

Jewish philanthropy has been involved in the building and shaping of the state of Israel since its early days. This paper examines the changes in the scope and nature of Jewish philanthropy's involvement in Israel's third sector, especially in the Israeli think tanks' scene, and argues that recent years witnessed a shift in the nature of donations. This study aims to provide a first, systematic glance into the world of Israeli social policy think tanks, and to the extent to which changing trends in Jewish philanthropy are influencing the nature and scope of Israeli think tanks' work. The writer of the paper suggests that existing trends in the philanthropic world, particularly the emphasis donors put on short-term projects with measurable and visible outcomes, reflect on the ability of think tanks to develop systematic thinking on a comprehensive range of issues.

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