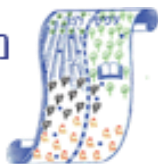


Economical and social profile – Emek Lod Regional Council

.1 Authority's name :

General data:	Foundation year:	1952
	Municipal Status:	Regional council
	Council area in Sq.Km and Acres:	Dunham 35,000
	Number of residents:	(for 2014) 15,000
	Council's budget in NIS Millions:	95 Million NIS
Residents' segmentation per age:	Children : up to age 12 (expressed in percentage)	34%
	Youth ages 12-18 in (expressed in percentage)	13%
	Ages 65 and above (expressed in percentage)	8.3%
Accessibility: Distance to central waypoint and traffic axis	Tel Aviv -15.2 Kilometers Ben Gurion Air port- 13.4 Kilometers Jerusalem- 61 Kilometers Central roads - Highway 1, Highway 4, Highway 40 , Route 44 ,Fast	The regional council Emek Lod is a rural regional council in central Israel, comprising of nine communities: Achiezer, Zeitan, Nir Zvi, Zfaria, Hemed, Ganot, Mishmar Ha'Shiv'a and Kfar Habad which counts for 50 percent of the council's residents. The council's area spread over 35



	Lane Route , 431 Route ,and highway 6	thousand Dunhams and borders, in the north, Ben Gurion Airport and Or Yehuda, in the east it borders the regional council Modi'in and Lod, in south it borders Ramla and Beer Yaakov and in the west Beit Dagan and Rishon Le'Zion
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2. Additional data:

2.1 Education:


General education		Schools	Kindergartens
	Number of elementary schools	6	including 41 special needs education




	Number of High Schools	2
Academic Institutions	“Beit Rivka” College	There are some 3000 female students studying there Main study topics are: teaching, computer science, advanced degrees and professional .certifications

2.2 Culture and Leisure:

Number of community centers?	17
Are part of the designated for special target populations?	To date, the council's community centers are pensioners' clubs where many diverse activities for senior citizens take place, youth clubs and youth movements.
What cultural institutions are there in the council?	In each of the council's communities there is a local cultural center, for all residents. The cultural centers hold classes, lectures, performances and more.
What central sports facilities are there?	There are basketball and football fields, fitness facilities, sports halls, swimming pools and Patenk field

2.3 Tourism:

What central attractions are there in the council's communities?	<p>The "Boshaief" synagogue in Zeitan – the synagogue is an exact replica of the synagogue which existed in the town of Zelitan in Libya.</p> <p>The Jews, who had immigrated to Israel, brought, with them, the ritual articles and built an exact replica. The synagogue is frequented by Jews from across Israel, especially during the central festivity, taking place during Sukot and Lag Ba'Omer. Many Government ministers and Members of Parliament come there on those occasions.</p>	
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	<p>The house of The Rabbi of Lubabvitch in Kfar Habad. In Kfar Habad, an exact replica of the existing house in 770 Brooklyn, New York, was built. The house is visited by many people, especially those of the Habad community, but others, as well.</p>	
	<p>Matzo in Kfar Habad – the matzo bakery is the largest, handmade bakery in the world. The bakery had been awarded a special and rare attitude from the Rabbi of Lubabvitch who cared and pushed toward its development. The bakery operated throughout the winter and supplies Matzos across the world</p> <p>The bakery has a visitors center where one can observe the workers at work in an impressive human assembly line.</p>	
	<p>Behind the honey – a visitors' center, behind the honey in Kfar Habad is an experiential center for children, offering a glimpse into the wonderful world of the bee.</p> <p>In the center, there are see-through bee hives and instructional facilities for activities.</p>	

2.4 Industrial, business and commercial parks:

Jewish agency industrial park	274 Dunams Contact person: Oren of the Agency Shaul Zivoni shaulz@emek-lod.org.il
Nir Zvi industrial park	55.532 Dunams mazkirut@nirzevi.muni.il
Mishmar Ha'Shiva industrial park	27 Dunams Contact person: Shaul Zivoni shaulz@emek-lod.org.il


Does the council encourage the establishment of additional small and medium businesses? How?	The council encourages the establishment of small and medium businesses. It explains the bureaucratic processes to the applicants, shortens those processes, advances master plans, applies to the district committee to change land designation, etc.
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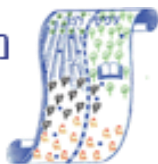
2.5 employment and welfare:

What is the number of unemployed, expressed in percentage?	102	0.68%
What is the number of residents assisted by the welfare authorities and how is it expressed in percentage?	4076	27%

3. Unique projects:

3.1 Education:

<p>Sai'ata</p>	<p>The council's education department, operates, since 2003, a center which applies accessibility, professionally and sensitively to multidisciplinary needs – educational, scholarly and therapeutically. The therapeutic treatments are provided under one roof, as per the needs of the children and residents of the regional council of Emek Lod.</p> <p>The center deals with a few central issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diagnosis and early identification of difficulties in order to prevent potential drop out. 2. Provision of individual / group treatments to children, adolescents and their parents. 3. Instilling strategies for improvement of life functions in diverse aspects, such as: Developmental, studies and emotional 		<p>Rivka Rivkin – Manager of the Education department rivka@emek-lod.org.il</p>
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	<p>aspects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Construction of an intervention plan in above areas, as per the arising needs expressed by the council's residents. 5. Strengthening the ties between the various community entities, such as: family – council – educational frameworks. 6. Identification of residents' needs and provision of response as come up. 		
<p>“Give yourself of yourself”</p>	<p>The girls of Kfar Habad high school participate in wide ranging voluntary activities in the homes of special needs children</p>		<p>Rivka Rivkin – Manager of the Education department rivka@emek-lod.org.il</p>


