

“GLAM: Israel Museum” project Wiki Loves Everyone (and Monuments)

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As of last year The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, within the framework of GLAM, continues to work on joint projects with Wikipedia. This lecture will review some of the challenges the Museum's Information Center for Israeli Art faced when working on an exciting Wikipedia - GLAM project this year.



The Museum was one of the sponsors of the Wiki Loves Monuments project: an international photography competition, open to the general public. The Israel Museum viewed this as an opportunity to give impetus to the project of documenting Israeli art in the public space, and it urged the public to participate in the Museum's efforts to preserve and disseminate the country's art treasures. This opportunity will enabled amateur photographers to capture and preserve works of art in public spaces – on city streets, in public gardens, in public institutions – and at the same time to offer an up to date picture of the condition of these monuments in order to encourage their preservation and renovation. In this way, participants became partners in the work of The Israel Museum's Information Center for Israeli Art. The list of environmental sculptures and cultural heritage sites throughout Israel was compiled by a team of curators and staff from the Information Center with a focus on the 2000 artists whose works are represented in the Museum's collections.