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## Partners' Update from Regavim

**Dear Friends and Partners,**

The month of Iyar was replete with moments of connection and unity: We were uplifted and energized by the mass demonstration of Zionist determination, when hundreds of thousands of Israelis who refuse to capitulate or to compromise their values came together on the streets of Jerusalem to make their voices heard. We were encouraged and empowered by the outpouring of support from dozens of volunteers who joined the battle to win over public opinion and raise awareness and understanding of the judicial reforms proposed by the new government. We were inspired by the vision and achievements of the awardees of this year's Regavim Prize, and were thrilled to re-connect with all those who joined us in celebrating another year of Regavim achievements, among them ministers, members of Knesset and other public opinion influencers, journalists and partners who joined us at our annual gala celebrating Jerusalem, our eternal capital.

This past month's activities in the field, the Knesset, the courts and the media were as intensive as always. We filed a new petition, submitted dozens of official communiques to government authorities, were awarded significant judgements in ongoing cases, and joined forces with other Zionist organizations to support the much-needed judicial reforms that are at the top of the public agenda. All this and more, below.

Best wishes for a productive and healthy month, and an uplifting *Chag Shavuot*!

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## The Regavim Award for Protection of our National Land Resources

This year's Regavim Awards honor four leading figures for their outstanding Zionist achievements. Our moving and uplifting Jerusalem Day Gala ceremony included brief video presentations of the lives and achievements of the awardees, remarks by ministers and MKs as well as by Meir Deutsch, Director General of Regavim – and the awardees themselves. Guests enjoyed a festive dinner accompanied by live harp music and a fascinating presentation by Yoram Zamush, an officer in the IDF Paratroopers Unit who liberated the Western Wall in 1967. Coming soon: A video "album" of the event and short clips on each of the winners with English subtitles...

The winners of the 5783 Regavim Award are:

- **Daniella Weiss**, for Lifetime Zionist Achievement ([click here for Hebrew video clip >>](#) or wait for an English version to be released soon... )

- **Professor Talia Einhorn**, for Zionist Achievement in the Legal Sphere ([click here for Hebrew video clip >>](#) or wait for an English version to be released soon... )

- **Yair Krauss**, for Zionist Media Excellence ([click here for Hebrew video clip >>](#) or wait for an English version to be released soon... )

- **Yehuda Marmour**, for Outstanding Achievement in Active Settlement of the Land ([click here for Hebrew video clip >>](#) or wait for an English version to be released soon... )





## The battle for Israeli democracy continues – and the Zionist public has found its voice!

Hundreds of thousands of protesters came to Jerusalem from every corner of Israel for a massive show of national unity and support for the Zionist agenda – and Regavim had the privilege of helping make it happen.

This unprecedented show of commitment and dedication to the ideals of a Jewish, democratic state, under the banner of “Judicial Reform – NOW!”, was one of the many ways we are taking an active role in bringing the facts to the Israeli public and supporting our elected representatives as they move toward restoring the balance among the branches of Israeli government.

Regavim has been advocating for judicial reform since our movement was launched 17 years ago. In fact, the objective analysis of judicial bias presented in our “Measure for Measure” reports was one of the catalysts that brought the necessity for judicial reform to the top of the public agenda.

Read the full report [here >>>](#) or learn more about the proposed reforms on our [Judicial Reform Resource Page here >>>](#)



## This Pro-settler NGO Has Been Shaping Israeli Policy for Years. Now, It's in Control

After years of outside influence, Regavim is now in the halls of power. With Minister Smotrich as its leader, its supporters in the government are now setting de facto policy in the West Bank. But its ambitions don't stop there

