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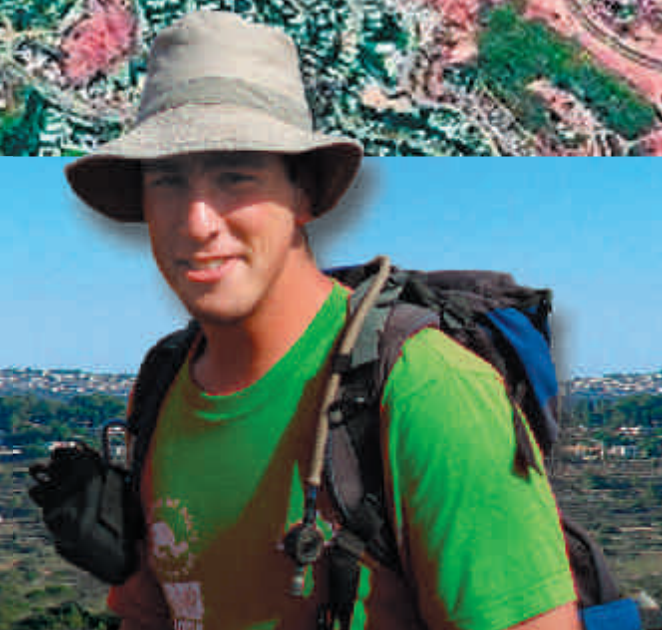
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KKL-JNF is proud to introduce one of the most ambitious projects ever launched in Israel's capital

Can you hear the future ringing?

The Jewish sources tell us that of ten measures of beauty God bestowed on the world, nine were taken by Jerusalem. This beautiful city is home to Israel's leading governmental and cultural institutions. Over the years Jerusalem has grown into a multicultural metropolis with a diverse population.

A growing city brings growing needs, particularly regarding open spaces for leisure and recreation. Jerusalem residents have shown an increasing interest in such facilities in recent years. Open areas around the city are seen as a resource enhancing the quality of life and blocking excessive development.

The Jerusalem Ring is a new metropolitan park that will extend over some 1,500 hectares (3700 acres), surrounding the capital to the north, west, and south. The park will preserve ancient landscapes while offering diverse leisure and recreation

opportunities for Jerusalem residents and visitors to the city. The park will include a sports center, footpaths and bicycle trails, picnic sites and quiet corners, cafes and playgrounds.

As a key partner in this project, KKL-JNF will work together with the Jerusalem Municipality to nurture existing forest areas, plant orchards, renovate traditional agricultural terraces, and nurture the diverse natural features in the park. The Jerusalem Ring will be based around the main dry river beds surrounding the city, which will also be rehabilitated and upgraded.

This large, well-planned, and diverse park will become a magnet appealing to all communities and age groups. The Jerusalem Ring will promote respect for the environment, interest in natural and human heritage, and a healthy and active lifestyle for the twenty-first century residents of this eternal city.



### A Ring of Nature

The Jerusalem Ring will preserve and develop 1500 hectares of open space surrounding the capital on three sides – north, west, and south.

### A Ring of Heritage

The Jerusalem Ring will renovate and recreate the unique farming methods that were developed centuries ago in the hills around the city.

### A Ring of Recreation

The Jerusalem Ring will provide playgrounds and active leisure areas for families and children from the surrounding neighborhoods and throughout the city.

### A Ring of Sport

The Jerusalem Ring will include a circular cycling path around the entire city of Jerusalem, passing through urban and natural landscapes. Footpaths, sports facilities, and outdoor gyms will foster a culture of fitness.

### A Ring of Flora and Fauna

The Jerusalem Ring will cherish and preserve the plants and wildlife that have flourished in the area. Gazelles and owls will thrive again; wildflowers will bloom.

### A Ring of Hope

The Jerusalem Ring will embrace all who use it: residents of the city and the surrounding communities and visitors from near and far; secular, religious, and Haredim; Jews and Arabs; people with special needs; toddlers and senior citizens.





