

# ZU-LAT

Equality and Human Rights

**Dear Friend,**

Only a few more days remain before we go to elections once again, the fifth round in four years. Like many of us in the Left, I feel these elections will be crucial and will determine Israel's character. **There is no other way to put it: Our democracy is in danger!**

I addressed the subject at this year's **Israel Democracy Conference**, hosted by the newspaper **Haaretz** and the **New Israel Fund**. In my speech, I presented **the legislative reforms drafted by Zulat** that were submitted to Israeli party leaders. These reforms include legislative initiatives aimed at saving democracy: anchor the principle of equality, fight fake news, protect freedom of expression and protest, restore nonpartisanship, strengthen the mechanisms for the protection of human rights, and bolster the independence of civil society.



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[>> Zulat's Legislative Reforms Presented to Israeli Party Leaders](#)

## Road Map for Free Elections

Being a human rights institute, we consider it our duty to ensure that the principle of free choice remained uncompromised during the election campaign. To this end, we formulated a road map consisting of three main elements:

1. Reinforce Freedom of Protest
2. Curtail Fake News
3. Protect Voter Privacy

We called on all decisionmakers to adopt this road map, which was forwarded to **Prime Minister Yair Lapid**, Public Security Minister **Omer Bar-Lev**, the Israel Police Commissioner, the Central Elections Committee Chairman, and the Privacy Protection Authority Commissioner.

[>> Click here for the full road map](#)

## September Human Rights Index: What do Jews and Arabs Want?

The Human Rights Index, an ongoing collaborative project of Zulat and **Reichman University's Institute for Freedom and Responsibility**, centered in its September 2022 survey on the most important rights for Israel's citizens. The findings show that **the right to earn a dignified living is the most important right for Israelis, Arabs and Jews alike.**

The right to earn a dignified living is the most important to Israelis



\* The respondents' ranking of rights according to their importance, on a scale from 1 to 5

At the same time, almost half of all respondents agree with the statement that "Jewish citizens should have more rights than non-Jewish citizens".

Respondents were also asked to rate their agreement with the statement "The state must guarantee freedom of expression even if it is directed against the state." Some 82% of the Arab respondents concurred, as opposed to only 53% of the Jewish public who did not – a difference of close to 30%.

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## We Need You

I invite you to contribute to Zulat, so we may continue to act on all fronts and bring about change.

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Yours truly,

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