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A Look in the Mirror: Reflections on the Social and Economic Issues Facing Israel Today

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April 7th, 2016 | 5:30 PM Reception, 6 PM Lecture | Warren Room, 295 Boalt Hall

Avi Weiss will provide critical background information about the state of Israel's society and economy. This briefing will explore issues such as the education system, the future of the Israeli labor market, the high cost of living, and the socioeconomic status of minorities such as the ultra-Orthodox, Arab Israelis, and Ethiopian Israelis.

The Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel is an independent, non-partisan, socioeconomic research institute based in Jerusalem. The Center conducts high-quality, impartial research on socioeconomic conditions in Israel, and develops innovative, equitable and practical options for macro public policies that advance the well-being of Israelis. The Center strives to influence public policy through direct communications with policy makers and by enriching the public debate that accompanies the decision making process.

Prof. Avi Weiss is the Executive Director of The Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel. Prof. Weiss holds a doctoral degree from the University of Chicago, and has been a senior faculty of Bar-Ilan University and served as Chair of the Economics Department. His research is in Applied Economics, focusing on industrial organization, antitrust, labor economics, law and economics, and behavioral and experimental economics. In the public domain, Prof. Weiss has held important posts, including Chief Economist and Deputy Director of the Israel Antitrust Authority, member of the Anti-Dumping Commission of the Ministry of Industry, trade member of the Subcommittee on the Cost of Living and Competition of the Trajtenberg Commission on Social and Economic Change, and consulting member of the Bachar Intra-Agency Committee for Reform of the Financial Sector. Today he is a member of the Competition Task Force of Israel's Grand Strategy Forum.



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