

Dear Partners, Friends and Supporters,

During the last year 2019, Transparency International Israel – Shtral has celebrated its 20th anniversary since it has been established. With the end of 2019 and the beginning of the year 2020 - TI - Israel will continue to advocate TI's vision to promote and establish the values and norms of transparency, ethics, integrity and accountability, in the public and business sectors in Israel as a significant tool of coping with corruption and as a preemptive measure to minimize it and even prevent it.

In this spirit, we are all required to maintain the values of transparency while constantly striving to eradicate corruption, in order to protect the law enforcement authorities, the independence of the judicial system and freedom of the press, while constantly striving to eradicate corruption in the public and business sectors in Israel and maintain Israel as a democratic country which constantly protects the civil rights of its citizens and residents and promotes their welfare.

We would like to take this opportunity and inform you that following two years of highly intensive and interesting work, the Executive Director of TI – Israel – Adv. Heli Olami has decided to leave her job and embark for a new journey.

Nili Arad TI – Israel's Chair and Board Members would like to thank Heli for her dedicated work and significant contribution for the promotion of TI – Israel, and wish her a lot of success and self-fulfillment in her new direction.

The new Executive Director of TI Israel is Adv. Michael Yochay and together we will continue advocating the values of transparency within the society in Israel.

And now, on a personal note, the ED of TI Israel – Adv. Heli Olami would like to say a few farewell words:

"I would like to thank each and every one of you for all your wonderful support and close cooperation along the way. I am leaving the job, but I am not leaving TI – Israel and its friends. I will continue to be a part of the TI movement and continue my membership in TI – Israel and will keep following your highly significant work and impact all over the world. I wish you all a successful and fruitful new year filled with transparency, ethics and integrity. With my warmest regards and deep appreciation, Heli Olami"

Herein is a brief of our main activities during the past two years:

Corruption Perceptions Index 2019

On Thursday the 23rd of January 2020, the annual Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) of 2019 was published worldwide. The CPI is conducted by the international organization Transparency International (TI). In Israel, the CPI is published by Transparency International – Israel.

According to the CPI 2019, Israel is ranked in the 35th place among 180 countries, with a score of 60 points out of 100. This score reflects a constant decline three years in a row. Thus, in the CPI of 2016, Israel was ranked in the 28th position among 180 countries with the score of 63. In CPI 2017, Israel has declined in ranking to the 32nd position with the score of 62. In CPI 2018, the decline has continued, and Israel's ranking was 34 with the score of 61 and in CPI 2019, Israel has declined to the 35th place with the score of 60. Only seven places separate between the current position and the "red line" of the score 50, of which all the countries beneath it, are defined according to the CPI as countries with a high level of corruption.

The decline tendency of Israel is also reflected in comparison with the OECD countries, where Israel is located at the lower third and ranked in the 24th place out of the 36 countries.

There was an impressive flow in the Israeli media – Journals, Radio and TV interviews following the publication of the CPI 2019.

For Israel's Press Release and Media Coverage in English

For Israel's Press Release and Media Coverage in Hebrew

Transparency Ranking Index of Local Municipalities 2019 – Nine Years of Activity

On Tuesday the 17th of December 2019, TI – Israel has launched the 2019 Local Municipalities Transparency Ranking Index on a distinguished event which took place in Tel Aviv university.