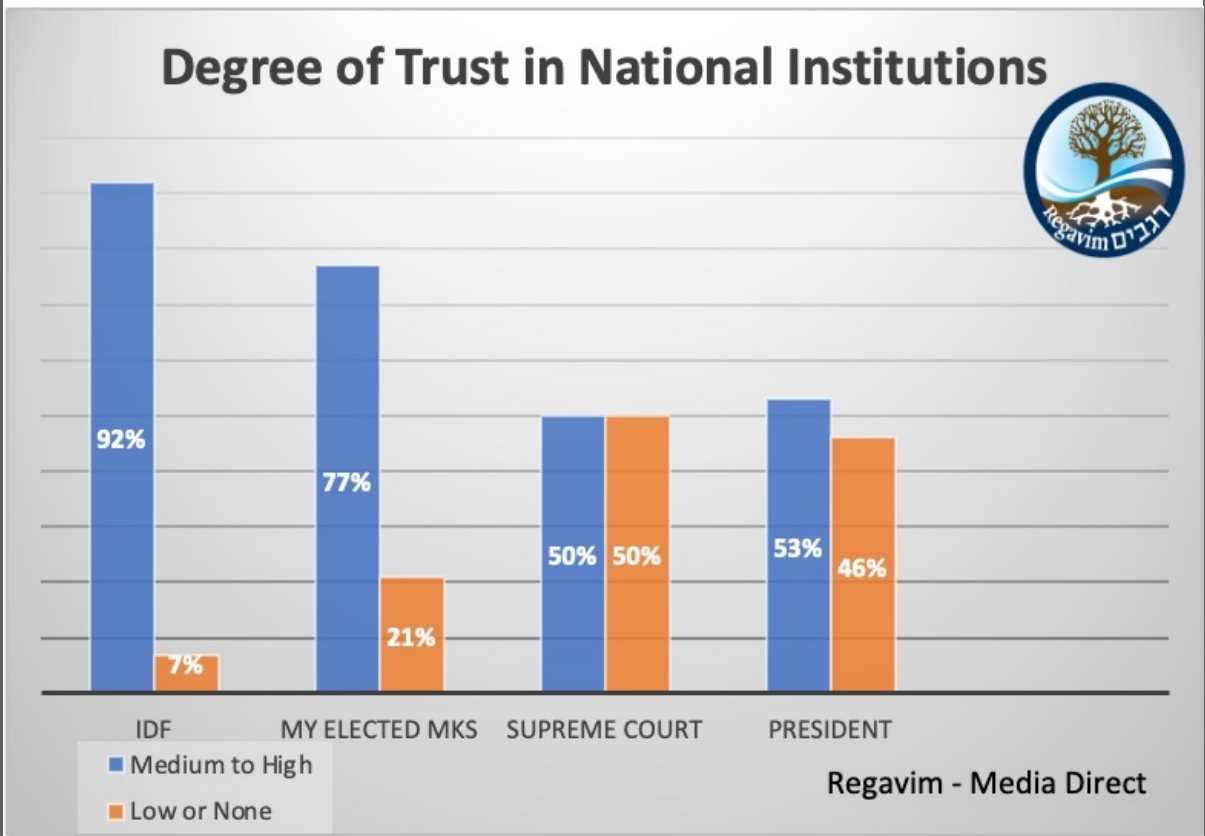


**With criticism like this, who needs praise?... Or, “Where did we go wrong?” 😊**

In the past, whenever Haaretz published an “expose” on Regavim, we would see an uptick in public support for our activism – because if we’ve managed to stir the wrath of Haaretz, we must be doing something right...

When a reporter for Haaretz reached out to us recently, we braced ourselves for the usual full frontal attack, and anticipated the wave of congratulations from Zionists around the country and around the world – but this time we were taken off guard: Who could have anticipated such an endorsement, such a glowing testimonial to our 17 years of work in the Negev, the Galilee, Judea and Samaria?!

We didn’t believe it until we saw it with our own eyes. [Read it here](#), and see for yourself >>>



**How many times have you heard that the public has no faith in its elected officials? Our survey proves otherwise!**

The results of a survey conducted for Regavim by Direct Pulse Ltd. prove that the Israeli public trusts its elected representatives to a much greater degree than it trusts the justices of the Supreme Court. The data prove that survey questions used the Israel Democracy Institute's manipulated the outcome with wording engineered to justify placing virtually unlimited power in the hands of the judicial branch, at the expense of the legislative and executive branches. [See more survey results and insights >>>](#)



## מנסרים ונכנסים: השער משטח C נפרץ – ופלשתינים נכנסים חופשי

חודש לאחר שנחנך מבשול "לש" בחדר יהודה: שרשראות השער, שצה"ל עצמו הציב, נסחו – והמעבר לתוך ישראל פתוח לכל • ארגון "רגבים": "הם עושים צחוק מצה"ל" • דובר צה"ל: "מקרה נקודתי שטופל"



### The “no brainer” in the Judean Desert

During the tenure of the previous government, the Ministry of Defense and the IDF poured hundreds of millions of taxpayers' money into an “obstacle” in the middle of the Judean Desert.

Before the project got underway, Regavim exposed the ineffective, environmentally damaging outcomes of the scheme proposed by then-Minister of Defense Benny Gantz to prevent illegal passage between the south Hebron region and Arad – but the project went ahead nonetheless.

On a recent survey of the area, Regavim's field coordinator was shocked to find that the absurdity of the completed project is even greater than we imagined: The fence placed by the IDF outside the illegal Palestinian outpost D'keikeh, south of Hebron, is wide open – allowing free passage across the “green line.”

[Watch our video here >>>](#) or read Yisrael Hayom's coverage of [the story \(Hebrew\) >>>](#)

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### **The High Court decision in the Khan al Ahmar Case: one more glaring example of judicial bias**

This past month, after 9 (!) postponements at the government's request, a High Court of Justice hearing was held on Regavim's sixth petition regarding the illegal Palestinian Authority outpost known as Khan al Ahmar.

The panel of justices rejected our petition, citing "confidential state security considerations."

