

Transforming Israel's Mixed Cities into Vibrant Microcosms of Shared Society



In Haifa, the new *Centre for Dialogue and Conflict Management* has proven extremely useful in helping residents and institutions manage inter-communal

conflicts through dialogue and prevention. In November 2014, *Shatil* launched an innovative project, which brought together more than 1,000 Arabs and Jews in an exploration of the power of stories as a trigger for healing the wounds of conflict. NIF remains committed to creating Haifa as a shared city, a place where all of its residents feel a sense of belonging and had a say in the shaping of the city.

Jewish Voice of Tolerance

The impact of the *Tag Meir Forum* grows. Now encompassing 48 organizations, *Tag Meir* is gaining household familiarity as the Jewish voice against extremism. *Tag Meir* took hundreds of concerned Israelis to pay a condolence call to the family of the Arab teenager burned to death, visited the hospital beds



of Arab and Jewish victims of hate crimes, ran ad-hoc peace rallies and more. They also initiated eight Interfaith Awareness Trek events. *Tag*

Meir also had several notable advocacy successes: preventing the outspoken racist Rabbi Eliyahu from being elected as Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, and the first court ruling approving financial compensation to an Arab victim of a "price tag" attack. Its Education Working Group is developing anti-racism curriculum for the school system.

Jewish-Arab Soccer Academy is Established in Jerusalem

In March, NIF's '*Kick Racism Out of Israel Football*' helped establish the Academy which will bring 100 children aged 10-



12 to train together. '*Kick it Out*' also produced a hugely popular video, showing how sport can promote tolerance. It features past and current

international footballers. It was premiered at an international match and is being aired at prior to each televised game.

New health initiatives aim to bridge gaps and improve health in Israel's north



The *Northern Health Equity Leadership Network* tackles the health inequalities faced by those living in northern Israel, who on average have a shorter life expectancy. The network brings together local residents,

medical professionals and civil society leaders. It ran two courses in 2014 in the Galilee where residents underwent training to become agents of change and to develop practical projects. Projects in the works include the opening of a rehabilitation centre in the Northern Galilee, a women's health centre, a smoking cessation programme aimed at Arab youth and a health education programme for schools.

Jerusalem's Gazelle Valley Park Opens



Following a 20-year battle, Jerusalem's Gazelle Valley Urban Wildlife Park opened in March, preserving a 64-acre stretch of untouched

wilderness in the middle of the city. Thousands of Israelis and tourists flocked to the park during Passover to enjoy the country's first urban wildlife reserve. A coalition of local residents and social justice activists - assisted by *Shatil* and NIF grantee *Bimkom* fought to keep the land.

Equal Pay for Equal Work



Gender wage gaps are being tackled through equal pay laws and greater transparency promoted by Israel Women's Network.

This past autumn, more than 500 Israeli women, politicians, CEOs, etc, gathered for a conference on wage gaps and career advancement. *Shatil* presented the "Equal Pay Calculator," for employers. These campaigns are part of NIF's wider work on gender equality, including working to challenge gender segregation on buses and in public spaces.

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