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New interactive political and historical map of Jerusalem

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Jerusalem Beneath the Surface: New interactive political and historical map of Jerusalem's Historic Basin

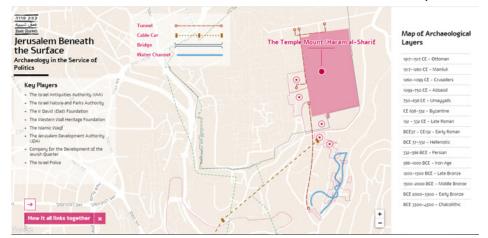
Dear friends,

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the Six-Day War (war of 1967) during which Israel occupied East Jerusalem. In the 53 years that have ensued, the historic center of Jerusalem has undergone enormous change. Although in the 1970s and 1980s large areas of the Jewish Quarter and Silwan were under excavation, most of the significant changes to the character of the city have occured over the past 25 years with the rise of the settlers as key players in defining the agenda for archaeological excavations and tourism development in the Historic Basin. The goal of advancing historic sites as a means to promote exclusive Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem's historic core has now been coopted as government policy. Today, the settlers and government agencies work together practically seamlessly to create a narrow historic and symbolic landscape.

The reality around Jerusalem's historic sites is complicated by the multiplicity of private and government players with varying responsibilities. It makes any objection to projects an extremely complex bureaucratic process. We, in Emek Shaveh, often find ourselves trying to explain the intricate map of interests and players at key historic sites. To make this information more accessible we are pleased to offer you this <u>interactive political and historical map of</u> <u>Jerusalem</u>. The map features two separate, but related, layers. The historical layers present the wealth of historical periods and the history of Jerusalem's monuments and sites over the centuries. The other layer maps the central private and governmental bodies currently managing and operating major archaeological sites in the Historic Basin.

Please feel free to explore the map. You can retreive information by clicking on historical periods in the list of archaeological layers and by clicking on individual sites on the map, or by clicking on key players and discovering who is responsible for the operation and management of each site. We hope you find this map useful and interesting.

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