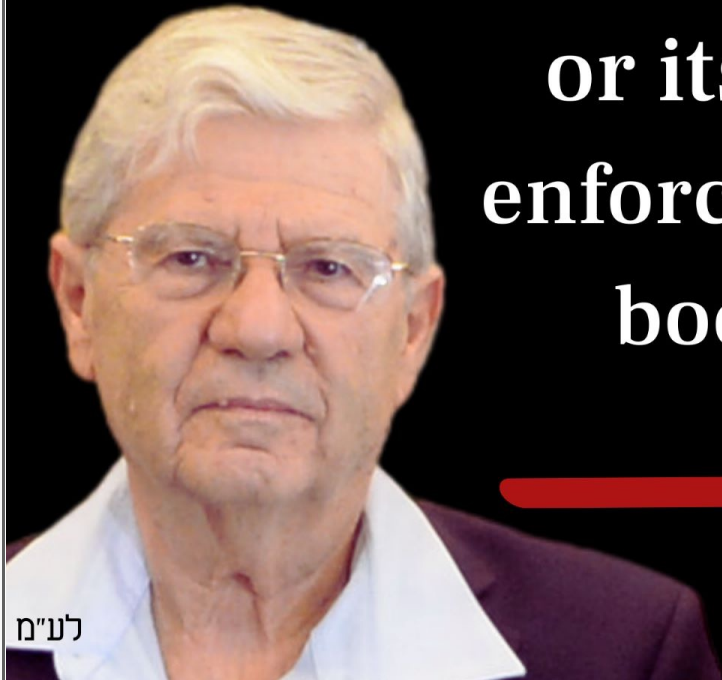
The State of Israel has once again buckled under the pressure exerted by foreign concerns, and the seal of approval for this capitulation granted by the High Court's decision is doubly damaging: It normalizes the lack of parity in law enforcement, and undermines the sovereignty of the State of Israel in the face of international meddling.

Read about the decision in [French](#), [Swedish](#), [Portuguese](#), [English](#) - or listen to Naomi Kahn's interview on [Reka-Kol Yisrael English Radio immediately after the hearing >>>](#)

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**"No theory of civil disobedience can justify paralyzing the country or its law enforcement bodies"**



**Aharon Barak**

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**What do Israel's Supreme Court Justices think about protestors blocking roads? Apparently, that depends what they're protesting against...**

As the "Day of Disruption" planned by anti-reform agitators approached, we submitted an urgent petition to the High Court of Justice against the Chief of Police and the State's Attorney in which we demanded that only legal, permitted forms of protest be allowed. We demanded that law enforcement bodies be instructed to prevent illegal road blockages, and the instigators of illegal forms of protest charged with insurrection. The High Court rejected our petition – without a hearing and without any response to the arguments we raised.

We thought the time had come to investigate what the High Court's esteemed justices had to say about others who blocked roads in protests of years past - and we weren't the least bit surprised to learn that Shai Nitzan, Edna Arbel, Meni (Menachem) Mazuz - even Yair Lapid - all of whom have defended the current reign of anarchy in the name of freedom of speech - sang quite a different tune when the protesters were right-wing activists. [Watch \(Hebrew\) >>> or read more \(English\) >>](#)





## Saving the Herodion

As a result of our legal battle to save the National Heritage Site at the Herodion, the court ordered the Civil Administration to demolish an illegal Palestinian Authority school built in the Herodion Nature Reserve and National Park, and the structure was torn down - despite the objections voiced by the Palestinian Authority, the European Union, the United Nations and a host of leftist organizations.

This “school” was one of more than 100 similar structures built illegally throughout Area C of Judea and Samaria as a tactic in the Palestinian Authority’s program of illegal annexation of the open spaces placed under Israeli jurisdiction under international law.

Read more about the PA’s successful use of weaponized schools in our report, [“Easy as A, B, C” >>](#)


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## Beit Jala – Step 1: Pushing Back Against the Strangulation of Jerusalem

Over the past year, our field staff monitored a boom of illegal construction in sections of Area C adjacent to Jerusalem, creating a stranglehold around Israel's capital. This month, we submitted a new petition to the High Court of Justice demanding a work-stop order against a new illegal events and catering compound adjacent to Beit Jalah in Area C, only 80 meters away from the Jerusalem-Gush Etzion Tunnels on Route 60. Intensive work at the site is underway, and our petition aims to stop development before the project becomes operational, which will make enforcement far more complicated. [Arutz 7's Hebrew edition](#) exposed the extent of the strangulation of Jerusalem; Regavim's most recent [map of construction in Judea and Samaria](#) offers precise documentation of the problem >>>



# THE STATE OF THE STATE (of Palestine):

**Who is building a hostile state in the heartland of Israel?  
What can be done to prevent it?**

Naomi Kahn, Director of the International Division of Regavim, presents a factual picture of what is happening and what it means for the future of Israel.

(To learn more about Regavim visit their website: [www.regavim.org](http://www.regavim.org))

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**Tuesday 13 June (24 Sivan) at 19:30**  
(Arvit - 20:00, Presentation 20:15; Q&A 21:00)  
Yeshivat Lev HaTorah, Nachal Ein Gedi 37, Ramat Shilo,  
Ramat Beit Shemesh

Program includes reception and light refreshments, raffle and presentation, question and answer session.

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### Regavim - in YOUR community

Join us in Ramat Beit Shemesh for a real-time update on what's actually happening on the ground in Judea and Samaria - and what YOU can do about it - [or click here to contact us](#) and schedule a Regavim presentation in your community to help us spread the word about the entire range of Regavim's activity.

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