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Israelis Pitching Protest Tents in the Streets Should Learn From This Man's Experience

‘It’s almost never the case that a protest movement repeats itself,’ says **Prof. Manuel Trajtenberg**, who led the government's response to 2011 social protests, and laments that not enough of his suggested reforms were implemented

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Prof. Manuel Trajtenberg has bad news for the idealistic young activists who have begun pitching protest tents in recent days, hoping to recreate the social justice movement that rocked the country in 2011.

“Unfortunately,” as far as he’s concerned, they may as well pack up and head home and not waste their energy on a futile endeavor.

With the imminent dissolution of the Bennett government and the near-certainty of a new election in the fall – the fifth in less than three-and-a-half years – the protesters’ ability to spark the kind of political action that might seriously address the economic pain that has brought them into the streets has evaporated. There is simply no address for them to bring their complaints about the skyrocketing costs of housing, nor anything else.

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