



## Plans for a fourth major settlement bloc attached to Jerusalem + Results of 7-16 District Committee

As reported in the press today, the Ministry of Housing and Construction has announced plans for the construction of 1,100 new housing units that would join Adam (Geva Binyamin) in the West Bank to Neve Ya'akov in East Jerusalem, on land between Neve Ya'akov and the Separation Barrier ([see map](#)). Plans have been in the drawer for over a decade and are now, according to the Ministry, in the advanced planning stages before entering the planning process.

Already, Neve Ya'akov and Pisgat Ze'ev have been all but fused into one settlement on the outskirts of East Jerusalem - rather than adjacent to the Green Line, and therefore more problematic for negotiating a two state solution based on the Clinton Parameters. The new plan would now link this massive settlement area to Adam in the West Bank, strengthening contiguity of settlement between East Jerusalem and the West Bank; and creating, in effect a fourth major settlement bloc in service to the vision of a "Greater Jerusalem". Already, the government has used various means, including road infrastructure and location of the Separation Barrier, to further absorb the three major settlement blocs adjacent to the city: Gush Etzion settlement bloc south of the city, the Ma'ale Adumim/E-1 bloc east of the city, and the Givat Ze'ev settlement bloc to the north.

Solidifying the connection between Adam and Neve Ya'akov would further fracture a future Palestinian state by cutting Ar-Ram and Hizma from one another – breaking contiguity from north to south - while isolating the southern perimeter of Ramallah from East Jerusalem, the future capital of the Palestinian state. Advancing a project of this size, given its extreme geo-political ramifications, would have a fatal impact on the two-state solution

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### Plans related to announcement of 1,700 units in East Jerusalem advance

At the July 16 meeting of the District Planning and Building Committee, all of the major plans on the agenda **were approved for deposit**, including all plans in Sheikh Jarrah:

Neighborhood	Plan number	Housing units	Comments
A-Tur	54734	8 (on top of already approved 24 HU)	To legalize additional floors on existing buildings
Har Homa B	438408	15 (on top of existing commercial building)	
Jabal al-Mukabber	365908	Mikveh	Adjacent to existing buildings in Nof Tzion settlement

Sheikh Jarrah	14029	12	An ArieH King project that would entail the demolition of 3 Palestinian homes to make way for construction of a 4-story building with 12 HU. Palestinian residents are protected tenants.
Sheikh Jarrah	68858	Yeshiva	Master plan designates plot for public buildings for local community. First floor may be reserved for services to reconcile this planning dilemma.
Sheikh Jarrah	499699	6 story office building	Adjacent to Glassman campus plan, near entrance to Sheikh Jarrah. Glassman plot also marked for public buildings; space apparently allocated for services to reconcile planning problem.
Sheikh Jarrah	14151	3	Another ArieH King project calling for demolition of a building housing Palestinian residents

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