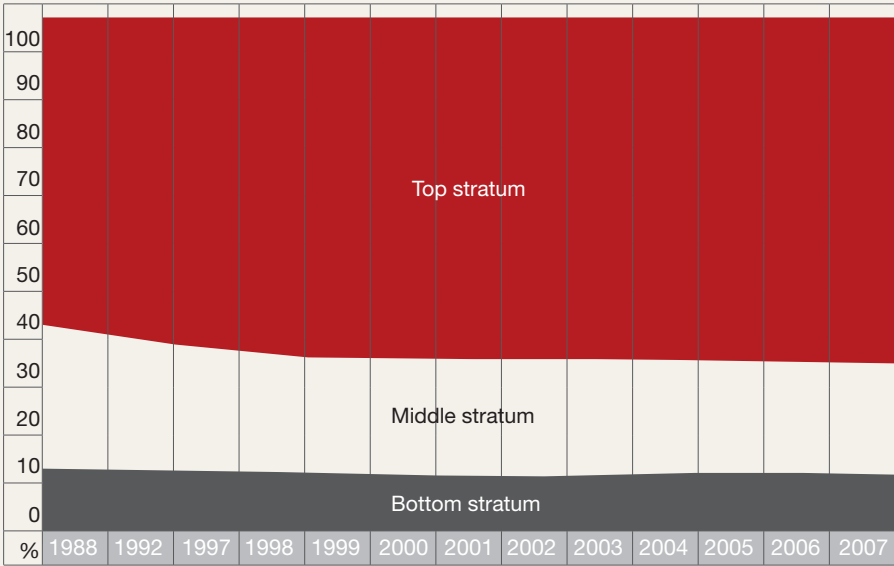

The Adva Center

Annual Report 2008

Share of Strata in Israel's Income Pie, 1988-2007



The Adva Center has developed sophisticated tools for monitoring social and economic trends in Israel.

The Adva Center regularly publishes reports on a wide variety of issues, from the connection between economic growth and the distribution of income to inequalities among different localities in Israel with regard to wages, education and health.

Adva also does in-depth studies of the situation of disadvantaged groups, like Ethiopian Israelis and Bedouin citizens of Israel. Adva is known for its innovative gender work.

At the same time, the Adva Center examines public policy, including its main instrument - the national budget. Adva is the only non-governmental body that monitors the budget - making process in real time, examining the fit between budget proposals and social needs.

Thanks to the capability developed by the Adva Center, of connecting social needs with public policy, especially budget policy, Adva plays a pivotal role in the framing of issues that have become central to the Israeli public discourse.

For example:

the connection between economic growth and the alleviation of social ills: Adva demonstrated that economic growth does not necessarily benefit those who need it most.

the fact that economic development has been taking place primarily in the center of the country, sidelining peripheral areas, minority groups, and low-tech industries and services.

In everything it does, the Adva Center works to make the connection between social needs and public policy, between economy and society, between the state and civil society, and between economics and sociology.

the fact that Israeli schools do not turn out all the man and woman power needed for an advanced economy.

The Adva Center provides the Israeli public with comprehensive information about the Israeli society and economy, in user-friendly terms.

Adva reports serve legislators, executive officials, non-profit organizations and the media.

the fact that while the Israeli public health system is very good in comparative terms, it is slowly losing its edge, as a result of under-financing.

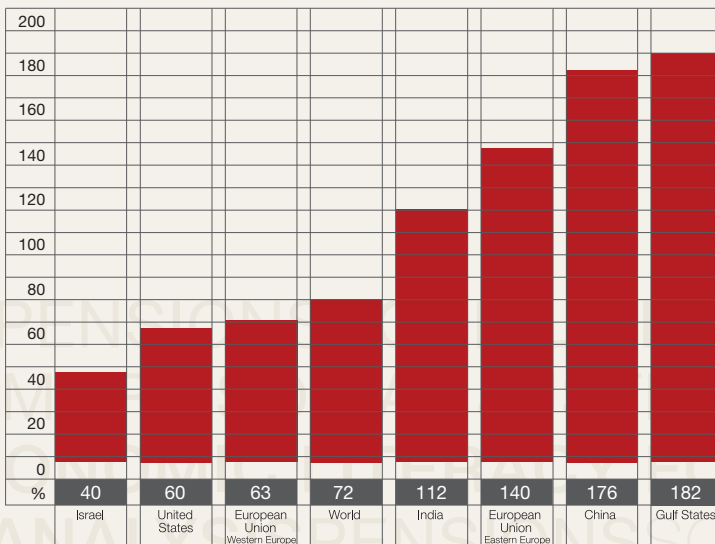
All this makes the Adva Center a valuable asset for Israel.

