

## Special Section: Israel 2020: A Master Plan for Israel in the 2000's, and 2020 Now

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### ***The Next Plan: Repairing the Land, Repairing the People***

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The 2020 Plan introduced the concept of a "destination port" related to land resource depletion, breaking away from the common planning concept of "destination year" to identify a "destination port" balancing between man and space. The State of Israel is small with a large and growing population and rapid open space and natural resources depletion in an irreversible process. Different approaches deal with this reality. One is "City State": continuous construction, finding open areas for accommodation and living. Israel will become a city-state, covered with concrete and cement. Future solutions will be densification and saturation: why not take these measures today? The second approach, "Patria", balances between the built and the open, directing most demand to existing cities to ensure a quality of life for their residents. The urban renewal policy, which was conceived in the 2020 Plan, was installed in NOPs 35 and 31, sharply bounding between dense and good cities, and conserved open spaces. There are gaps between this concept as expressed in national planning it and its implementation by the government, which seeks immediate solutions to address existing or imaginary housing crises. The next plan will define a "destination port". Its principles: A. Concentration in a defined area that can absorb additional population to long time horizons. B. Practical tools for reducing the gaps between planning and its implementation. The next plan's challenge: adoption of the principles formulated in the new plans - Plan 2020, NOP 35 and NOP 31 by decision-makers - the Government of Israel.

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