

Promises and the Past Year

So what did we have this year?

A new and exciting project, seven years since the social protest, a "What's on the program" workshop, monitoring laws, decisions and undertakings, impact on the public agenda, and a new monitoring cycle.

We invite you to review the big projects of 2018 with us.

"You made promises – keep them!"

How many times have you heard clear and explicit promises from ministers, directors general or senior government figures? How many times have you asked yourself what became of those unambiguous declarations heard at press conferences, at conferences and all around social media? How many times have you wondered whether anybody actually monitors the many commitments presented to the public almost every day?

We are happy and proud to present: **"You made promises – keep them!"**, the new project of the Citizens' Empowerment Center which was launched a few weeks ago, and which monitors the promises of ministers and senior government officials, checks what was actually implemented, and publishes the information for the general public.

The "You made promises – keep them!" project identifies promises that until now were largely under the public and media radar – promises given in committees and in the Knesset plenum, during visits and at conferences all over the country, in the national and local media and on social media. The project investigators collect explicit promises given by elected officials, check their implementation in a professional and thorough manner, and bring the information to the public [on the project website](#) and [on its Facebook page](#). The project has been monitoring promises of all the ministers and senior officials since the beginning of 2017.

Have you come across a promise made by a minister or a senior government official? We invite you to visit [the project website](#) and tell us about it, and we will find out what became of it.

Want to know more? Visit the ["You made promises – keep them!"](#) website or the [project's Facebook page](#) for regular updates.

We invite you to hear about the project in the launch interview given by the Director General of the Citizens' Empowerment Center to the "Good Morning" TV show on Channel 10.

[Link/ video](#)

Reports and Principal Projects

Once again, last year was full of reports monitoring the implementation of government resolutions, laws and undertakings, with in-depth reports and with impact on the public agenda. We are happy to share with you some examples of important outcomes that we published during the year.

Seven years since the social protest – In July 2018 we published a detailed report marking seven years since the social protest of 2011. The report examined all 156 recommendations of the Trachtenberg Committee for Social and Economic Change and showed how many of them had been incorporated into official policy and how many had actually been implemented.

The bottom lines: 78% of the Committee recommendations were incorporated into official government policy; 44% of those were fully implemented, 34% were partially implemented, and 22% were not implemented at all.

[Full report on the Citizens' Empowerment Center website](#)

[Article on the Globes website](#)

Eradicating racism against Ethiopian Israelis – Monitoring implementation of the Palmor Committee recommendations: last July we published a report on implementation of the Palmor Committee recommendations for the struggle against racism, which were adopted in two key government resolutions.

The bottom lines: Significant sections of the Government resolutions were actually promoted, with an emphasis on activities of the Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General. However, many actions within the areas of responsibility of other ministries and government units have either not yet been implemented or have been only partially implemented.

[Full report on the Citizens' Empowerment Center website](#)

[Article in the Mammon supplement of Yedioth Ahronoth](#)

Supervision of day care centers – government undertakings from 2012: Throughout the year, we monitored implementation of government Resolution 4088 with regard to greater supervision of day care centers and increasing the number of supervised day care centers all over the country.

The bottom lines: Apart from the welcome approval of the Day Care Supervision Law last November, many more actions are required to implement the government's undertaking to provide greater supervision – including approval of regulations and definition of standards for supervision, increasing the number of centers, training carers, and more.

[Full report on the Citizens' Empowerment Center website](#)

[Article on the Calcalist website](#)

Monitoring the publication of obligatory regulations by the Government – During the past two years, the Citizens' Empowerment Center, in conjunction with the Knesset's State Control Committee, has been monitoring government undertakings to close gaps that have existed for decades in publishing the obligatory regulations required by law, which constitute a condition for the full implementation of hundreds of laws in Israel.

The bottom lines: As of the end of 2018, the government undertaking to close gaps that is contained in Resolution 2588 has not yet been satisfactorily implemented. We are continuing

to monitor this matter and are notifying the public and the State Control Committee by means of an updated report submitted every three months.

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The Monitor continues to innovate

In recent months, the Monitor project of the Citizens' Empowerment Center began its fifth cycle of activity. Almost 50 investigators completed thorough professional training and have set out to examine the implementation of government resolutions and key government undertakings.

In recent months, we parted from the project's director over the last four years, Ms. Noa Rosenfeld, and welcomed the new Head of Governance and Project Director, Ms. Michal Sternberg, who has a master's degree in Public Policy and extensive experience in public service and in the social and municipal arenas. We are sure that under her leadership, this project will continue to impact the agenda of the government and the public.

We wish you all a successful and fruitful new civil year and promise to continue devoting our energies to improving the Government's ability to keep its promises and ensuring that it complies with its undertakings to the public.