Adva and the Israeli Economy

The Adva Center was among the first to point out that Israel's high rates of growth in recent years are only half the story. The other half: the fruits of economic growth benefit those at the upper end of the income ladder far more than those at the bottom; moreover, the economy is under constant threat of hostilities that may cause a downturn.

Economic Growth Rates (percentage increase in GDP)

Israel and Selected Countries & Blocks, 1998-2006, In percentages



December 14, 2008

By Zvi Lavi

A report published by Adva Center finds that the growth rate between 1998 and 2007 was 40%, compared to a global average of 72%... Barbara Swirski and Dr. Shlomo Swirski, heads of the Adva Center, stress that the abandonment of the low-income population in favor of

the market forces was not the only thing which contributed to the expansion of social inequality. Another cause, they say, was the economic policy and governmental legislation, particularly during the crisis which broke out following the Intifada.

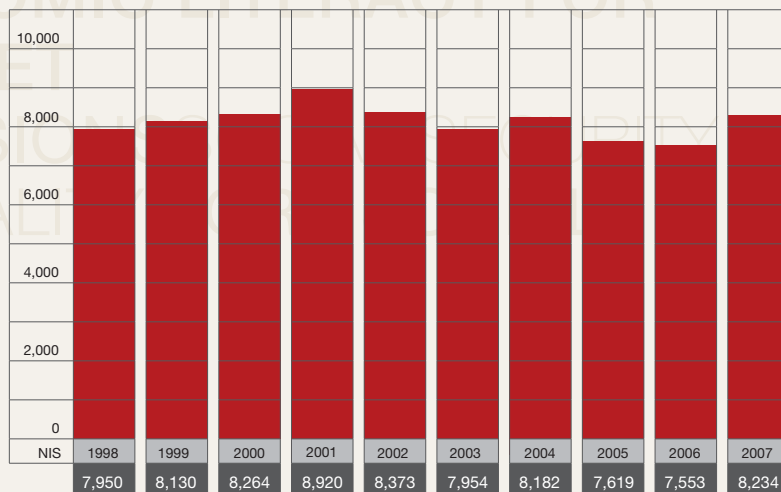
Adva and the National Budget

Since 1995, Adva Center has been analyzing the national budget proposal in time to make changes for the better. Each year, Adva's budget reports are utilized by legislators from political parties on both left and right and presented on radio, TV, internet and written media. Adva's educational seminars on the budget are attended by legislators, for whom a special session is organized, at the Knesset, and by hundreds of ordinary citizens, for whom workshops are held around the country.

Budget for Teaching Hours per Student

1998-2007

In NIS, 2007 prices



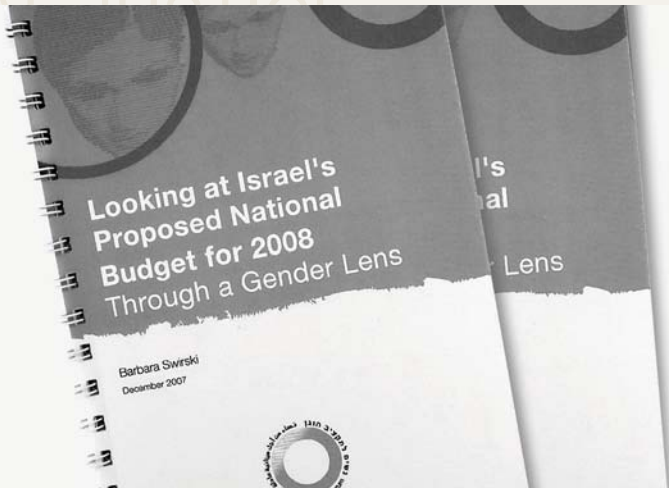
"Israel: A Social Report – 2007, a publication requiring considerable energy and investment, presents very significant figures, which were very helpful to me during the vote on the national budget."

