

INTERVIEW FORM

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1. NAME URI SHAMIR

2. POSITION CONSULTANT: WATER COMMISSION ON WATER POLICIES
CHAIRMAN OF THE PANEL "NEW WATER POLICIES"

3. OCCUPIED SINCE _____ ORDERED BY THE
WATER COMMISSION

4. PREVIOUS POSITION _____ (A 4 YEAR STUDY)

5. OCCUPIED SINCE _____

6. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE _____

PROF. URI SHAMIR IS A LEADING WATER
AUTHORITY, PROFESSOR AT THE CIVIL
ENGINEERING DEPT. TECHNION.

AND THE PRINCIPLE AUTHOR OF

THE WATER ALTERNATIVES FOR ISRAEL

(WHICH IS AN OUTCOME OF THE PANEL

COMMISSIONED BY THE WATER COMMISSION)

AND USED BY THE SCIENTISTS LOBBY.

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5. U. Shamir Interview

Q. You have suggested the Water Commissioner to consider changes about de-centralization of the water industry management. Did it have any effect?

A. It was suggested that a new reality formed recently in the water industry — is to be taken into account. This referred to the fact of the establishment of "Water User Associations" that aim to manage (plan, construct and operate) their water systems - this -in-some contradiction to "Mekorot" (to some extent -also "TAHAL") government companies duties of doing the same centrally, all over the country. This was suggested about 4 years ago and it had no real affect.

Q. Will you raise this problem again?

A. Now it seems that the momentum of that new trend has weakened and now it seems that the de-centralization demands by the users are decreasing to the degree that organizational changes about this matter are neither obvious nor urgent.