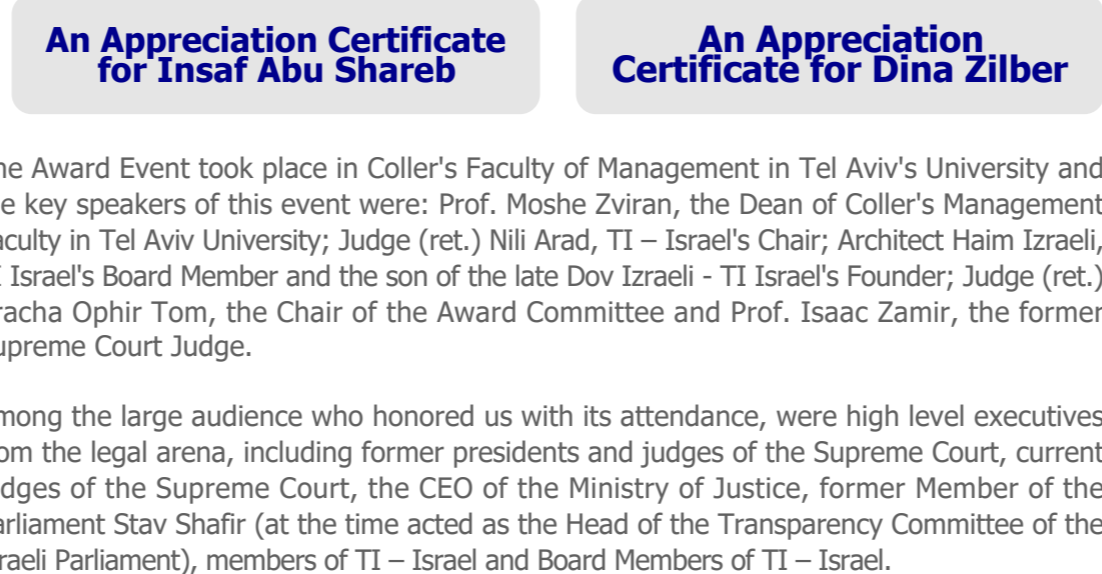
The main goal of this significant Index was to inspect and measure the openness of data and information within the local municipality's website and its accessibility to the public, and simultaneously creating a strategic useful tool for the local municipality, its management and employees in enhancing the transparency of their activities. This 2019 Index includes 136 municipalities which received the score between 80 to 100 on the 2017 Index.

The Transparency Index of Local Municipalities 2019 is an enhanced index compared to 2017 and it includes 90 criteria compared to only 57 criteria in the 2017 Index. The main enhanced categories are on the topics of Construction and Development, Municipality Corporations, Business Certifications and Human Resources in the Local Municipality.

In 2020 our intention is to expand the index on a larger scope of local hoping to receive support from the government authorities in promoting the index and implementing it.

In the Index launching event, attended high level executives of about 30 local authorities, such as Mayors, Vice Mayors, Municipalities' CEOs and CIOs, Spokesmen etc. In addition, high level executives from the Ministry of Interior and from the Israeli Ministry of Justice attended the event, including high level Professors and PhDs from the Academy.

Among the Key Speakers of this event were: Judge (ret.) Nili Arad, TI – Israel's Chair, Mr. Ophir Pines-Paz, former Israel's Minister of Interior and the Head of the Local Government Institution in Tel Aviv University, Mrs. Edith Bar, the Head of Development in the Ministry of Interior, Mr. Eitan Padogio, a Board Member of the Local Government Center, and Prof. Moshe Zviran, the Dean of Coler's Management Faculty in Tel Aviv University. Dr. Galit Avidar - the Head of the Local Municipalities Index's project, presented the outcomes of the index and its main conclusions and moderated a panel of experts on the theme of "The importance of the transparency processes within the local authority and their reflectance on the local authority's website". This panel included: Adv. Shlomi Bilevski, the substitute of the Head of the governmental unit for Freedom of Information in the Ministry of Justice, and selected mayors of municipalities which were part of this index: Mr. Shimon Lankry, the Mayor of Acre (i.e. Akko); Mr. Eliahu Barda, the Mayor of Migdal Ha'emek; Mr. Eli Dukorski, the Mayor of Kiryat Belyak; Adv. Shuwa Massawa Manzur, the Mayor of Taybe and Mr. Eran Simwani, the Manager of Tel Aviv's website. The final key speaker of this event was Adv. Sari Dana, the former Deputy Attorney General (Civil Law).



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Transparency Award Event in commemoration of the late Professor 2019 Dov Izraeli – The winners are Adv. Dina Zilber, Israel's General Attorney Deputy and Adv. Insaf Abu Shareb, a female social activist

