

BANK OF ISRAEL

Office of the Spokesperson and Economic Information

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**Dr. Ziv Naor is appointed Spokesperson of the Bank of Israel**

Following an internal tenders process at the Bank of Israel, Dr. Ziv Naor has been appointed Spokesperson of the Bank and Head of the Office of the Spokesperson and Economic Information in the Communications, Public Affairs, and Community Relations Division led by Nurit Felter-Eitan. Dr. Naor will replace Uri Barazani, who has served in the position since the beginning of 2020, and who has been appointed Head of the Operations, Strategic and Special Projects Unit in the Banking Supervision Department. Naor will take up the position following an orderly transition period.

Dr. Ziv Naor began working at the Bank of Israel about 15 years ago as a researcher in the Monetary Policy and Finance Divisions in the Bank of Israel Research Department. In 2017, she was appointed Head of the Economics Unit in the Banking Supervision Department, and was part of the Department’s strategic planning, including the initiation, execution, and public information aspects of policy measures. She was also involved in legislative processes working with Knesset committees. She led the stress testing process for the banking system during her term in the Department, and the writing of the *Survey of Israel’s Banking System* in those years.

Dr. Ziv Naor holds a Bachelor’s degree in Economics and Management from Tel Aviv University as part of the Academic Reserves, and Master’s and Doctorate degrees in Economics from Tel Aviv University. She is also a graduate of the most recent (51st) class of the National Security College’s program to develop senior civil service professionals. She lives in Ramat Gan, and is married with three children.

**Bank of Israel Governor Prof. Amir Yaron**: “Economic information and communication is an essential part of the effectiveness of the various policy measures the Bank of Israel has adopted, and is an important element in maintaining the Bank’s reputation and the public’s trust in it. Ziv takes up the position during a challenging period for the Israeli economy. Her professional experience, alongside her academic background and understanding of various core issues with which the Bank is dealing will enable her to successfully meet the challenges of the position. I wish her success in this important position. I also take this opportunity to thank Uri Barazani for his excellent work as the Bank’s Spokesperson, and for his part in the economic processes that the Bank of Israel has led during one of the most turbulent periods the Israeli economy has known, and for his close work with me in recent years.”

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