors, including nonprofits, foundations, and advocacy groups, we ensure that our insights resonate deeply within the fabric of decision-making processes. This strategic engagement not only enhances the visibility and relevance of our research but also catalyzes informed policy discussions that are crucial for advancing social and economic well-being in Israel.

Taub Center President, Avi Weiss, presents to JDC-Hebrew Union March 2024

Taub Center President, Avi Weiss, presents to Jewish Funders Network Conference March 2024

Seminar on Arab Population May 2024

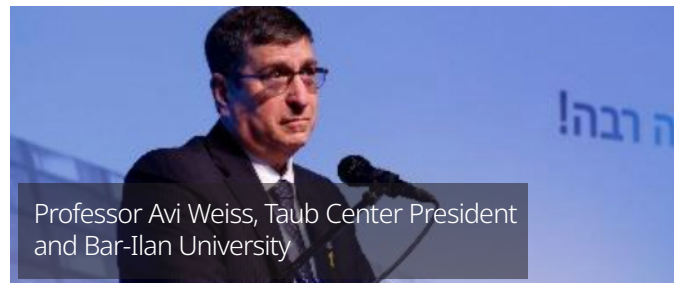
Meeting with JDC March 2024

Seminar on Arab Population for Philanthropy September 2024





Mark Fagan, Lecturer in Policy,
Harvard Kennedy School of Government



Professor Avi Weiss, Taub Center President
and Bar-Ilan University

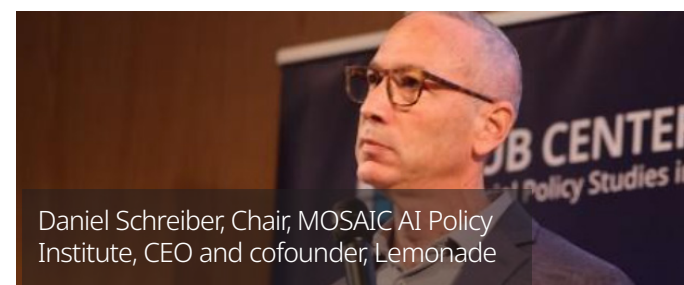


Meeting with Philanthropic organizations at
the Herbert M. Singer Conference meeting



Mira Golan, Chief Financial,
Human Resources and Marketing Officer

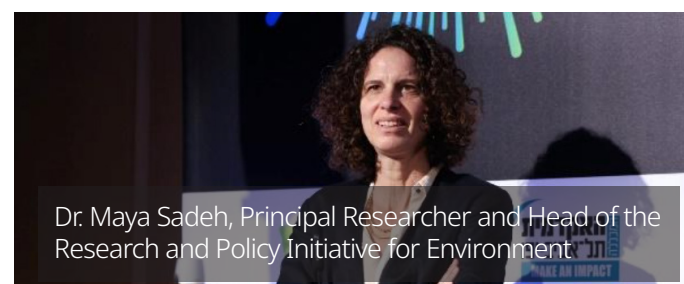
Each year, the Taub Center hosts at least one international policy conference, creating a space for dialogue between decision makers, field professionals, and academics. These events foster meaningful exchanges, enhance exposure to critical policy issues, and strengthen connections among key stakeholders shaping Israel's social and economic landscape. To extend the reach of these discussions beyond the conference hall, session recordings are made available on YouTube—one session from the most recent conference has already garnered over 270,000 views. Additionally, Taub Center researchers are regularly invited to present at leading conferences in their respective fields, further amplifying the Center's impact on public discourse and policy development.



Daniel Schreiber, Chair, MOSAIC AI Policy
Institute, CEO and cofounder, Lemonade



Panel discussion at
the Herbert M. Singer Conference



Dr. Maya Sadeh, Principal Researcher and Head of the
Research and Policy Initiative for Environment



Panel discussion at
the Herbert M. Singer Conference

Herbert M. Singer International Conference and Public Events

Financial Update

The Center's expenses were \$2,734,000 and total income was \$3,006,000.

The Taub Center extends its profound gratitude to our dedicated contributors, both internationally and in Israel, for your unwavering commitment and loyalty. It is your support that drives our impact, enabling us to bring about meaningful change. At this time of uncertainty in Israel, supporting the Taub Center is more crucial than ever. In a landscape where data and empirical findings are essential for informed policy making and effective philanthropy, your contributions allow us to conduct and share ground-breaking, independent research. Without your dedication, our work would not be possible.

