

Preface to *Israelis* Issue 7

In our seventh issue we celebrate the first bilingual edition of *Israelis*, and mark the event by launching our new graphic design. In our previous issue, we announced our plans to make *Israelis* accessible to English-speakers in general, and specifically to Israel and Zionism research students in Israel and abroad. In the current issue, we further expanded our material in English.

Israelis 7 covers a wide range of issues. In the first article, Yonantan Gur-Dick examines the crisis in the United Kibbutz Movement in the 1950s, focusing on the split in Kibbutz Ein Harod. Oded Peled's article explores the challenges presented by two alternative ideological groups to the Workers Party of Israel (Mapai). Ayala Shklar selected David-Zvi Pinkas as a case study of the relations between religious and secular Jews in the first years of Israeli statehood existence. By examining the songs of the Israeli rock band Kaveret, Noa Kanarek-Gilboa traces the changes in Israeli society in the 1960s and 1970s. Esther Suissa studies the same period, but focuses on the development of secondary education in Israel's periphery. Two articles, by Gangzheng She and Amber Taylor, research students at Brandeis University, are dedicated to American-Israeli foreign relations in the first decade of Israel's statehood. These last three articles in English appear separately at the end of the issue.

Israelis also includes two regular sections in Hebrew: The first dedicated to interviews, and the second briefly reviews recent Ph.D. dissertations.

This issue's featured interviewee is Mr. Aharon Yadlin, a central figure in Israeli Labor and the Kibbutz Movements, who served as a Knesset member from 1960 to 1979, minister of education in the first Rabin Government from 1974 to 1977, and secretary general of the United Kibbutz Movement from 1985 to 1989, and filled other prominent public roles. Yadlin is one of the most senior ideologues of the Israeli Labor Movement, and his testimony is a fascinating first-hand source for understanding the Movement's position in its final years of its

hegemony leading up to the Likud's landslide victory in 1977, and the ensuing years of crisis.

The Ph.D. review contains some fascinating Ph.D. abstracts about Israel and Zionism. *Israelis* believes that research students and established researchers, as well as the general public, will find interest in these abstracts.

We wish to thank all the research students who submitted their papers. *Israelis* accepts submissions in Hebrew and in English from research students in all institutions of higher education, both in Israel and overseas, that explore topics related to the State of Israel and the Zionist Movement. For Submission guidelines consult our website www.bgu.ac.il/israelis-eng, and for access to all articles and features published in our previous issues and our Facebook page, for updates and additional reading materials.