Israel’s Palestinian Arab Minority Amid the Pandemic

Compared to the United States, Israel has navigated the pandemic with a relatively limited loss of life (at least so far), and that’s been true within the Arab sector as well. But the government’s public health response revealed, yet again, the preference it gives to the country’s Jewish citizens. And the Arab community has also been particularly hard-hit by the economic fallout from the crisis. These and other aspects of how coronavirus has uniquely affected Israel’s Arab citizens will be covered during this important hour-long discussion.

On 11 June 2020, Dr. Hadil Alsana, MD, activist and board member for the Arab Medical Association in the Negev, and Dr. Thabet Abu Ras, Co-Executive Director of The Abraham Initiatives discussed how the coronavirus pandemic has been impacting Israel’s Palestinian Arab citizens. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Anwar Mhajne of Stonehill College and followed by Q&A.


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