Recreational activity will be concentrated in the restored streambed, springs and traditional agriculture sites while the green slopes will be conservatively developed. Visitors can enjoy orchards, woods, trails and active recreation areas in the forest and water bodies while crossing the park.



## Arazim Park

The valley at the upper section of Nahal Sorek is very popular with Jerusalemites from Ramot Eshkol, Sanhedriya, Ramot Shelomo and French Hill, and will provide a number of play areas for the younger generation.

## HaTsofim Park



## Motsa Park

The park and adjoining Jerusalem Forest create a large, continuous green lung for the residents of Jerusalem's western neighborhoods. It presents a "mosaic" of agricultural heritage and includes the seasonal lake formed by the Motsa Dam, intensive recreation areas and the old Motsa synagogue.



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### LEGEND

- Streambed regulation & restoring vegetation
- Bicycle trail
- Playground
- Scenic lookout
- Forest and woodland rehabilitation
- Traditional agriculture & orchards
- Picnic/recreation area
- Entrance
- Reservoir
- Spring rehabilitation

## Bicycle Trail

The bicycle trail will circle Jerusalem and allow riders to enjoy the open areas and sights in the park, as well as providing convenient access from Jerusalem and surrounding areas. The trail will include both easy and challenging sections.



## Refa'im Park

Nahal Refa'im begins in Jerusalem's southern neighborhoods. The entrance will include lawns, cafes, picnic areas and a variety of recreational activities. The public will be able to stroll along a promenade along the valley enjoying the surrounding agricultural heritage sites.





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### KKL-JNF Projects in Jerusalem in cooperation with our Supporting friends Worldwide

- Our Forests and Parks include:  
Gilo Park, HaTsofim Forest, Amminadav Forest, Peace Forest, Ramot Forest, Yad Kennedy and Ir Ganim Park
- Afforestation and Development around Jerusalem: Begin Park, Rabin Park and Sataf
- Community Forests in Jerusalem: Jerusalem Forest, Pisgat Ze'ev-Neve Ya'akov Forest
- Traditional Agriculture Restoration: Sataf
- Projects in Cooperation with the Hebrew University: The Giv'at Ram Botanical Garden, The Mt. Scopus Botanical Garden, Support for research projects
- Heritage Sites: Ammunition Hill
- Housing Infrastructure Projects for Olim (new immigrants)
- Green Development and Educational Activity in Learning Institutions
- Development of Public Areas



# Jerusalem – Facts & Figures

- Jerusalem is one of the oldest cities in the world.
- No other city has as many names in Hebrew – 105.
- Jerusalem is Israel's capital and the country's parliament (the Knesset), the Supreme Court and the residences of the President and Prime Minister of Israel.
- The municipal area of Jerusalem is 125 square kilometers; it is the largest city in Israel, both in population and in area.
- In 2007 the population of the Jerusalem Metropolitan Area was 889,300 – 67% Jews, 28% Moslems, 2% Christians and 1% non-denominational. Jerusalem's annual population growth rate was 2.2%.
- Jerusalem is 60 kilometers east of the Mediterranean Sea, and 35 kilometers east of the Dead Sea.
- Jerusalemites are optimistic – 86% of the population is satisfied with their life and 58% are optimistic about the future – the highest rate in Israel.
- Jerusalem has the largest number of students (220,000) and the largest educational system in Israel.
- 385 new manufacturing plants were established in Jerusalem during the past 10 years.
- Jerusalem has 60 museums – the largest number in Israel.
- Jerusalem has some 2000 archaeological sites.
- Jerusalem hosts about 30 festivals and cultural events yearly – the most in Israel.
- The average daily temperature in winter is 12°C and in summer 29°C.
- The longest street in Jerusalem is 6-km long Menachem Begin Boulevard; the shortest is 13-m long Chaldeans' Street. Every day some 110,000 vehicles enter Jerusalem.

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