Principles of the Second Republic of Israel Movement

The main points of the platform were first presented in 2009. They formed the basis for a series of articles and a book by Jacques Cory, published in 2018 in [***Hebrew,***](http://www.businessethicscory.com/secondrepublicofisraelbookrev7.pdf)[**English**](http://www.businessethicscory.com/secondrepublicenglishvers7.pdf), on various sites. Against the background of the fundamental crisis that is currently befalling Israel, which is governmental, economic and social, it is imperative to think outside the patterns that will only lead us from election to election to an unprecedented low, if we do not fundamentally change the fate of the state. The following is the updated platform for 2020:

**Introduction**: The Second Republic of Israel movement is a non-parliamentary popular movement designed to fundamentally change the fate of the state on all levels in democratic ways and to prioritize social justice, integrity, equality, sustainability and quality of life of all citizens. The movement operates on behalf of the interests of secular and religious, hawks and doves, Jews and Arabs, women and men, rich, poor & middle class, people from the periphery and center, businessmen and academics, intellectuals and the third sector, for the well-being of the whole population, in a spirit of fraternity, reconciliation, harmony and cohesion.

1. **Economy**: The neo-liberal regime will be fundamentally changed and the right balance will be found between government intervention and the free market, which will be inspired by the Scandinavian model of social capitalism. The companies will take into account the interests of all stakeholders, including achieving adequate profitability, but not maximizing the company's profit and value. Substantial progressive taxation will be implemented and inheritance tax.

2. **Government**: A presidential system will be established, with the president having full executive powers and appointing the best experts to his government. A constitution inspired by the constitutions of the United States, France and the leading prosperous and ethical states will be adopted. Parliament representation will be divided equally between regional and proportional. Parties based on religion, nation or origin will be banned by the constitution.

3. **Policy**: The State of Israel will be a democratic state with voting rights for all its residents, with defensible borders and no control over a foreign people. The permanent borders of the state and its structure will take into account the Jewish and Arab demographic component in all areas of Eretz Israel - the Land of Israel, with two states: Israel with all the settlements and Jordan-Palestine including the majority Palestinian Jordan, and the West Bank & Gaza Arabs.

4**. Business**: Government will encourage businesses generating high added value to the economy, employment, exports, population dispersion, high-tech industries, energy and clean infrastructure, non-polluting companies. Excessive regulation and a high tax burden will be implemented on hedge funds, speculative investments, centralized conglomerates and companies that work with a high leverage and invest most of their profits outside Israel.

5. **Capital and government**: The excessive ties between capital and government will be severed. Senior government officials, members of the Knesset and government, judges and IDF and police officers will receive a salary equivalent to a salary in the private sector and will enjoy generous pension conditions, but will be prohibited from working in the private sector by law. As a result, huge amounts will be added to the governmental budget instead of the excessive benefits that corrupt governmental officials give nowadays to the private sector.

6. **Employment**: The minimum wage will be drastically raised and the number of contractor workers will be minimal. High employment security with social benefits will be achieved. An adequate balance will be struck between the conditions of employment, freedom of association, integrity of the workers’ committees and the ability to manage companies. In parallel, labor productivity, employee participation on boards of directors and employee participation in profitability and company ownership will be increased, as in Germany.

7. **Civil rights**: The State of Israel is the state of the Jewish people **and** all its citizens, with only Jews having national rights. Full civil rights will be granted to the whole population, provided that every resident, male and female, ultra-Orthodox and secular, Jewish and Arab, will serve in the IDF or in national service for 3 years. Discrimination on the basis of religion, age and sex, race and sexual orientation for any position and in any subject will be prohibited.

8. **Religion and State**: Complete separation between religion and state. Only civil marriages will be recognized by the state and only for those who have reached the age of 21. Giving equal status to all streams in the Jewish religion and to all religions. Appointing one rabbinate for Ashkenazis and Sephardim. Introducing full religious freedom. Missionary activity of all religions is prohibited by law. There is no more government funding for rabbinate & kashrut.

9. **Social justice**: The middle class will become 50% of the population, double the current rate, similar to Sweden. The social gaps and the level of quantitative and qualitative prosperity will be as in the top ten democracies with the best social justice system. Poverty levels will drop to below 10% of the population. There will be full integration of the ultra-Orthodox and the Arab sectors in all aspects of rights and obligations, prosperity and equality.

10. **Ethics**: Corruption will be eradicated and the sentences for white-collar criminals will be drastically increased. Ethical screening of candidates for public and business positions will be conducted. Israel will be ranked among the top ten countries in the Transparency International Ethics and Lack of Corruption Index – which has included Scandinavia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Singapore, the Netherlands, Canada and Australia over the past decade.

11. **Education**: A free compulsory education law will be enforced for the population up to the age of 18, with only one secular education system, as in the most advanced countries, such as France and the United States, including core elements of mathematics, citizenship, compulsory learning of three languages ​​at a mother tongue level: Hebrew, English and Arabic, heritage studies in every sector. Academic studies will be free in every profession.

12. **Welfare**: Adequate budgets will be allocated for welfare, health, education, housing, assistance to the elderly and disabled. Social benefits will be given to only 4 children per family, in order to mitigate families with many children’s burden on the economy. Pension funds will be prohibited to invest in the stock market. Israel will be ranked among the top ten countries in the field of welfare, with the main burden put on the business sector and the rich.

13. **Personal Security**: Crime families will be eradicated and the sentences on crime will be drastically increased. The best people will be recruited to the police who will receive a salary equivalent to a salary in the IDF. The amount of crime will be halved: theft, assault, sexual offenses, etc. Strict enforcement of the law will also be enforced in the Arab and ultra-Orthodox sectors, including eradication of violence in the family, youth and the public sphere.

14. **Sustainability**: Preservation and enforcement of international sustainability standards will be at the top of the list of priorities, with heavy penalties for polluting companies and citizens, with the main development resources directed to clean energy, non-polluting factories, sustainable infrastructure, green buildings, recycling, as well as electric and hybrid vehicles. Emphasis will be put on adequate Green Spaces, and on a drastic reduction in air pollution.

15. **The Judiciary**: The judiciary system will be completely free from any pressure. In order to avoid overloading the justice system, a large number of judges will be appointed. Expert judges will serve in the courts for economic offenses. Judges will be prohibited from working as arbitrators upon their retirement. A complete separation between the legislature, the executive and the judiciary will be maintained, and enforcement of the supervisory reports.

16. **Society**: Israeli society needs to undergo a fundamental change, encouraging whistleblowers, condemning bankruptcies that wronged creditors, tax evasion, defrauding the state, and punishing controlling shareholders who wronged shareholders. A proper balance between the needs of the individual, society and state will be maintained, as well as fostering pioneering, innovation, freedom, equality, fraternity, paying taxes, maintaining law and order.

17. **Values**: The State of Israel will return to the values ​​of modesty, assistance to the community, cooperation, finding the middle path, spirituality, culture and education. As compared to the shallowness of ratings culture, reality programs, cut-throat competition, excessive consumerism. Leaders of the state, organizations and communities will encourage fraternity instead of division, finding the common ground instead of hostility and foes.

18. **Holistic vision**: A parallel activity, where huge resources will be mobilized as a result of the policy change and will be distributed fairly and to the most important needs of the economy. Long-term planning instead of a short-term segmented policy. With a harmonious and cohesive vision, fostering the values ​​of ethics, social responsibility and sustainability, which are the guarantee for prosperity, if we are willing to achieve the best quality of life.