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David Karnovsky is General Counsel to the New York City Department of City Planning, and is an innovator in the utilization of land-use regulation to implement major development projects and other initiatives. A particular focus of David's work has been on the use of zoning incentives to preserve existing cultural assets, as well as to create new open spaces, performance venues and other arts uses.

David's proposed research project for the fellowship is to explore the potential use of similar strategies to promote arts and culture in Jerusalem as a tool for growth and revitalization working with government officials, arts groups and others. He says, "The opportunity to make a contribution towards strengthening the urban fabric of Jerusalem is enormously exciting, both on a professional level and for personal reasons as someone who has always wanted to build a stronger connection with Israel and its people."