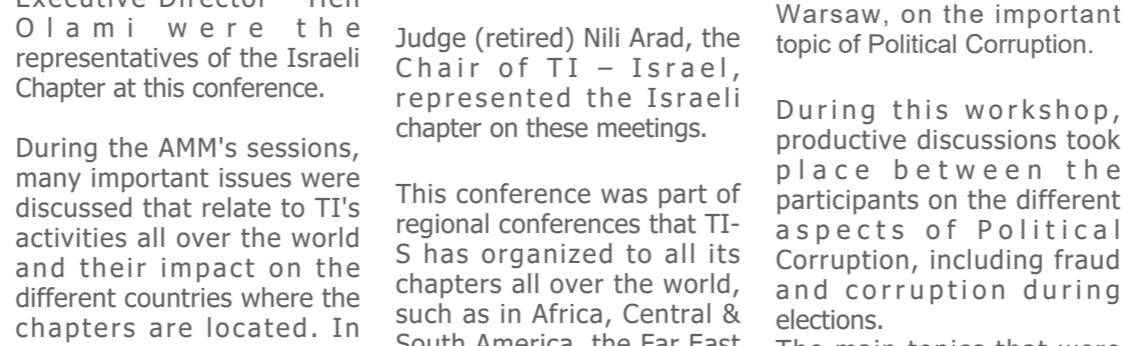
The 2019 Transparency Award Event in commemoration of the late Professor Dov Izraeli took place on Wednesday the 27th of February 2019. The winners of the award are Adv. Dina Zilber, Deputy of Israel's General Attorney and Adv. Insaf Abu Shareb, a social activist for promoting women rights in the Bedouin sector in Israel.

An Appreciation Certificate for Insaf Abu Shareb

An Appreciation Certificate for Dina Zilber

The Award Event took place in Coler's Faculty of Management in Tel Aviv's University and the key speakers of this event were: Prof. Moshe Zviran, the Dean of Coler's Management Faculty in Tel Aviv University; Judge (ret.) Nili Arad, TI – Israel's Chair; Architect Haim Izraeli, TI Israel's Board Member and the son of the late Dov Izraeli; TI Israel's Founder; Judge (ret.) Bracha Ophir Tom, the Chair of the Award Committee and Prof. Isaac Zamir, the former Supreme Court Judge.

Among the large audience who honored us with its attendance, were high level executives from the legal arena, including former presidents and Judges of the Supreme Court, current Judges of the Supreme Court, the CEO of the Ministry of Justice, former Member of the Parliament Stav Shafir (at the time acted as the Head of the Transparency Committee of the Israeli Parliament), members of TI – Israel and Board Members of TI – Israel.



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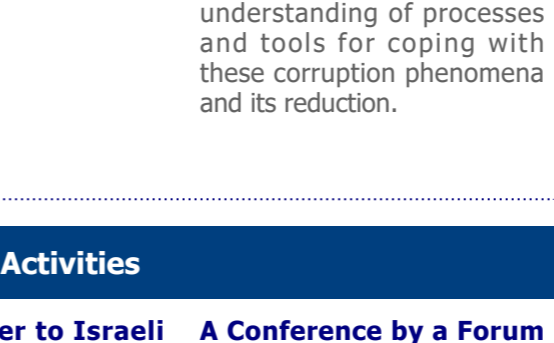
TI – Israel Participation in International Conferences of TI Movement



TI's AMM in Berlin - 15 - 17th of November 2019

Hundreds of delegates from over 100 TI Chapters from all over the world attended this conference. TI – Israel's Chair – Nili Arad and the Executive Director – Heli Olami were the representatives of the Israeli Chapter at this conference.

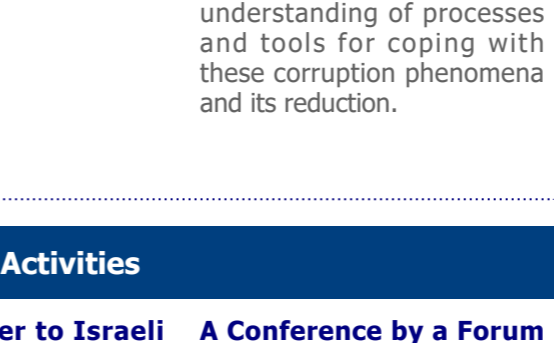
During the AMM's sessions, many important issues were discussed that relate to TI's activities all over the world and their impact on the different countries where the chapters are located. In addition, activities for the next decade of 2020 to 2030 were discussed. During the AMM, many encounters between the Chapters' Chairs and EDs and TI's Management have occurred.



Regional Europe & ECA Meetings in Berlin 16-20th of June 2019

On June 2019, regional meetings of TI's Chapters from East & West Europe, including Israel, Turkey and Canada, took place in TI-IS in Berlin.

