

## **Dr. Shalom Salomon Wald, Senior Fellow, JPPI, Jerusalem**

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### ***Education:***

Shalom Salomon Wald was born on 6.5.1936 in Milan, Italy. He grew up in Basle, Switzerland, where he studied social sciences, history and history of religions. In 1962, he graduated as Dr. phil. (Ph.D.). His historic-sociological thesis *History and the Present in the Thought of Alfred Weber*, published in Zürich in 1964, was chosen as the best social sciences thesis in 1962 and awarded a price by the Humanities Faculty of the University Basel.

### ***OECD Career 1964-2001:***

In 1964, S.Wald joined the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, the Free World's largest think tank and policy advisory body. He stayed there until his retirement in 2001. His career at the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry spanned education, innovation, and science and technology policies, which brought him into close contact with the government bureaucracies and policy makers of most OECD countries. He researched, and advised member governments on technological innovation, industry-university links, energy research and the contribution of science and technology to economic development. In 1980, he founded with a colleague the biotechnology activity of the OECD and became later on, Head of the Biotechnology Unit of the OECD/DSTI. He examined the economic, industrial agricultural, food, water, health and environmental applications of biotechnology, as well as the related intellectual property requirements. When S.Wald retired in 2001, many science policy officials of OECD Member Countries, such as Prof. Rita Colwell, Director of the U.S. National Science Foundation, commended his contribution to biotechnology policy and to international cooperation in this important field.

During his time at the OECD, S.Wald wrote a large number of professional papers which were published by the OECD (Annex 2). Apart from his OECD work, S.Wald carried out a science policy study in Israel which was published in Jerusalem in 1972 (Annex 2).

### ***JPPPI Career Since 2002:***

S.Wald joined the Jewish People Policy Planning Institute (JPPPI) at its foundation in 2002. His main published JPPPI work so far is *China and the Jewish People – Old Civilizations in a New Era* of 2004. He

contributed to several JPPPI *Annual Assessments*, co-authored the *Annual Assessment 2005- Facing a Rapidly Changing World* and wrote an internal paper on Science and Technology and the Jewish People.

His main contribution is the book *Jewish Civilization at the Cross Roads – Lessons from the History of Rise and Decline*, which is to be published in 2010.

Apart from his JPPPI work, S.Wald published a number of scholarly papers and newspaper articles on the history of the Sino-Judaic relationship.

In 2010, S.Wald is working on a new project: “India, Israel and the Jewish People”.