

The Center for the Perpetuation of the Memory of Yitzhak Rabin Law, 5757-1997

Chapter One – Purpose of the Law

- Purpose of the Law** 1. The purpose of this Law is to establish a center that will perpetuate the life's work and legacy of Yitzhak Rabin for all time.

Chapter Two – Interpretation

- Definitions** 2. In this Law –
- "**Center**" – The Yitzhak Rabin Center for Israel Studies.
 - "**Archives**" – The Archives of the Center.
 - "**Site**" – The Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Site.
 - "**Archivist**," "**archival material**," "**State institution**" – As defined in the Archives Law, 5715-1955.
 - "**Institute**" – The Yitzhak Rabin Research Institute.
 - "**Museum**" – The Israeli Museum at the Center for the Perpetuation of the Memory of Yitzhak Rabin, within the meaning of Section 22.
 - "**accredited institution**" – As defined in the Council for Higher Education Law, 5718-1958.
 - "**Minister**" – The Prime Minister or a minister designated by him for the purposes of this Law.
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Chapter Three – The Institutions

- Establishment of Institutions** 3. A Center shall be established for the perpetuation of the memory of Yitzhak Rabin. The Center shall comprise the Site, the Institute and the Archives.
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Article One – The Center

- Status of the Center** 4. (a) The Center shall be a corporation.
(b) The Center shall be an audited body within the meaning of Section 9(2) of the State Comptroller Law, 5718-1958.
- The Council** 5. The Center shall have a Council comprising twenty-nine members appointed by the Minister. The following are the members –
- (1) Three representatives recommended by the Prime Minister.
 - (2) A representative recommended by the Minister of Defense from among the senior employees in the defense establishment.
 - (3) Three representatives recommended by the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports from among the senior employees in the education system.
 - (4) The Archivist.
 - (5) Five academic staff members of accredited institutions in Israel, from the humanities, social sciences or law disciplines.
 - (6) Two representatives of the local authority in whose jurisdiction the Center operates, one being the head of the local authority.
 - (7) Five representatives of the Association for the Yitzhak Rabin Center for Israel Studies.

- (8) A representative of the Council for Memorial Sites under the National Parks, Nature Reserves, National Sites and Memorial Sites Law, 5752-1992.
 - (9) A representative of the Council for Commemoration of Persons Who Served in the Office of President of the State or Prime Minister under the Commemoration of the Presidents and Prime Ministers of Israel Law, 5746-1986.
 - (10) Seven public representatives.
- Chairman of the Council** 6. The Council shall appoint from among its members, with the Minister's approval, the Chairman and his substitute.
- Duties of the Council** 7. The duties of the Council are –
- (1) To set the general policy of the Center.
 - (2) To receive reports on the Center's activities from the Executive Committee.
 - (3) To approve the budget of the Center.
- Council's Procedures** 8. (a) The Council shall convene at least once a year.
- (b) The Chairman of the Council shall preside at its meetings; he shall call meetings of the Council and set their time, place and agenda.
- (c) The Council shall set its own procedures, to the extent they have not been set in regulations.
- Executive Committee** 9. (a) The Minister shall appoint from among the members of the Council an Executive Committee consisting of nine members, provided they are–
- (1) a representative of the Prime Minister, from among those appointed under Section 5(1);
 - (2) a representative of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, from among those appointed under Section 5(3);
 - (3) the Archivist;
 - (4) two representatives of the academic staff, from among those appointed under Section 5(5);
 - (5) two representatives of the Association, from among those appointed under Section 5(7);
 - (6) a public representative, from among those appointed under Section 5(10);
 - (7) a representative of the local authority, from among those appointed under Section 5(6).
- (b) The Executive Committee shall appoint from among its members, with the Minister's approval, the Chairman and his substitute.
- Duties of the Executive Committee** 10. The duties of the Executive Committee are –
- (1) To set policy for the Center.
 - (2) To approve the Center's budget following its preparation by the Director of the Center and to submit it to the Council for approval.
 - (3) To oversee the implementation of the Center's policies and programs.
 - (4) To review the reports submitted to it by the Center's Internal Auditor and establish conclusions.

Dissolution of the Executive Committee

11. (a) If the Minister considers that the Executive Committee is not fulfilling its function properly, he shall warn the Executive Committee in a written notice sent to its Chairman stating that if within the time specified by the Minister the Executive Committee fails to fulfill the duties imposed on it as detailed by the Minister in his demand, it shall be dissolved by the Minister.
- (b) If the Executive Committee fails to fulfill the duties imposed on it as provided in Subsection (a) within the time specified by the Minister in his notice, the Minister may direct that the Executive Committee be dissolved.

