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January 2009: 180,000 Departures of Israelis Abroad

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In January 2009, about 172,000 **Israelis** departed abroad – **including Israeli citizens residing abroad**. 61% of those who departed were men. In January, a total of 180,000 **departures** of Israelis were recorded (see Table 1 attached to this press release).

About 160,000 of **those who departed abroad** made **only one departure** in January. About 11,000 people departed **two or more times** that month; and about 79% of those who departed were men. The average age of the Israelis who departed abroad by air and land was 40.

The data are based on registration of movements of Israelis at the borders.

About 165,000 (92%) of the departures abroad were **by air**, and about 14,000 were **by land**. Of those, about 4,000 departures were to the Sinai desert via the Eilat border crossing; 10,000 departures were recorded at the Jordan border crossings (the “Jordan River”, “Allenby”, and “Arava” crossings). Nearly 300 departures were by **sea**.

The data for January 2009 indicate a sharp decline of 23% in the number of persons departing abroad compared with January 2008. Evidently, this decline can be mainly attributed to the *Oferet Yetzuka* operation, which took place in December 2008 and continued until the second half of January. Army reserve units were mobilized for the operation, and that reduced the amount of people leaving for vacations abroad. Moreover, there were a large number of flights to Turkey were cancelled. Table A (below) presents data on the departures of Israelis abroad, by mode of travel.

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TABLE 1. DEPARTURES ABROAD OF ISRAELIS

לוח 1. יציאות לחו"ל של ישראלים

	מה: בדרך האוויר			Total			סך הכל		
	Thereof: By air אחוז שינוי חודשי של המגמה Monthly percentage of change in trend	מגמה ^(R) Trend ^(R)	מנוכי עונתיות ^(R) Seasonally adjusted ^(R)	נתונים מקוריים Original data	אחוז שינוי חודשי של המגמה Monthly percentage of change in trend	מגמה ^(R) Trend ^(R)	מנוכי עונתיות ^(R) Seasonally adjusted ^(R)	נתונים מקוריים Original data	
2000				2,871.8				3,529.5	2000
2001				3,085.0				3,561.0	2001
2002				2,828.0				3,273.0	2002
2003				2,689.2				3,298.5	2003
2004				2,868.3				3,614.1	2004
2005				3,013.0				3,687.4	2005
2006				3,145.1				3,713.1	2006
2007				3,433.2				4,147.4	2007
2008				3,552.3				4,206.8	2008
2008 I				206.1				233.2	I 2008
2009 * I				165.2				179.7	I * 2009
2006 I		260.7	256.8	180.1		309.7	317.7	211.8	I 2006
II	-0.3	259.9	271.8	168.9	-0.9	307.0	319.5	188.6	II
III	-0.4	258.7	256.8	212.1	-0.9	304.1	295.8	234.6	III
IV	-0.4	257.6	285.6	270.6	-0.9	301.5	347.1	335.6	IV
V	-0.3	256.8	253.9	237.3	-0.6	299.7	292.4	271.7	V
VI	0.1	257.0	262.6	293.8	-0.1	299.4	310.2	344.5	VI
VII	0.6	258.6	256.8	386.5	0.6	301.2	298.9	465.0	VII
VIII	1.2	261.8	252.5	391.5	1.4	305.5	297.2	487.6	VIII
IX	1.8	266.5	244.7	309.3	2.1	311.9	288.5	357.6	IX
X	2.2	272.2	280.5	300.7	2.5	319.7	336.4	364.0	X
XI	2.2	278.3	274.2	191.0	2.6	327.9	314.0	215.2	XI
XII	2.0	283.8	288.7	203.4	2.3	335.3	341.4	236.9	XII
2007 I	1.5	288.0	285.8	196.7	1.7	341.0	341.6	225.9	I 2007
II	0.8	290.5	296.4	184.7	1.0	344.5	350.0	206.1	II
III	0.2	291.0	291.0	259.6	0.4	345.8	350.5	294.6	III
IV	-0.4	290.0	298.0	251.1	-0.1	345.4	353.2	309.1	IV
V	-0.7	288.0	295.1	275.1	-0.3	344.4	354.8	328.8	V
VI	-0.7	285.9	277.7	312.6	-0.2	343.6	327.9	366.6	VI
VII	-0.5	284.5	276.0	427.9	0.1	343.9	331.5	530.6	VII
VIII	-0.1	284.3	281.5	444.6	0.5	345.4	343.6	574.8	VIII
IX	0.4	285.5	284.2	379.6	0.8	348.1	350.3	450.3	IX
X	0.9	288.1	294.1	286.5	1.0	351.5	350.1	352.0	X
XI	1.2	291.4	296.2	210.2	0.9	354.7	368.7	254.4	XI
XII	1.2	294.9	295.3	204.5	0.7	357.2	367.4	254.1	XII
2008 I	1.1	298.3	301.8	206.1	0.4	358.7	352.6	233.2	I 2008
II	0.9	301.1	291.6	192.2	0.2	359.3	349.1	214.8	II
III	0.7	303.2	306.7	228.5	0.0	359.1	365.5	263.5	III
IV	0.4	304.4	304.2	302.5	-0.2	358.4	354.7	354.9	IV
V	0.0	304.5	305.3	283.1	-0.3	357.3	357.2	329.3	V
VI	-0.4	303.4	309.7	348.5	-0.5	355.6	362.0	405.1	VI
VII	-0.8	300.9	301.8	448.9	-0.7	353.3	358.6	553.4	VII
VIII	-1.2	297.2	296.9	447.8	-0.9	350.3	349.4	556.1	VIII
IX	-1.5	292.8	300.9	366.3	-1.0	346.7	346.3	413.6	IX
X	-1.6	288.0	281.2	328.9	-1.1	342.9	346.2	407.2	X
XI	-1.5	283.6	286.1	199.4	-1.0	339.5	340.5	232.7	XI
XII	-1.3	280.1	278.9	199.7	-0.8	336.9	339.4	243.0	XII
2009 * I	-0.9	277.7	250.5	165.2	-0.5	335.2	278.5	179.7	I * 2009
	Percentage of change on the same period a year earlier				אחוז השינוי לעומת התקופה המקבילה בשנה הקודמת				
2001				7.4				0.9	2001
2002				-8.3				-8.1	2002
2003				-4.9				0.8	2003
2004				6.7				9.6	2004
2005				5.0				2.0	2005
2006				4.4				0.7	2006
2007				9.2				11.7	2007
2008				3.5				1.4	2008
2009 * I				-19.8				-22.9	I * 2009

Percent change on the previous month.

כל חודש לעומת קודמו.

* Provisional data

* נתונים ארעיים

R - Revised and corrected data

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