1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 16 September 1949

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (previous term: 1962-1970)

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
   - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. (term expires in 2019)
   - Intergovernmental Council of the “Management of Social Transformations” Programme (term expires in 2017)
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

4. **The Director-General’s visits to Israel:** 2
   - 30 September 2016: funeral and burial of Mr Shimon Peres, ninth President of Israel, in Jerusalem’s Mount Herzl.
   - 29-30 May 2011: official visit on the occasion of the “International Women Leaders Conference on Science, Technology and Innovation: Education and Training for Women and Girls” (Haifa, 29 May - 3 June 2011)

5. **The former Director-General’s visits to Israel:** 1
   - 4-7 February 2008: official visit, signature of a Memorandum of Understanding

6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
   - Permanent Delegate: H. E. Mr Carmel Shama Hacohen (Since 7 September 2014)
   - Staff: Mr Joseph Moustaki, Minister-Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Hagai Yosef Glebocki, Adviser
   - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Nimrod Barkan (February 2010- August 2014); H.E. Mr David Kornbluth (September 2005 - August 2009), H.E. Mr Jacques Revah (August 2003 - August 2005)

7. **UNESCO Office:** none

8. **Israel National Commission for UNESCO:**
   - Date of establishment: September 1949
   - President: Mr Naftali Bennett, Minister of Education (since May 2015)
   - Secretary-General: Dr Dalit Atrakchi (since March 2013)

9. **Israeli personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:**
   - Mr Ivry Gitlis, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador
   - Mr Dani Karavan (sculptor), UNESCO Artist for Peace
   - Prof. Ada Yonath, member of the UNESCO High Panel on Science and Technology for Development, member of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Scientific Advisory Board

10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 12
    - UNESCO Chair on Technology, Internationalization and Education (2016), Tel Aviv University
    - UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Engineering in Developing Communities (2012), Technion- Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa
    - UNESCO Chair for Sustainability (2012), Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya
    - UNESCO Chair in Cultural Diversity (2011), University of Haifa
• UNESCO Chair on the Heritage of the Modern Movement (2007), Tel Aviv University
• UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation Studies (2004), The Bezalel, Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem
• UNESCO Chair in Humanistic Education (2004), Institute for Educational Thought, Kibbutzim College of Education, Tel Aviv
• UNESCO Chair in Multicultural Education in Teacher Training (2004), Beit Berl College
• UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (2001), University of Haifa
• UNESCO Chair in Education for Human Values, Tolerance and Peace (2000), Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan
• UNESCO Chair in Interfaith Studies (1999), Elijah School for the Study of the Wisdom of the World Religions, Jerusalem
• UNESCO Chair in Plant-Water Relationships in Desert Sand Dunes (1994), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva


12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1
• International Training and Education Centre in Proteomics, Functional Genomics and Bioinformatics (BIOmics), at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot.

13. UNESCO Clubs: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: 2
• Ramat Menashe (2011)
• Mount Carmel (1996)

15. World Heritage Sites: 9 cultural sites
• Necropolis of Bet She’arim: A Landmark of Jewish Renewal (2015)
• Caves of Maresha and Bet-Guvin in the Judean Lowlands as a Microcosm of the Land of the Caves (2014)
• Sites of Human Evolution at Mount Carmel: The Nahal Me’arot / Wadi el-Mughara Caves (2012)
• Bahá’í Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee (2008)
• Biblical Tels - Megiddo, Hazor, Beer Sheba (2005)
• Incense Route - Desert Cities in the Negev (2005)
• White City of Tel-Aviv - the Modern Movement (2003)
• Masada (2001)
• Old City of Acre (2001)

16. Tentative List: 18 properties
• Liftah (Mey Naftoah) – Traditional mountain village (2015)
• Ein Karem, a village and its cultural landscape (2015)
• The Great Rift Valley - migratory routes - The Hula (2004)
• Makhteshim Country (2001)
• Triple-arch Gate at Dan & Sources of the Jordan (2000)
• Early Synagogues in the Galilee (2000)
• The Galilee Journeys of Jesus & the Apostles (2000)
• Sea of Galilee & its Ancient Sites (2000)
• Horvat Minnim (2000)
• Arbel (arbel, nebe shueb, horns of hittim) (2000)
• Degania & Nahalal (2000)
• Bet She’an (2000)
• Caesarea (2000)
• White Mosque in Ramle (2000)
• Jerusalem* (2000)
• Mount Karkom (2000)
• Timna (2000)
• The Crusader Fortresses (2000)

17. **Intangible Heritage Lists**: no elements

18. **Memory of the World Register**: 4 inscriptions
   • Aleppo Codex (2015)
   • Isaac Newton’s Theological Papers (2015)
   • Pages of Testimony Collection, Yad Vashem Jerusalem, 1954-2004 (2013)
   • Rothschild Miscellany (2013)

19. **Creative Cities Network**: 1
   • Tel Aviv- Yafo, UNESCO City of Media Arts (2014)

20. **Legal instruments**: 18 ratified and 22 non-ratified
   • Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Abstention during the vote.
   • Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: non-ratified.
   • International Convention against Doping in Sport: accession (26 January 2012)

21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017**: none (none proposed for 2018-2019 as well)

22. **Participation Programme**:
   • 2012-2013: no project requests
   • 2010-2011: 1 project approved for US$ 25,000 (“Workshops of Israel, Canada and Germany National Coordinators”)
   • 2008-2009: 4 projects approved for a total amount of US$ 40,000

23. **Fellowships**:
   • 7 fellowships awarded for a total amount of US$ 81,577.
   • 50 Fellowships awarded in 2014 under the UNESCO/Israel (MASHAV) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme. Since the programme has initiated in 1996, a total of 595 fellowships awarded with an estimated value of US$5,355,000 where UNESCO seed money under Regular Programme amounts to US$1,487,500.

24. **NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO**: 2

   **NGOs with Consultative status**:
   • World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS)
   • Appleseeds Academy

25. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016-2017**:
   • Assessment rate for 2017: 0.430%
   • Contributions assessed for 2016-2017: US$ 2,807,900
   • Israel owes 100% of its contributions since 19 September 2011
• Total unpaid due: US$ 8,529,080

26. **Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US Dollars):

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27. **Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented
- 3 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 3, max. 5)