



◆ Neve Ya'akov and Geva

The **Geva Binyamin** settlement (also referred to as **Adam**) was established in 1984, some 2 km north of the municipal boundary of Jerusalem, 6.5 km from the Green Line. It is situated outside (east of) the separation barrier, but a substantial part of its jurisdictional area to the west of the built-up area is included on the 'Israeli' side of the barrier. It forms a contiguous bloc with the **Neve Ya'akov** settlement, which lies within the municipal boundaries in East Jerusalem. Expanding the settlement with 1,500 housing units ('Plan No. 240/3') is thus in effect an expansion of Neve Ya'akov, to which the new neighborhood will be attached, the aim being to connect Geva

Binyamin to the east and *in effect* expanding Jerusalem's borders further into the West Bank. Most of the land covered by the plan has been declared State land - at the expense of land belonging to the Palestinian village of **Hizma**. The project was first revealed in March 2007 and one year later, the West Jerusalem municipality announced plans to build 400 new housing units in Neve Ya'akov and according to a report by the Negotiations Affairs Department (Dec. 2008), 393 units were submitted for public review since the Annapolis conference and were awaiting final approval. In February 2009, Defense Minister Ehud Barak approved the establishment of a new