Establishment of a New Executive Committee

12. If the Executive Committee resigned or the Minister decided to dissolve it as provided in Section 11, a new Executive Committee shall be appointed, in the manner prescribed in Section 9, within 30 days from the date of resignation or dissolution, as the case may be.

Expenses and Remuneration

13. A member of the Council and a member of the Executive Committee shall not receive from the Center any remuneration for their services; but a member of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to a fee for attending meetings of the Executive Committee and to reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in the fulfillment of his function, in amounts as determined by the Minister with the approval of the Minister of Finance.

Term of Office
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14. A member of the Council shall be appointed for a term of three years, and he may be reappointed for additional terms of office.

Expiration of Term of Office

15. A member of the Council shall cease to serve before the end of his term of office, in one of the following circumstances:
 - (1) He resigned by delivery of a letter of resignation to the Minister.
 - (2) He was convicted of an offense which, in the opinion of the Attorney General, involves moral turpitude.
 - (3) He ceased being an employee of the government office or the body represented by him on the Council.

Removal from Office

16. The Minister may, after consulting with the Chairman of the Council or with the Chairman of the Executive Committee, as the case may be, remove a member of the Council or a member of the Executive Committee from office before the end of their term of office, if they are permanently unable to fulfill their function.

Validity of Actions

17. The existence of the Council or of the Executive Committee, their powers and the validity of their resolutions shall not be affected by the vacation of the office of any of their members or by a defect in their appointment or in their continuation in office.

Director of the Center
(Amendment No. 1)
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18. (a) The Council, with the Minister's approval, shall appoint the Director of the Center.

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- (b) The Director of the Center shall be appointed for a term of three years, and he may be reappointed, with the Minister's approval, for additional terms of office.

Duties of the Director of the Center

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19. The duties of the Director of the Center are –

- (1) To manage the Center and the Site, including the Museum, as well as the Institute and the Archives.
- (2) To implement resolutions of the Executive Committee.
- (3) To prepare the annual work plan and the annual budget and to submit them to the Executive Committee for approval.
- (4) To report to the Executive Committee on the activities of the Center and the Site, including the Museum, as well the Institute and the Archives.

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Terms of Employment of the Director of the Center and Termination

20. (a) The Executive Committee, with the Minister's approval and in consultation with the Minister of Finance, shall set the salary and terms of employment of the Director of the Center.
- (b) The Director of the Center shall cease to serve before the end of his term of office, in one of the following circumstances:
- (1) He resigned by delivery of a letter of resignation to the Minister and to the Chairman of the Council.
 - (2) The Council resolved to terminate his office by a majority of at least two-thirds of all its members.
 - (3) He was convicted or an indictment was filed against him on an offense which, in the opinion of the Attorney General, involves moral turpitude.

Internal Auditor

21. An Internal Auditor shall be appointed to the Center who shall act in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Auditing Law, 5752-1992. The Internal Auditor shall submit to the Executive Committee a report on his findings.

Article Two – The Site

Establishment of the Site and Its Contents

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22. The Center shall establish a Memorial Site containing a permanent exhibition of items commemorating the life and death of Yitzhak Rabin, including a Museum featuring key events in the history of the State of Israel and Israeli society interwoven with the biography of Yitzhak Rabin.

Public Activities

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23. The Memorial Site shall be open to the public and shall conduct, on a regular basis, commemoration activities, museum activities and educational/informational activities connected with the life's work and legacy of Yitzhak Rabin.

Educational Committee

24. (a) The Executive Committee, after consulting with the Director of the Center, shall appoint a seven-member Educational Committee consisting of past and present figures in the education system and the defense establishment as well as a representative of the local authority in whose jurisdiction the Center operates and other public representatives.
- (b) The Educational Committee shall appoint from among its members the Chairman of the Committee and his substitute.
- (c) The Chairman of the Committee shall preside at its meetings; he shall call meetings of the Committee and set their time, place and agenda.

Duties of the Committee

25. The Educational Committee shall advise the Director of the Center on activities conducted at the Site, including their nature and content.

Article Three – The Institute

- Establishment of the Institute and Its Purpose** 26. The Center shall maintain a Research Institute; the Institute shall work to deepen and enrich knowledge about the history, politics, society, culture, economy and security of the State of Israel, with emphasis on the vision, life's work and heritage of Yitzhak Rabin.
- Activities** 27. The Institute shall conduct academic activities for the advancement of the objectives of this Law, including research groups, research seminars, public lectures and conferences with the participation of researchers.
- Library** 28. The Institute shall maintain and operate a research and study library specializing in the areas mentioned in Section 26.
- Publications** 29. The Institute shall publish studies in its areas of activity.
- Scientific Committee** 30. (a) The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Director of the Center, shall appoint a seven-member Scientific Committee consisting of individuals of recognized standing in the fields of research and instruction at accredited institutions in Israel, as well as two representatives of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.
(b) The Scientific Committee shall appoint from among its members the Chairman of the Committee and his substitute.
(c) The Chairman of the Committee shall preside at its meetings; he shall call meetings of the Committee and set their time, place and agenda.
- Duties of the Committee** 31. (a) The Scientific Committee shall approve action plans and proposals submitted to it by the Director of the Center, including proposals for the employment of researchers and for the performance of research.
(b) The Scientific Committee shall advise the Director of the Institute on any matter relating to the Institute's academic activities.
- Termination of Office** 32. The provisions of Sections 15 and 16 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the members of the Scientific Committee.

