



The 24th Knesset Central Elections Committee

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Central Elections Committee Chairman, Supreme Court Justice Uzi Vogelman, at the conclusion of the meeting with the Chief of Police: “Election purity is always the top priority of the Israeli Police Force and all law enforcement agencies.”

Police Chief Yaacov Shabtai: “The police will do spot checks at voting stations on Election Day to catch anyone violating quarantine orders.”

CEC Chairman, Supreme Court Justice Uzi Fogelman, and CEC CEO, Adv. Orly Ades, met today (Wednesday) with Police Commissioner and his senior staff.

In his opening remarks, Justice Vogelman congratulated Commissioner Shabtai, saying, “The appointment of a police commissioner is of the utmost importance to the Israeli police force and to society.”

During the meeting, Justice Vogelman noted that election purity has and continues to be the top priority of the Central Elections Committee, and he emphasized the importance of **law enforcement in order to maintain election purity**. Committee CEO, Orly Ades, emphasized the full and successful cooperation between the police and the Committee.

During the meeting, there was discussion of collaboration between the Central Elections Committee and the Israeli Police on issues such as preventing election fraud and the unique challenges facing the CEC and the police due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Police Commissioner Yaacov Shabtai presented the police force’s preparations for the time before Election Day and Election Day itself. He detailed the plan, as per the

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CEC request, to run spot checks in the areas of the regular voting stations to find quarantine violators. Police officers will be equipped with tablets on which they can check if a person is meant to be in quarantine due a positive Covid 19 test or exposure to a confirmed case of Covid 19. **These checks are necessary in order to protect public health and prevent further infection.**

The Central Elections Committee will be setting **up designated voting stations for each group – people carrying the virus and people who are in quarantine due to exposure** – in every municipality or regional council.

The police commissioner stressed that the **number of spot checks will be increased in areas with high infection rates.**

Additionally, Commissioner Shabtai mentioned that the CEC and the police will be putting into action lessons learnt in the previous three rounds of elections.

Attached is [the decision](#) (in Hebrew)

Sincerely,

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