



Democracy & equality for all Israelis

הקרן החדשה לישראל
New Israel Fund
الصندوق الجديد لإسرائيل

Be part of a better tomorrow
newisraelfund.org.uk

“New Israel Fund is the leading organisation advancing democracy and equality in Israel.”

We are a partnership of Israelis and supporters of Israel worldwide, dedicated to a vision of Israel as both the Jewish homeland and a shared society at peace with itself and its neighbours. NIF supports leaders and activists working for civil and human rights for all.

As the founder and funder of most of Israel's progressive civil society, we have provided over £225 million (incl £25 million from the UK) to more than 900 organisations since our inception. NIF's focus today is on five key issue areas: Shared Society & Combating Racism, Human Rights & Democracy, Social & Economic Justice, Palestinian-Israeli Society and Religious Freedom. Our action arm Shatil provides Israel's social change community with hands-on assistance. In addition, NIF/Shatil builds coalitions and spearheads campaigns.

הקרן החדשה לישראל
New Israel Fund
الصندوق الجديد لإسرائيل

Within these pages we will explore some of the projects that we have recently been involved in. To find out even more about us, visit our website:

newisraelfund.org.uk

① OUR CORE VALUES

Shared society

NIF works to advance a vision of Israel that functions as a shared society. Our mission is to create safe spaces for dialogue and engagement between all sections of Israeli society: religious and secular, Orthodox and Reform, Ashkenazi and Mizrahi, Jews and Arabs. We want to empower individuals to control their own lives, while peacefully co-existing with their neighbours.

“Life is too short to waste energy on anger and hatred. It is better to live with love, tolerance and respect.”

Maharan Radi, Arab midfielder with Israeli champions' Hapoel Beer Sheva, and 'Kick It Out' activist.



racism

Footballers come together at the launch of the 'Team for Social Responsibility' in November 2017

KICK IT OUT *of football!*

About the initiative:

'Kick Racism Out of Israeli Football' (KIO - Kick it Out) aims to turn Israel's favourite sport into a platform for tolerance and shared society influencing thousands of fans and the general public. Football is one of the few arenas in Israeli society in which Jews and Arabs come together on equal terms. KIO works in the stadium, in communities and across the media using football's wide reach and popularity as a tool for fighting racism and promoting shared society.

2017 achievements:

Incidents of racism and violence are down this year in the Israeli Premier League, from 79 incidents last season to 58 this season. Over the season, a total of 40 KIO monitors attended matches, their purpose being to establish a culture of zero tolerance of racism, incitement, and violence both on the field and in the stands. KIO publishes the weekly index, listing incidents of racism and violence, as well as positive behaviour from fans.

New Team for Social Responsibility

– **a beacon of coexistence:** NIF's KIO campaign in partnership with the Israel FA and Israel Football Players Organisation (IFPO) presented its innovative 'Team for Social Responsibility' venture at an event in central London in August. The launch was spearheaded by the Brighton and Hove Albion FC duo Baram Kayal and Tomer Hemed (an Israeli Arab and an Israeli Jew) who are committed to the promotion of a shared society underpinned by mutual respect and equality. The 'Team for Social Responsibility' is composed of players (men and women) from all of Israel's professional leagues, representing the country's diverse communities. The team will serve as a forum for encouraging football players to show social responsibility, promote dialogue, and values of equal opportunity, joint living and coexistence.

Harnessing momentum in Israel: November saw several hundred people – including officials, owners, media figures and leaders in football – packed into the VIP section of the Ramat Gan Stadium to meet the 'Team for Social Responsibility.' A new website about the Team was launched and a video clip in Hebrew and Arabic was screened. The team will serve as a forum for encouraging football players to show social responsibility, and to promote values of equal opportunity, joint living and coexistence.

Prizes for Joint Initiatives: KIO provided seed funding and prizes to 20 joint Jewish and Arab initiatives around the country. The winners were presented awards in the presence of President Reuven Rivlin and 30,000 fans at half time during the Israeli State Cup final in a ceremony that was televised nationwide.

