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**Jewish-Arab Relations through the Prism of Israel's Jewish-Arab Cities
Public Lecture at Rutgers on December 3**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Dr. Erez Tzfadia, the Israel Institute Visiting Scholar at Rutgers, offers a broader understanding of Arab-Israeli relations in Israel by looking at Israel's "mixed cities" – cities such as Haifa, Lod, and Tel Aviv-Jaffa, which are populated by both Arabs and Jews. In this lecture, he will explore how residents of mixed cities develop distinctive local culture that challenges national perceptions, and how internal social tensions may be compounded by external developments that lead to violence. Tzfadia, chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Sapir College in Israel, is a visiting scholar at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy's Center for Urban Policy Research during the fall semester and at the Bildner Center and the Department of Jewish Studies for the spring semester, when he will teach the course "Modern Israeli Culture."

The talk, "Living Together Separately: Israel's Jewish-Arab City," will be held on Thursday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Douglass Campus Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. Sponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University, the lecture is free and open to the public. Free parking is available behind the Campus Center. (For GPS search, use "57 Lipman Drive") Advance registration is requested by emailing csjlrsvp@rci.rutgers.edu or calling 848-932-2033. The talk is the Ruth and Alvin Rockoff Annual Lecture and it is cosponsored by the Rutgers GAIA Centers 2015-2017 Biennial Theme: *Global Urbanism*. For more information, visit the website BildnerCenter.rutgers.edu.

Tzfadia coauthored *Rethinking Israeli Space* and *Israel since 1980*, and he coedited a volume of essays on Social Policy in Israel since the mid-1980s (in Hebrew). His research interests include the politics of space, militarization and spatial policy, ultra-Orthodox communities in development towns, and the privatization of space.

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