



TEL AVIV: URBAN AUTONOMY PUT TO THE TEST DURING THE TRANSITION FROM MANDATE TO THE STATE

Wednesday, March 22 at Noon

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Lunch will be
served to
those who
RSVP

The lecture deals with the autonomous status of Tel Aviv at the end of the British mandate and during the transition period following the establishment of Israel in May 1948. At the time, Tel Aviv's Mayor Israel Rokeach and his city council members realized that their municipality could not serve as a powerful political body as it used to be during the *Yishuv* era. Therefore, the mayor petitioned senior officials to settle the relationships between the Tel Aviv City Hall and the relevant nationwide state authorities.

The lecture will examine several transformation processes that occurred in the Tel Aviv urban context during the transition from British mandate to Israeli statehood. Such processes may reflect the extent of Tel Aviv's urban development at that time.

Eran Eldar completed his doctorate in Jewish history at Tel Aviv University. His book "By its own efforts, The Urban Development of Tel Aviv in the Context of Inter-relationships between Municipal and State Rule in the Twilight of the British Mandate and the First Decades of the State of Israel".

Please RSVP by Monday, March 20

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