



# THE LEGAL FORUM for ISRAEL

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The Only Legal Team  
Defending Jewish Rights to  
the State of Israel



## 350-lawyer-strong



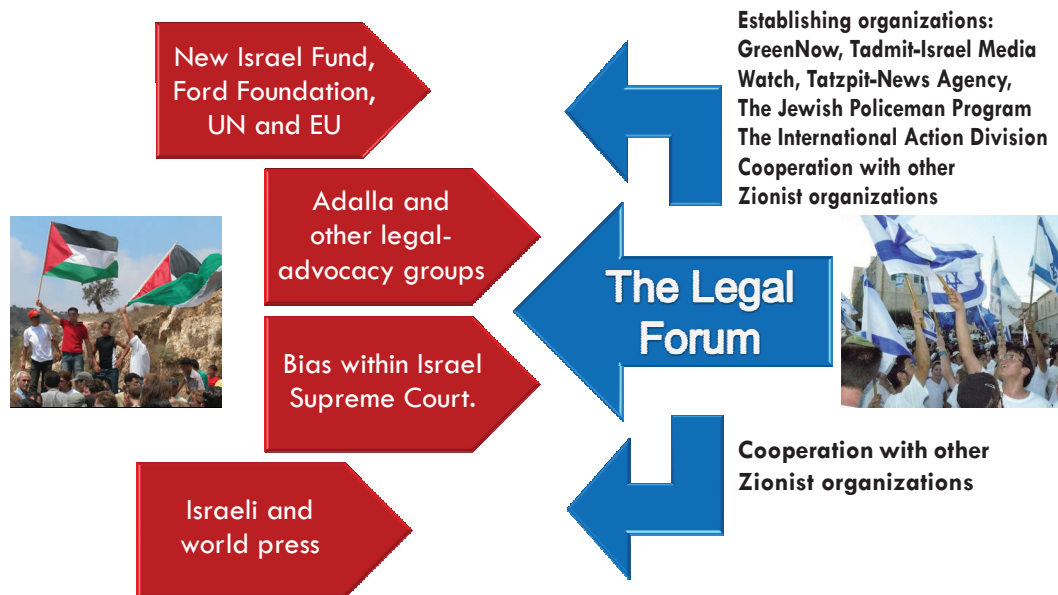
- The Legal Forum for of Israel was founded in the wake of the Disengagement from Gush Katif, as the sole organization to actively protect the rights of the evacuees.
- **Today, the Legal Forum and its 350 lawyers lead the way in the battle to uphold Jewish rights to the State of Israel through policy reports, legal representation, Knesset hearings, Supreme Court appeals, and media appearances locally and internationally.**

## "The Key's in Legalese!"

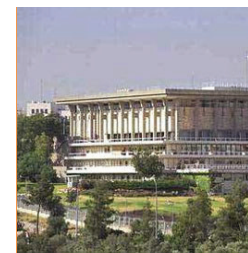


"The Supreme Court is my arena"  
—Nachi Eyal

- **In today's political arena, harnessing "the full power of the law" is a crucial element to any successful activism.**
- The fight for Jewish rights in Israel faces fierce opposition from radical pro-Palestinian NGOs – decidedly legalistic by nature – supported by the NIF, the EU, and the Ford Foundation.
- In addition, anti-settler bias must be addressed within the Israeli Supreme Court and the judicial system – in order to counter the effect of anti-Israeli international tribunals, anti-Zionist academia, and a hesitant Knesset.



## Our Mission: To safeguard Jewish national rights to the State of Israel



1. Preserve Jewish assets
2. Advocate civil rights
3. Reform the Israeli judicial system
4. Fight defamation of settlers in Israeli media
5. Strengthen Zionist culture
6. Eliminate government corruption and police brutality
7. Defend the State of Israel's interests in the international legal arena



## Forum Activism:

- **National Interests:** Promoting Jewish presence in mixed cities • Enforcing Israeli sovereignty in East Jerusalem: Battling illegal construction and environmental neglect • Battling to end the East Jerusalem Electric Company Franchise • Legislative action to protect Jewish national assets in the north of Israel • Influencing governmental authorities to defend national assets • Community Task Force: Defending Jewish residents from Arab demonstrations and provocations led by anti-Zionist activists.
- **Education and Culture:** Discouraging proliferation of post-Zionist values in the educational system • Reforming the "national educational cultural basket" • Upholding freedom of speech and freedom of expression in the arts, but not freedom of incitement • Promoting Zionist values in the educational system.
- **Sound Government:**  
**Reforms in the judicial system:**  
 Opening judiciary appointments to pro-Zionist lawyers • Changing the makeup of the Judiciary Selection Committee • Moderating judicial authority in matters of security, foreign policy, and legislation • Separating the authority of the Attorney General from the office of the Legal Advisor to the Government • Advancing the formation of a regulatory body for the State Attorney Office.  
**Manpower:**  
 Reviewing improper appointments in the civil service • Monitoring demands for turnover in Civil Administration personnel in Judea and Samaria • Advancing the appointment of quality manpower in the police service.

- **Human Rights:** Defending human rights of groups that are not supported by anti-Zionist organizations: Defending the civil and consumer rights of Jewish residents in Judea and Samaria • Protecting human rights of Jewish citizens in East Jerusalem • Serving as the ultimate address for former residents of Gush Katif in need of assistance • Assisting persecuted Arabs who have assisted the State of Israel • Aiding new immigrants from under privileged countries • Providing real-time assistance for residents in areas under attack • Assisting Jewish farmers in the Negev and Galilee • Fighting to monitor the use of law enforcement tools.