Article Four – The Archives

- Establishment of the Archives** 33. The Center shall establish an Archives; the Archives shall form part of the Israel State Archives and shall be subject to the provisions of the State Archives Law, 5715-1955.
- Handling of Material** 34. (a) The Archives shall be responsible for handling archival material relating directly to the life's work of Yitzhak Rabin.
(b) The Minister, after consulting with the Archivist and with the Director of the Center, shall establish in regulations which types of archival material held in the State Archives or at a State institution are to be transferred to the Archives.
(c) Archival material as stated in Subsection (b) shall be transferred to the Archives, in original or copy form, in the manner directed by the Archivist.
- Supervisor of the Archives** 35. The Supervisor of the Archives shall be appointed by the Director of the Center, with the Archivist's approval, and shall receive instructions and guidance in the professional field from the Archivist.

Chapter Four – General Provisions

- Conflict of Interest**
36. (a) A member of the Council, a member of the Executive Committee, a member of a Committee or an employee of the Center (in this section – Member) may not participate in a discussion and vote at a meeting, if the matter under discussion could cause him to be, directly or indirectly, in a situation of conflict of interest between his position and a personal interest he has or another position he holds. A Member may not deal in the framework of his position with a matter that could cause him to be in such a situation also outside meetings.
- (b) If it becomes apparent to a Member that a matter that is being discussed at a meeting or that is being dealt with by him could cause him to be in a situation of conflict of interest as stated in Subsection (a), he shall give notice to that effect to the Chairman of the Council, to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Director of the Center, as the case may be.
- (c) For purposes of this section, it is immaterial if such other position held by the Member is remunerated or not.
- (d) In this section –
"personal interest" – including a personal interest of the Member's relative, or an interest of a body in which the Member or his relative are managers or employees in a position of responsibility, or an interest of a body in which either of them holds part of the share capital, the right to receive profits, the right to appoint a director or the right to vote.
"relative" – spouse, parent, child, sibling or another person who is dependent on a Member.
- Land**
37. The State shall make available to the Center the land required for its activity, as shall be determined by the Government or by a minister authorized by it for that purpose.
- Funding**
38. The establishment of the Center shall be funded by donations. The activity of the Center shall be funded, subject to the provisions of Section 39, from the State budget, in the amount of the required expenditure for its existence, maintenance, development and the management of all its activities, as well as from donations and income earned by the Center.
- Budget**
39. (a) The Council shall approve an annual budget proposal and shall submit it to the Minister of Finance for approval; the budget requires the approval of the Ministry of Finance.
- (b) The Center's budget year shall correspond to the State's budget year.
- Tax Exemption**
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- 39A. (a) For purposes of the Income Tax Ordinance, the Center shall be considered a public institution under Section 9(2) of said Ordinance, and for purposes of the Property Tax and Compensation Fund Law, 5721-1961, the Center shall be considered a public institution under Section 39(6) of said Law, and all the Center's assets shall be exempt from any fee, property tax or other mandatory payment due to a local authority.
- (b) The tax exemption under this section shall not apply to assets used for commercial purposes.

Employees

40. The terms of employment of the Center's employees shall be the same as those of government employees in equivalent positions, *mutatis mutandis* and subject to adjustments prescribed by the Minister with the agreement of the Minister of Finance and pursuant to the Council's recommendation.

Prohibition on the Transfer of Assets

41. (a) The Center shall not be entitled to sell or otherwise transfer an asset owned by it, other than assets whose details, including their type and value, were specified in regulations, except with the Minister's approval.

(b) The Center shall not be entitled to pledge an asset held by it or lease it for a period of more than ten years, except with the Minister's approval. In this regard, "lease it for a period of more than ten years" – including a lease that confers a right of renewal or extension or a lease for an additional period which when added to the previous lease periods amounts in the aggregate to more than ten years.

(c) The Center shall not take a loan in excess of the amount prescribed by the Minister in regulations, except with the approval of the Minister of Finance.

Implementation

42. The Minister is in charge of the implementation of this Law and he may enact regulations with respect to its implementation, including the procedures of the Council and the Executive Committee.

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