Member of Knesset Yaakov Cohen, Yehadut Ha-Torah Party

Adva and Gender-Responsive Budgeting

In 2004, Adva Center created the Women's Budget Forum, a coalition of 30 women's and human rights groups working together to raise awareness of the relevance of budget decisions to the status of women in Israel.

The Forum also engages in advocacy work to ensure that women receive a fair share of the national budget.



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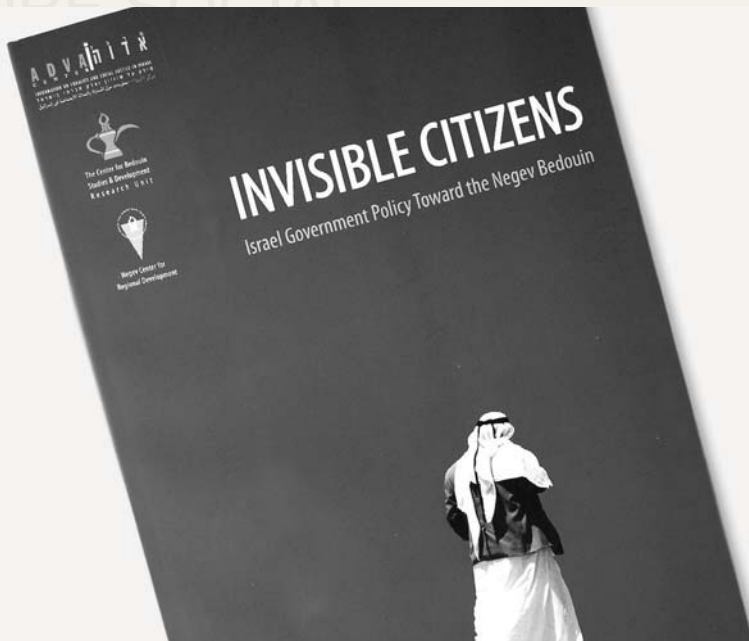
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Adva and the Arab Minority in Israel

Adva analyzes the socio-economic position of Arab citizens of Israel and consistently advocates for equal opportunities for Israel's Arab minority. Adva has also analyzed government policies affecting Bedouins living in the Negev.



September 15, 2008

"Arabs discriminated against in welfare aid"

By Yael Branovsky

Arab citizens in need of welfare services receive less than half the budget earmarked for Jewish citizens, a new report by the Adva Center claims.

According to the report, private donors make up for the gaps in the budget, and many

social workers do their work voluntarily, due to lack of funding.

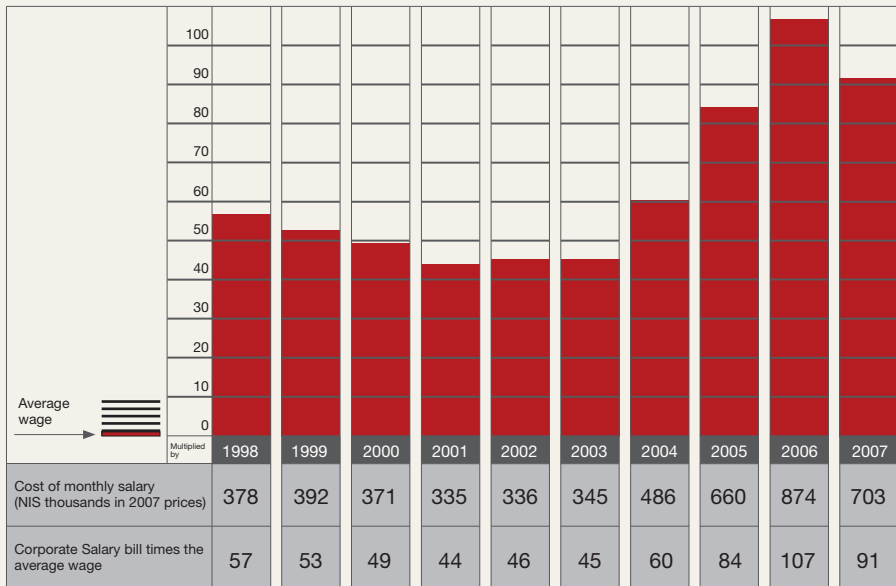
Adva and Social Strata in Israel

Adva Center reports monitor changes in the fortunes of the rich, the poor and the middle class in Israel.