# Significant Achievements

## The Legal System:

- Following a lengthy battle the Judicial Appointment Committee has begun publishing its protocols and displaying transparency in its proceedings.
- As a result of the Legal Forum's efforts, the working procedures of the Judiciary Appointments Committee have been revised and the Committee is now required to record the minutes of all its sessions.
- The Judicial Appointment Committee accepts candidate recommendations from members of the Legal Forum.
- The Regulatory body for the State Attorney's Office is in the final stages of establishment and will begin operating in the near future.

## Legislation:

- Maintaining personal contact with MKs from a range of parties.
- Attending Knesset hearings at the invitation of various committees.
- Preparing position papers regarding current issues.
- Preparing dozens of bills intended to strengthen Israel's Jewish character against attempts by political elements to weaken it. Of these, two have already passed initial stages of ratification in committee and in the Knesset.

## Education and Culture:

- The Ministry of Education chooses performances to be shown at schools. Following complaints by school principals regarding anti-Zionist content in some of these shows, the Legal Forum has been successful in determining new criteria for such performances which highlight the national and moral character of the shows. Furthermore, the Forum has been successful in bringing about a departmental change following the exposure of mismanagement in this division.
- The Legal Forum has successfully prevented anti-Zionist organizations from holding activities in the school system. In the past, these groups provided field trips, workshops, and lectures teaching children about the "Nakba," in violation of the Ministry of Education guidelines. The Forum continuously monitors such activity.

## Police Academy

As part of a joint initiative of the Legal Forum and the Israel Police Force, the first training course for observant police officers was founded in 2011. This highly-successful initiative has garnered praise from police officials, and additional courses are scheduled to begin in the near future.

## Settlement

Arab shepherds in the Negev and Galilee are taking over state lands by grazing in these areas. The Legal Forum has come to the aid of the Jewish cattlemen and farmers and is handling the issue both on the criminal level (filing complaints against the trespassers and protecting the cattlemen), and on the administrative level (appointing a prosecuting officer, cooperation with the police to ensure law enforcement etc.)



## Projects Initiated by the Legal Forum:

**Yarok Achshav** (Green Now): Conservation and environmental protection activities throughout the country, ecological education in the community and in the school system.



**Uvda** (Fact): School for Communication Professionals trains journalists with Zionist values towards careers in the Israeli media.



**Mechina Lachayim** (Preparation for Life): A unique project in cooperation with the Israeli Police involving training religious IDF officers for service in the national police force.



**The Legal Forum International Action Division:** A new initiative that strengthens the State of Israel's image in the international arena and addresses the legal and diplomatic campaigns designed to de-legitimize the Jewish state.



**Judges Review Website:** The Judges website will provide basic information that will allow the public to learn about those elected to the judiciary system and enhance the judges' commitment to the citizens and increase the levels of transparency.



**Legal Forum Financial Forum:** The Financial Forum prepares professional opinions that are given to the decision makers that will refute studies and opinions that are funded by interested parties from the EU and New Israel Fund, as well as improve Israel's economy and make it a productive one, which will put end and to the concentration of power, and will prove to benefit the citizens of Israel.



## The Legal Forum International Action Division

The Legal Forum for Israel is today at the forefront of the legal activism needed to protect the rights of Israel and the Jewish people. Despite the Forum's many successes on the domestic front, it is becoming increasingly clear that key battles for Jewish human rights are taking place far beyond Israel's shores – through diplomatic attacks, as well as "law fare" waged against Israel in the international arena.

To address the mounting scourge of legal and diplomatic campaigns designed to de-legitimize the Jewish State, and in order to confront these challenges in a credible, authoritative, and assertive manner, the Legal Forum established an **International Action Division**, directed by one of Israel's top experts in diplomacy and international law, and member of the Legal Forum, Ambassador Alan Baker, former Legal Advisor to Israel's Foreign Ministry and Ambassador to Canada.

The Division will expand the Forum's international outreach and influence by providing real-time responses to instances of anti-Israel initiatives abroad and defending Jewish human rights.

The International Action Division will be based on the Forum's successful domestic model, in which the activities of volunteer lawyers from Israel and abroad are coordinated by a small in-house professional staff.

# Founder & Director

## Nachi Eyal



*A leader of Israel's settler movement for the past 20 years.*

*Project Initiator and Managing Director of Tekuma Party. Representative to the 34th, 35th and 36th Zionist Congresses. Founder of educational institutions, including Shadmot Mechola, Yeshivat Yericho, Yeshivat Kever Rachel and the Elisha Pre-military Academy. Member of the Executive Committee of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, and on the Board of Directors for KKL-JNF. Served as the Managing Director of Nekuda Magazine and Beit-El Publishing. Founding member of Orot Chessed Fund. Member of the ZOA Finance Committee and of the Israeli Managing Committee to the World Jewish Congress. Born in Jerusalem in 1962, married and a father of seven children.*

## We can have a better Israeli society

To enable a better Israeli society, we must strengthen Zionist values in Israeli society and fight for the Jewish character of the State of Israel. We must fight against anti-Zionist movements and their supporters, both in and outside of Israel, who wish to undermine Israel's right to exist as a Jewish and democratic state.

The phenomena of political tyranny, high level governmental corruption and the lack of proper functioning by government authorities must be eliminated.

We must work to secure Israel's inner strength and to fortify Israel as the country of the Jewish people while protecting the rights of the individual. Jewish - Zionist culture and values must have an important place in the educational system starting with preschool and continuing through university.



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