



## The Tisch Family Zoological Gardens in Jerusalem

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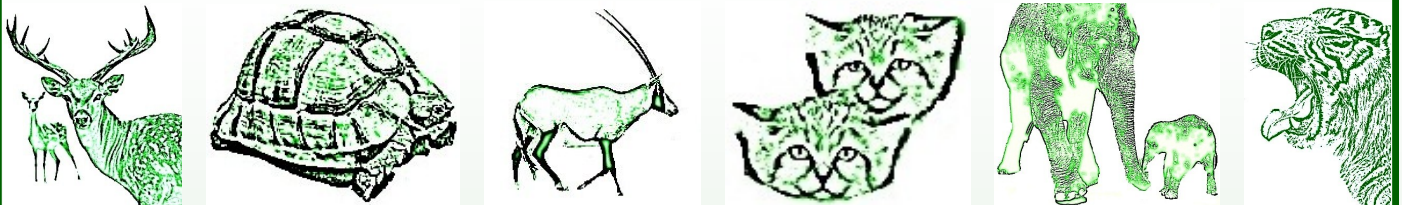
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The Tisch Family Zoological Gardens, also known as the Biblical Zoo, opened in Jerusalem's Malha neighborhood in 1993. Stretching across almost 100 acres, it is ranked year after year as one of the top tourist sites in Israel, attracting over 750,000 visitors. The Zoo's scenic location in the Judean hills with its varied animal exhibits, draws people from all of Jerusalem's diverse population groups – young and old; Jewish, Christian and Muslim; and secular and religious.



## CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH

The Zoo's primary goal is the conservation of endangered species, with special emphasis on those mentioned in the Bible. It has been recognized internationally for its successful research, as well as breeding and reintroduction programs with the Persian fallow deer, the Griffon vulture, the Arabian oryx, the Sand cat, the Negev tortoise, the Eurasian otter, the Ferruginous duck, the Blind shrimp, the Dead Sea tooth carp, the Sumatran tiger, and the Asian elephant.



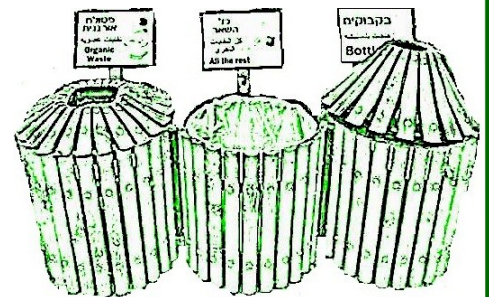
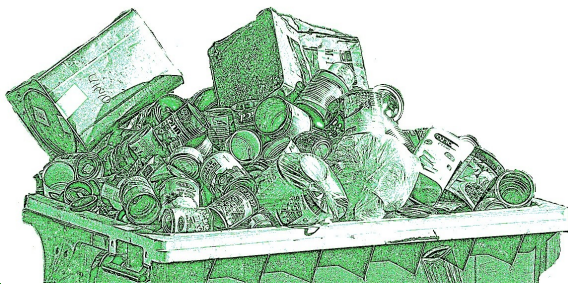
## EDUCATION

The Zoo's principal mission is to educate visitors about wildlife conservation and sustainability, offering all populations diverse educational programs, volunteer opportunities and convenient site accessibility. Each year more than 100,000 young people of all ages attend both formal and informal educational programs at the Zoo. Activities include school field trips, the zoology and ecology matriculation program, the Zoo Teen Volunteer Patrol, the Zoomobile traveling mini-zoo, the Animal Assisted Therapy program for children and adults with special needs, workshops, seminars, summer camps and a popular weekly radio show.



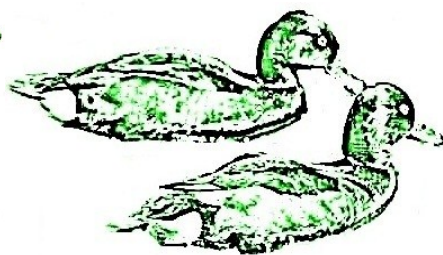
## GREEN ISSUES AND SUSTAINABILITY

Environmental sustainability is central to the Zoo's philosophy. Public awareness is reinforced when visitors observe the Zoo's green practices: waste collected is separated, organic compost is made by mixing animal manure with discarded plant materials, solar panels provide a third of electricity needs, a water purification facility allows the reuse of waste water for gardening, branches pruned from edible plants are dispersed to the animals as an enriched food source, unused branches and leaves cover flowerbeds to retain humidity, the public is encouraged to use public transportation with admission discounts, and our shop serves as a battery recycling center for visitors.



## GOVERNANCE

The Zoo is a non-profit organization created by a partnership consisting of the Israel Ministry of Tourism, the Jerusalem Municipality, the Jerusalem Development Authority and The Jerusalem Foundation. The Zoo's Board of Directors has distinguished individuals from local government, business and academia. Our Professional International Advisory Committee is comprised of leading nature conservationists from Israel and abroad.



*In a complicated city, within a complex society, the Jerusalem Zoo is a very powerful vehicle for building bridges of human understanding.*

**Teddy Kollek (1911-2007)**