“Sportspeople must be agents for change. We want to see a more equal society in Israel and not only in sport”

Oshrat Eini, Israel women's national team defender

STANDING WITH VICTIMS OF HATE CRIME

Over the past year, NIF has stepped up its efforts to combat racism, prejudice and extremism. Amidst ongoing tensions between Jews and Arabs – often exacerbated by leaders seeking political and partisan gain – we are working at both the local and national levels to try to reverse these trends and protect those who are victims of hate crime.

Who we worked with:

Tag Meir: Tag Meir's mission is to fight religious extremism and violence towards Israel's minorities, and to promote the Jewish values of tolerance and respect through education, advocacy and solidarity work. Tag Meir is an apolitical organisation uniting all those who work to eradicate racism. They have grown into a coalition of 50 organisations from across the political and religious spectrum who are united in the fight against racism and violence.

What we achieved in 2017:

This year Tag Meir have made a real breakthrough in getting authorities to crack down on perpetrators of racism. For years, right-wing extremists have engaged in "Price Tag" attacks on Palestinians, Christian and Muslim holy sites, and even the IDF. In 2016, the Israeli government finally began locating perpetrators and seeking criminal indictments. In June 2017, a prominent West

Bank rabbi was indicted for incitement of violence for articles he authored praising perpetrators of hate crimes.

Tag Meir continues to garner public attention with their unique Jewish voice decrying hate crimes and racist incidents. Tag Meir's Facebook pages constantly report on newly-spotted graffiti, outbursts by public officials and violence perpetrated against both Jews and Arabs.

Tag Meir also provides swift public responses to every hate crime, responding within 24-48 hours by organising solidarity visits and public demonstrations. In June over 100 activists joined a solidarity visit with Nadwa Jaber of Abu Gosh, a schoolteacher who was attacked in front of her daughters.

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, Jewish extremists vandalised a church in a Monastery near Beit Shemesh. The perpetrators broke a statue of the Virgin Mary and smashed stained-glass windows. Tag Meir organised a delegation to visit the Monastery and show

solidarity with the monks. In early October, Tag Meir activists made condolence calls to the homes of the families of three border police guards murdered in a terrorist attack at the Har Adar settlement near Jerusalem.

Tag Meir are also advancing efforts to bolster education against racism. The Tag Meir Education Unit is bringing together groups of Arab teachers and religious Jewish teachers committed to shared Arab-Jewish life in Israel. The programme will empower them to act as agents of change within their education systems and communities. This programme will be implemented in partnership with Givat Haviva and will complement both Tag Meir's existing programme for religious-Jewish teachers and Givat Haviva's existing programmes for Arab and secular-Jewish teachers.

Tree planting at Har Zion, Jerusalem after hate crime



② OUR CORE VALUES

Human rights & democracy

Israel's Declaration of Independence establishes a state that ensures "complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex." NIF works to transform that ideal into reality and to promote the protection of human rights for all people living under Israel's control.

"Only those who ignore history, and especially that of the Jewish people, can make light of the importance of organisations that defend human rights."



Image from B'Tselem's '50 Years' photo exhibition.

50 YEARS OF OCCUPATION

June 5th 2017 marked the 50th anniversary of the start of the Six Day War, which led to Jerusalem being reunited, Israel defeating all neighbouring armies, and the first day of Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories and its people. **50 years is enough.**

At NIF we continue to support those Israeli human rights organisations doing some of the hardest and least popular work of all: holding a mirror up to Israeli society and asking, after 50 years of occupation, is this who we want to be?

Key Strategy:

As we reached the 50 years marker, we identified several areas of work where our efforts could have maximum strategic impact, including:

1. Supporting Israelis actively working to keep the occupation on the public agenda and providing them with the space and resources to succeed.
2. Educating Israelis on what takes place behind the wall and the harm this is causing to Palestinians, to Israeli society, and to Israel's international standing.

Achievements:

In the UK, we launched a Human Rights Fund to support organisations tackling the most pressing human rights issues of the moment. It allowed our supporters in the UK to join with Israelis in standing up for the progressive, democratic values we all hold dearly. With our emphasis on marking 50 Years we were proud to support the following activities:

We helped to organise a **17,000 strong gathering** of Israelis under the powerful message of 'Two States, One Hope'.