Monthly Salary Bill of Senior Executives of Corporations Listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange ("Tel Aviv 25")

1988-2007

Measured against the average wage, in 2007 prices



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"More Israelis earn minimum wage as middle class shrinks"

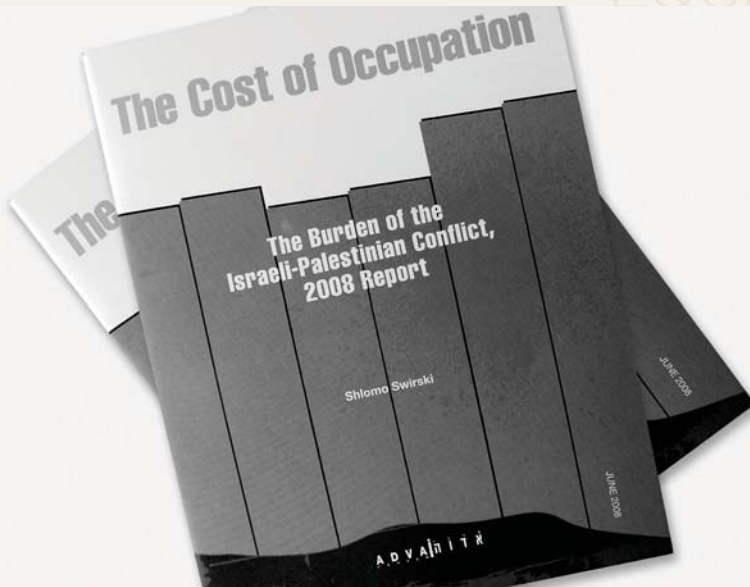
By Ruth Sinai

The number of Israelis receiving minimum wage or less grew by 22 percent in the past 10 years — from 28.8 percent of workers in 1998 to 35.1 last year, according to an annual report being released

today by the Adva Center for policy analysis.

Adva and the Cost of Holding on to the Palestinian Territories

Adva Center was among the first to point out the economic cost of holding on to the Palestinian territories, in addition to the moral cost and the cost in terms of human suffering.



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Wednesday, June 4, 2008

"Occupation has cost Israel dear, says report

*** Thinktank labels conflict 'millstone around neck'
* Economy held back as defence spending soars"**

By Rory McCarthy in Jerusalem

Israel's occupied territories and conflict with the Palestinians has undermined the country's economic growth... Calculations by the Adva Center, an independent policy centre in Tel Aviv, suggest Israel's economy has been held back, inequality within the country has grown, and there have been significant

government budget cuts to pay for mounting defense spending.

Adva openly admits that its findings... challenge the widely received opinion that Israel's economy is successful despite the conflict.

Adva and Health Care in Israel

The Adva Center works with Physicians for Human Rights-Israel and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel to preserve publicly funded health services in Israel and to increase the equity of distribution of those services.



THE JERUSALEM POST

December 15, 2008

"ELECTION BRIEFS"

Parties Asked for health equity plans

All the parties running in February's Knesset elections have been asked by Adva Center, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel to set out their positions on the provision

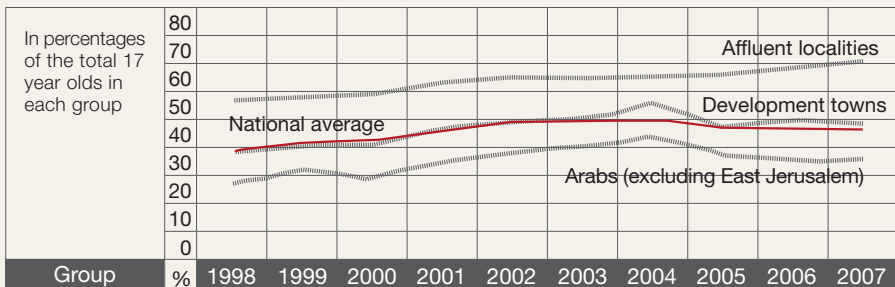
of egalitarian health services to all citizens...

Adva and Education in Israel

The Adva Center monitors the educational achievements of different social groups in Israel. Adva analyzes the budgets and the financing trends of public schools, universities and colleges. It also provides consultations and lectures for civil society groups striving to improve education in Israel.