Judge (retired) Nili Arad, the Chair of TI Israel, represented the Israeli chapter on these meetings. This conference was part of regional conferences that TI-IS has organized to all the chapters all over the world, such as in Africa, Central & South America, the Far East and the Palestinian chapters. All those conferences were held as part of the preparations for the TI's AMM 2019 which took place on 17-19th of November 2019 in Berlin.



TI's Workshop in Warsaw Poland on Political Corruption 8-10th of May 2019

The ED of TI - Israel - Adv. Heli Olami along with high level executives from TI Chapters of over 20 countries in Europe, took part at a unique workshop in Warsaw, on the important topic of Political Corruption.

During this workshop, productive discussions took place between the participants on the different aspects of Political Corruption, including fraud and corruption during elections. The main topics that were discussed during the workshop were: the exploitation of country's resources by political leaders, and the personal integrity of those leaders, including corrupt activities for their own benefit or for the benefit of their family members or friends. This kind of peer learning is essential for the understanding of the similarities and differences of this topic among the various countries, and for the understanding of the processes and tools for coping with these corruption phenomena and its reduction.

Additional Activities

Receiving a Grant from Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Israel for a research on the topic of Transparency Index for Gender Equality in Urban Municipalities

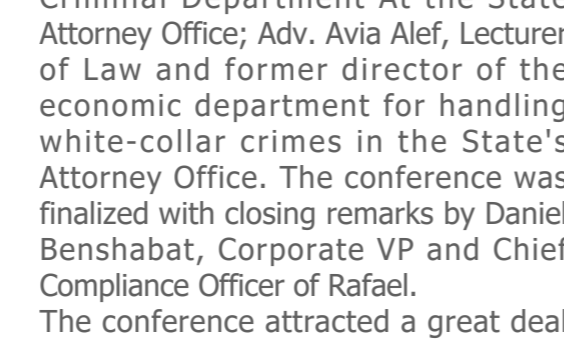
The research was conducted by TI Israel and Dr. Fany Yuval, an expert in Local Government and a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Public Policy and Administration, Gullford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel.

A Conference by a Forum of the Leading 15 Cities in Israel – Launching the Transparency Handbook Guide for Municipal Transparency on May 22nd 2019

The conference took place on May 22nd 2019 presenting the Guide to Municipal Transparency. Judge (ret.) Nili Arad, Chair of TI – Israel discussed the importance of transparency and normative conduct and presented a very important question – Is Israel a corrupted country or a country which has phenomena of corruption?.

For More Information on Additional Activities during 2019 – Please Press Here

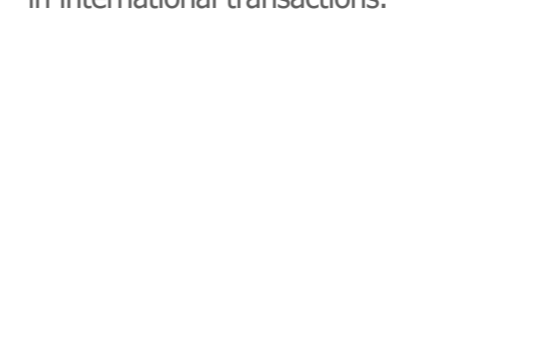
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"Business Integrity Forum 2018" - Defense & Security Sector Roundtable

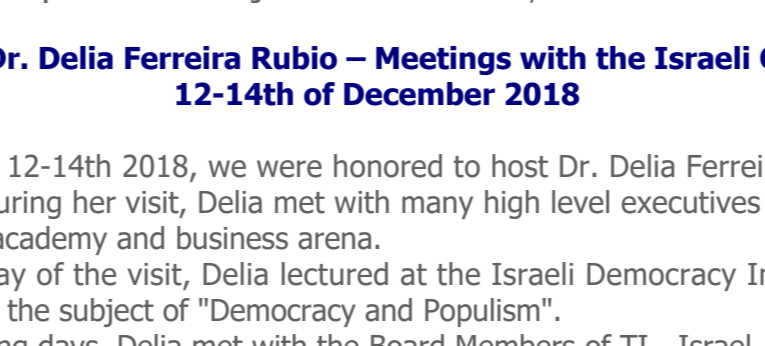
On December 11th 2018, TI – Israel has held a conference in cooperation with the leading Israeli Defense Company - Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd., on the subject of "Conducting International Transactions with Transparency and Integrity". The event started with opening remarks of Major General (ret.) Yoav Har Even, the CEO of Rafael and Judge (ret.) Nili Arad, Chair of Transparency International Israel. During the event, there were various important lectures led by Adv. Shmuel Sunray, Executive Vice President & Chief Legal Advisor of Rafael; Mr. Andy Watson, Head of Industry Integrity, TI – Defence and Security; Adv. Itay Ophir, Legal Adviser to the Defense Establishment & Head of the Ministry of Defense legal division; Adv. Joseph (Joey) Asch, Head of the Criminal Department At the State Attorney Office; Adv. Avia Alef, Lecturer of Law and former director of the economic department for handling white-collar crimes in the State's Attorney Office. The conference was finalized with closing remarks by Daniel Benshabat, Corporate VP and Chief Compliance Officer of Rafael. The conference attracted a great deal of interest and was attended by more than 100 high level representatives from the leading security companies in Israel.