EXPENSES

Research 53%

Marketing, Communications and Government Relations 26%

Operations 12%

Strategic Partnerships and Global Outreach 9%

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,734,000

INCOME

Fundraising 59%

Permanent Endowment 38%

Other 3%

TOTAL INCOME \$3,006,000

Publications 2024

Homicide Rates in Israel: Recent Trends and a Crossnational Comparison

Updated data on homicide rates in Arab society continue to paint a worrisome picture. In a prior piece of research published in February 2024, Homicide Rates in Israel, we analyzed the number of violent deaths in Israel (excluding terrorism-related incidents) across Israeli subpopulations. Our analysis showed that homicides in Israel's Arab population had reached unprecedented levels. New data indicate that the number of homicides in this population has climbed even further and that the gap in the homicide rate between Jews and Arabs continues to widen.

Findings of a Longitudinal Study Post-October 7th: The Impact of the Israel-Gaza War on Young Children and Their Parents

This study presents new data on the status of children from birth to age 6 and their parents following the events of October 7 and the ongoing war. The data presented in the study were collected through a survey examining the emotional, behavioral, and developmental state of young children, as well as the emotional state of their parents during this time. The survey focused on two phenomena unique to wartime: the military reserve service of one parent and the displacement of families from their homes. It also examined differences in levels of emotional distress between Jewish and Arab parents.

Who Provides Welfare and Education Services? Local Spending on Welfare and Education in Israel

This study analyzes local government spending on welfare and education in Israel, highlighting disparities across socioeconomic clusters. The findings underscore structural factors influencing resource allocation and the growing demand for these services, particularly following the events of October 7.

Educational Expenditures Per Pupil and Class in Israel's High Schools, 2014-2021

This study carefully documents public expenditures on high school students in the state education system, an important issue given heated public debates about differences in per-pupil spending across Israel's heterogeneous educational sectors. The research focuses on the years 2014-2021, and points to three main findings. First, there are substantial differences between Jewish state schools, religious state schools, and Arab state schools in the size of the budget per student. The per-student budget in the state-religious education system is higher than the per-student budget in the state education system, which is higher than the per-student budget in the Arab education system. Second, these differences are substantially reduced when we control for things like students' choice of subject and other known funding guidelines. Third, the differences in per-pupil funding have narrowed over time.

Long-Term Care in Israel

The population in Israel is aging rapidly and life expectancy is expected to continue to rise. This study includes data on long-term care (LTC) in Israel; information on the number of individuals with private LTC insurance; current data on the national expenditure on LTC in recent years; the number of elderly who are defined as LTC patients and who are eligible for LTC benefits (private and public). During the past decade, the number of those eligible for LTC benefits from private insurance plans and from the National Insurance Institute (NII) has almost doubled. Based on the finding of the research the paper describes the problems with the existing LTC insurance system and proposes several policy alternatives that can improve LTC service and benefit those who need it.

Spatial Norms, Sociocultural Norms, and Family Structure in Israel

In recent years, family structure in Israel has undergone substantial changes, including a decrease in birth rates, a decline in the marriage rate, and an increase in the average age of marriage across all sectors of society. Although the marriage rate in Israel is similar to that in other high-income countries, Israel is much more similar to its neighboring Arab countries in terms of birthrates than to high-income ones. This study finds that both the likelihood of getting married and the number of children is influenced much more strongly by a person's ethno-religious identity than by the subdistrict in which they live. In other words, sociocultural norms are more important drivers of marriage and fertility than are spatial patterns.

Do Bagrut Exam Accommodations Level the Playing Field or Magnify the Achievement Gap?

Over the past decade, the percentage of students receiving accommodations for learning disabilities during bagrut (end- of-secondary school) exams has steadily increased. In light of the upcoming bagrut exam season, the Center released a new study examining how these accommodations, along with differences in their rates by Taub Center Research staff meeting at a weekly meeting school socioeconomic status, affect school achievement. This study documents how a shift in rules by the Ministry of Education (that made it much easier for schools to offer accommodations), has increased inequality as schools in wealthier areas have raised the share of students receiving testing accommodations much faster than their counterparts in poorer areas. It also shows how these increases in accommodations account for most of the supposed improved performance in bagrut scores over the last several years.