3.2 Culture and leisure :

<p>Kfar Habad park</p>	<p>Kfar Habad is a communal religious village, counting some 7000 residents out of which some 2000 are children.</p> <p>In the village is an exact replica of the house of the Rabbi of Lubabvitch in Brooklyn. The Rabbi's house and visitors' center attract thousands of visitors each year.</p> <p>To date Kfar Habad lacks a park for the public's recreation. The establishment of such a park will enable activities and recreation for the village residents and council. The length of the park will include bicycle lanes which will connect with all of the council's bicycle lanes.</p> <p>At present the park is under construction, the main partner of the process being Keren Kayemet Le'Israel.</p>		<p>Shaul Zivoni – Council's CEO shaulz@emek-lod.org.il</p> <p>Erez Shalom – Municipal department manager erezs@emek-lod.org.il</p>
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<p>Bicycle lanes layout</p>	<p>Bicycle lanes – connecting all of the council’s communities is planned. At the end of that layout it will connect with the Ariel Sharon park. The central partner of the project is the Ministry of Transportation</p>		<p>Shaul Zivoni – Council’s CEO shaulz@emek-lod.org.il Erez Shalom – Municipal department manager erezs@emek-lod.org.il</p>
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3.4 Industry and commerce:

<p>Expansion of the “park and Go” area of the fast lane</p>	<p>The “park and go” area of the fast lane is located within the boundaries of the regional council Emek Lod. Cross Israel company aspires to build an additional parking floor to the area, as well as a patrol station. The main source of funding is Cross Israel. This subject is now under formal approval processes in TT’L The council has vested interest in developing this area into a business and commercial center</p>		<p>Reuven Levron – CEO, Cross Israel Company Council representatives: Shaul Zivoni Council-CEO shaulz@emek-lod.org.il Erez Shalom – Planning and construction committee erezs@emek-lod.org.il</p>
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<p>Solidifying the Jewish Agency's industrial zone</p>	<p>The Emek Lod regional council has an industrial zone, spreading over an area of 274 Dunams, belonging to the Jewish Agency. To date it mainly houses storage warehouses. The tendency is to solidify the industrial zone and add commercial areas. The issue is now under the authorities work plan, in the overall master plan of the authority and is undergoing discussions vis-à-vis the district planning and construction committee which understands the need of the regional council for new economic enterprises.</p>		<p>Shaul Zivoni – Council's CEO shaulz@emek-lod.org.il</p> <p>Erez Shalom – Planning and construction committee erezs@emek-lod.org.il</p>
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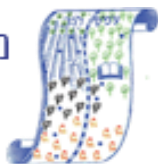
3.5 Employment and welfare:


<p>Therapeutic club for girls at risk in Moshav Achiezer</p>	<p>The club provides therapeutic services, nourishment and educational activities to girls at risk In Moshav Achiezer</p>	 	<p>Oranit Peretz, Social services department manager</p> <p>oranit@emek-lod.org.il</p>
<p>Disjointed Ultra-Orthodox youth project “Nocham project”</p>	<p>The Disjointed Ultra-Orthodox youth project - “Nocham project” - designated for disjointed ultra-Orthodox youth, operates at the youth club in Achiezer and provides services given within the framework of Yeshivot and include studies, therapies, educational and social activities</p>		<p>Oranit Peretz, Social services department manager</p> <p>oranit@emek-lod.org.il</p>

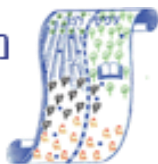
<p>Enriched and social Senior citizens clubs</p>	<p>The Emek Lod regional council, as part of authorities' agenda, provides wide support and many diverse programs to senior citizens. The council has three mofet enriched clubs, providing nutritional development, diverse activities which include course, utilization of rights, and advice by social workers. There are also three social clubs which provide activities and social meetings for senior citizens</p>	 	<p>Oranit Peretz, Social services department manager</p> <p>oranit@emek-lod.org.il</p>
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.4 Future developments:

<p>213MH</p> <p>Contact person:</p> <p>Shaul Zivoni – Council’s CEO</p> <p>shaulz@emek-lod.org.il</p> <p>Mobile tel: 072-2230623</p>	<p>Plan MH 213 is one that came following a Government decision for economic development of the city of Lod. The industrial area in this plan is located in an area divided between the city of Lod and Emek Lod</p> <p>The council aims to push the plan forward in cooperation with the city of Lod and acts, in its way, to promote the matter in the planning institutes.</p>	
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<p>Creating a commercial and industrial continuity between the industrial area of Nir Zvi and the industrial are of the agency</p> <p>Contact person:</p> <p>Erez Shalom – Planning and construction committee</p> <p>erezs@emek-lod.org.il</p>	<p>Nir Zvi's industrial area and the agency's ware houses are located along route 44 connecting to Highway 1.</p> <p>The purpose of the plan is to create continuity between the two industrial areas at both centers and develop additional commercial centers along the route, accessible transportation-wise to central traffic. The plan is within an overall master plan of the council</p>	
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<p>Erez Shalom – Planning and construction committee erezs@emek-lod.org.il</p>	<p>Additional strategic areas which the council wishes to develop are: The agricultural farm which is located near the Shapitim junction and highway 1, as well as the industrial zone in Kfar Habad.</p>	
<p>Sarha Shpiner regional youth center sarah@emek-lod.org.il</p>	<p>The regional council of Emek Lod aspires to establish a youth regional center which will care for the 18-35 population needs. The center will include employment advisors, classes in a variety of subjects, accompaniment of discharged soldiers, parenting classes, open space for entrepreneurs, support plans for new entrepreneurs and more.</p>	