For pictures and presentations from the event, click here.



Exporting Corruption Report 2018 through its Israeli chapter

Transparency International – Israel, has published on the 12th of September 2018 the "Exporting Corruption Report 2018" on the assessed enforcement of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention. According to the findings of this report, Israel has accomplished a dramatic achievement and made a huge leap to the highest level regarding the fight against bribery of foreign public officials in international transactions.



TI Chair, Dr. Delia Ferreira Rubio – Meetings with the Israeli Chapter – 12-14th of December 2018

On December 12-14th 2018, we were honored to host Dr. Delia Ferreira Rubio, the Chair of TI. During her visit, Delia met with many high level executives of the Israeli government, academy and business arena. On the first day of the visit, Delia lectured at the Israeli Democracy Institute (IDI) conference on the subject of "Democracy and Populism". On the following days, Delia met with the Board Members of TI - Israel, and together with Judge (ret.) Nili Arad - Chair of TI-Israel and its Executive Director – Adv. Heli Olami, held several important meetings with high level executives of Israel's Ministry of Justice, along with Israel's former Parliament Member - Stav Shafir, Prof. Dan Arieli – a global well known expert in economics and ethics, and Adv. Gene Kleinhendler – TI Israel's Board Member and a global legal expert in the fields of Anti-Bribery and Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering.

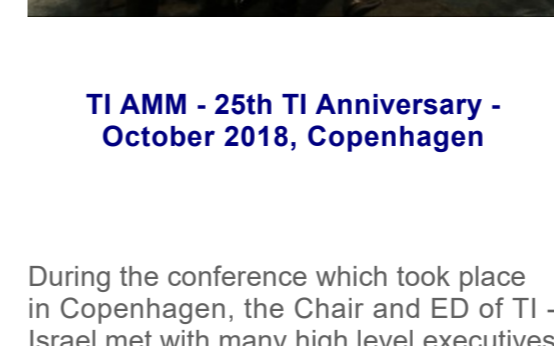
Transparency in Local Government – Conference at Israeli Parliament

Judge (ret.) Nili Arad, the Chair of Transparency International Israel, opened the conference on "Transparency in Local Government" that took place on the Israeli Parliament (i.e. Knesset) on July 17th 2018. The conference had been conducted by the Special Committee for the Transparency and Accessibility of Government Information for the Public, headed by former Knesset member Stav Shafir and in cooperation with the Government's Freedom of Information Unit in the Ministry of Justice.



European Capital Cities Transparency Ranking Index - 25-26th September 2018, Slovakia

During 25-26th of September 2018, the ED of TI – Israel participated at a unique workshop on the topic of "European Capital Cities Transparency Ranking Index", in Bratislava, the capital city of Slovakia. The main goal of this significant workshop was to create a productive discussion between the various TI Chapters in Europe regarding their Local Authorities Indices, while comparing them and identifying their most significant criteria.



TI AMM - 25th TI Anniversary - October 2018, Copenhagen

During the conference which took place in Copenhagen, the Chair and ED of TI - Israel met with many high level executives from more than 100 global TI chapters.

In the year of 2020, we intend to expand our "Business Integrity Forum", conduct the Transparency Award event and continue the activities of TI – Israel in the proliferation and promoting the values of transparency in all arenas in general and within the municipal arena in specific.