Artificial Intelligence and the Israeli Labor Market

In this study, Taub researchers assess the expected impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the labor market in Israel, breaking down more than 200 occupations in terms of their exposure to replacement and level of "complementarity." The latter measures the extent to which workers can raise their productivity by employing AI. We also note differences in each of these measures by gender and subpopulation, based on current employment patterns.

The Roots of Disparity: Exploring Socioeconomic Influences on Early Childhood Development

This literature review examines the effects of socioeconomic background on various domains of early childhood development. The findings indicate that socioeconomic disparities in language skills emerge as early as the second year of life, leading to divergent language development trajectories. These early differences can affect academic achievement and to long-term life course outcomes.

Widening Socioeconomic Inequalities in Early Childhood Language Milestone Attainment in Israel, 2016-2022

Despite Israel's high fertility rate and the high poverty rates among young children, the relationship between children's familial socioeconomic backgrounds and developmental indicators has not yet been extensively studied in a broad and representative Israeli sample. A new Taub Center study, conducted in collaboration with KI, the Israeli Institute for Applied Research in Computational Health, aims to fill these knowledge gaps. The study utilizes the Ministry of Health's Tipat Halav database, which includes approximately 70% of children born between 2014 and 2022. The findings reveal a positive relationship between maternal education and early childhood language development, highlighting disparities in language skills among children from different socioeconomic backgrounds. Furthermore, the study shows that these gaps widen with age and have increased in recent years.

Do Israelis Work More or Less? The Elasticity of Employment in the Labor Market

This study examines labor elasticity in Israel among different population groups. It explores whether Israelis work more or less relative to workers in other countries. Which population groups in Israel work more and which less? How does raising children affect employment and work hours?

The Health and Economic Burden of Desalination-Related Magnesium Deficiency

Magnesium is an essential nutrient for basic metabolic processes in the human body and is critical for many functions of bodily systems including the cardiovascular, digestive, immune systems, and bones. This study investigates the added disease and economic burden of magnesium deficiency in Israel arising from the shift to (demineralized) desalinated water. We focus on type-2 diabetes and stroke, estimating the expected extra cases that are likely to arise from magnesium deficiency and the cost of those extra cases to the medical system. We argue that Israel could save money—in addition to the suffering associated with chronic disease—by adding magnesium back to its desalinated water.

Welfare System Performance During the War and Policy Proposals

(Currently available only in Hebrew.) On the eve of one-year anniversary of the October 7 War, the Taub Center published a study examining the performance of the welfare system during the war. The study reveals that the welfare system was unprepared to handle the complex challenges posed by the war and the scale of the needs of the affected populations, largely due to years of underfunding, significant shortages of social workers, and the unequal distribution of financial resources among different localities.

The Impact of the Israel-Gaza War on Young Children and Their Parents

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Working While Sick: Presenteeism in Israel

This study, a first of its kind, examines “presenteeism” — people coming to their place of work while sick — in the Israeli labor market. The study highlights the prevalence of the phenomenon, the factors influencing it (such as gender, workplace relationships, and employment characteristics), and its health and economic implications. The paper finds that presenteeism rates are quite high in Israel, with notably high rates in the education sector.

Competition Among Health Funds: Three Decades of the National Health Insurance Law

(Currently available only in Hebrew.) To mark 30 years since the enactment of the National Health Insurance Law, the Center released a study that reviewed the development of the law over the past three decades, focusing on competition between health funds. The study examines how the law balances the social principles underpinning it — justice, equality, and mutual aid — with the aspiration to foster a degree of managed competition among the health funds as a means to improve system efficiency and the quality of services offered to members.

State of the Nation Report 2024

The 2024 Report includes chapters that address the areas of macroeconomics, the labor market, education, social welfare, health, early childhood, demography and environment and health. In addition, in light of the ongoing war, this SNR reviews the economic and social policy landscape in all areas studied by the Center, and present policy alternatives aimed at navigating the challenges posed by the conflict.

A Picture of the Nation 2024

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