

## **Elite philanthropy in Israel: Characteristics, Motives and Patterns of Contributions**

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The article presents analyses and evaluates findings from a recent study investigating philanthropic activities of the Israeli elite. Based on interviews with 79 Israeli donors, it reviews the scope of the phenomena during 2006, the demographic characteristics of "mega-donors", the motives for giving, their preferred areas of interest and plans, their channels of contribution and organizational mechanisms (foundations, private giving and corporate giving).

Findings show the existence of a generous circle of mega-donors in Israel society donating money and time to social causes. In addition, the paper presents an analysis of the relationships between Israeli philanthropists and policy makers.

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