Success Rates in the Matriculation Exams

1998-2007



Finance Committee chairman claims to have convinced Finance Ministry to forgo 6% hike in tuition while policy center publishes report stating that only 40% of high school graduates are eligible for college, number of university students has come to a standstill.

September 15, 2008

**"Good news and bad news
for higher education"**

By Moran Zelikovitch

..."This is a huge problem," says Shlomo Swirski of the Adva Center. "We are talking about Israel's future economic power, which is weakening."

Adva and Senior Citizens

In recent years, the Adva Center has provided leadership to coalitions of nonprofit organizations advocating for pension arrangements for all workers in Israel. Following the 2008 global financial crisis, Adva advocated for changing the pension system and creating a safety net for pension savings. Regulations regarding a temporary safety net for the pension savings of persons nearing retirement were approved in January 2009.



(Income after Retirement)

HA'ARETZ.com

December 12, 2008

"Fund yields and water, down the drain"

By Ruth Sinai

Last week, the Finance Ministry published a table showing the interest which the new pension funds and

provident funds have yielded in the past decade...

Barbara Swirski, head of the Adva Center, which studies disadvantaged groups in Israel, has attempted to examine the data from a different point of view. She turned to Dan Sprinzak, an independent expert on pension savings, and asked him to calculate what

the interest was on savings after the deduction of the effects of inflation... He found that [since 2003] the average real yield for every one of these five years was 0.23% - which is to say that the fall of the economy wiped out the gains.

Adva and the Media

Reporters often contact the Adva Center for policy papers, interviews, and background information. In 2008, the Adva Center registered an average of 22 media appearances a month: on radio, TV, internet, and the printed media – in Hebrew, English, Arabic, Spanish, French and Swedish.



Adva's Partners, without whom it could not carry on with its work

The following foundations, organizations and individuals made generous contributions to the work of the Adva Center in 2008:

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July 29, 2008

**"Report on salaries
highlights wide income
gaps"**

By Ruth Eglash

Residents of Jerusalem might
be better off living in towns

in the periphery, such as Arad, Dimona or even Yerucham, where the average monthly salary for men is at least NIS 1,000 higher than that for men living in the capital, according to a paper published this week by the Tel Aviv-based, non-profit organization the Adva Center.... "We broke the localities down into groups," said Etty Konor-Attias, who

compiled the report together with Tatiana Kolobov. "Arab localities had the lowest incomes, followed by development towns; cities that were more developed achieved the highest earnings. Jerusalem, however, with its high numbers of haredi and Arab residents who are mostly unemployed, is a category unto itself."

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Adva has a stable Board of Directors whose members are highly committed and who make significant contributions to the work of Adva by giving freely of their time and expertise.

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THE JERUSALEM POST

October 6, 2008

"Housewives, unemployed, low-income workers get reprieve"

By Judy Siegel

The Finance Ministry has backtracked from a plan to force the health funds to collect a regressive NIS 90 monthly fee from housewives, low-income employees and the unemployed aged 18 to 67.. Adva Center, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, and the

Association for Civil Rights in Israel issued a joint statement last week attacking the Finance Ministry initiative...

Adva Center

Balance Sheets

As of December 31, 2008

		2008	2007
	Note	NIS	NIS
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		423,646	60,772
Short term investments		349,430	396,827
Other trade accounts receivable	3	3,068	19,752
		<u>776,144</u>	<u>477,351</u>
Fixed Assets			
	4	<u>56,639</u>	<u>52,337</u>
		<u>832,783</u>	<u>529,688</u>
Current Liabilities			
Employees		52,836	41,785
Trade accounts payable		25,270	29,773
Trade and other payables	5	390,933	32,801
		<u>469,039</u>	<u>104,359</u>
Long Term Liabilities			
Reserve for retired employees' rights		<u>73,747</u>	<u>43,000</u>
Net Assets			
Unrestricted net assets			
Not earmarked		(38,986)	(23,754)
Used for fixed assets		56,639	52,337
Restricted net assets			
of a temporary character		<u>272,344</u>	<u>353,744</u>
Total net assets		<u>289,997</u>	<u>382,327</u>
		<u>832,783</u>	<u>529,688</u>



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