1,132 people downloaded or bought "The Jubilee Haggadah", a traditional Seder guide with 30 commentaries by Israeli thinkers on the topic of liberation. 100,000 more were distributed to Israeli households.

1,500 people attended the Haaretz Peace Conference to hear politicians from across the political spectrum and discuss solutions to the conflict.

B'Tselem exhibited its '50 Years' photo exhibition across Israel. The exhibition, including work from Israeli and Palestinian photographers, represented fifty portraits of Palestinians born in 1967.

EQUALITY FOR ALL

IRAC – Standing for Same-Sex Families

In July 2017 **10,000 people** rallied in Tel Aviv in favour of the rights of gay Israelis to adopt children. The demonstration was held in response to a policy, exposed by NIF grantee Israel Religious Action Centre (IRAC), which made it nearly impossible for same-sex couples to adopt. Following this national outcry, the policy was reversed and in September it was confirmed that legislation would be introduced to equalise the adoption rights of same-sex couples by June 2018.

Jerusalem Pride

Despite years of hateful rhetoric and violence surrounding the annual Jerusalem March for Pride and Tolerance, this year's event attracted more than **20,000 marchers** for the second year in a row. A large number were religious Israelis. These unexpected partnerships between Orthodox and secular supporters of equality are growing stronger. The march is now a demonstration of support for equality, tolerance, and freedom of expression. At NIF we are proud to have been funders of the first Jerusalem March for Pride and Tolerance and to continually fly the flag for the social and political rights of all of Israel's inhabitants.

NEW INITIATIVES FOR DEMOCRACY

NIF seeks to promote a vision of Israel as a just, democratic and egalitarian society. In 2014, NIF founded the New Initiatives for Democracy project (NIFD), designed to deliver a series of major investments as part of a bold effort to strengthen and expand pro-democracy forces in Israel. 2017 saw some major achievements in this space.

Growing and scaling movements for social change

Zazim: Mobilising the Progressive Camp.

In early 2016, NIF launched 'Zazim-Community Action', an online activism organisation. Zazim provides a "people power" platform for real-time strategic, ongoing and collective action to affect the public agenda. Zazim has seen huge growth since its launch: 20% of its budget is now bolstered by donations from thousands of supporters and it has an active membership of 80,000 people (roughly 2% of the population of Israel).

The organisation led numerous successful campaigns this year, including over 6,500 members standing in solidarity with Gaza by campaigning to return electricity to the region. Thousands of Israelis publicly pledged to add 3% to their monthly electric bill to help bring light to Gaza. Zazim's 'ageing with dignity' campaign attracted 80,000 signatures pressuring Knesset Members to address the current provision of services for the elderly.

The Whistle: Israel's fact-checking organisation At a time when the internet is grappling with the phenomenon of 'fake

news', concerns have been raised regarding levels of misinformation and political bias in the Israeli media. In July 2017, NIF seed-funded charity, The Whistle, was launched. The Whistle is designed to hold Israel's media accountable for its coverage. The Whistle's team of researchers and journalists monitors and reports the media and at the same time works to build public engagement and support on this issue. With Israel's press demoted for the first time ever to 'partly free' (Freedom House, 2016) the need for factually accurate and unbiased reporting has never been greater.



Gaza Electricity Crisis. Activists from Zazim stand in solidarity with residents of Gaza facing electricity shortages.

3 OUR CORE VALUES

Social & economic justice

NIF works to ensure social and economic justice for all Israelis. Our overarching goal is to narrow the gaps in Israel as a means of safeguarding democracy and a cohesive society. Growing deprivation and inequality, especially amongst minority communities, threaten Israeli democracy by widening the economic gaps and hampering civic action.

The organisations we support empower those who feel disenfranchised, helping them realise their economic rights and exercise civic action to bring about change and social mobility.

**“A new generation will
grow up in a better
environment, with
better education.
This is social equality.”**

Meital Cohen, Public housing activist



Campaigning against economic inequality and gaps in public services.

PROGRESS IN PUBLIC HOUSING

The lack of sufficient, safe and accessible public housing in Israel deepens multi-generational poverty and increases dependence on government stipends. Our partner organisations have worked hard to place public housing high on the government agenda and to make sure that political debate on this issue translates into substantive reform.

“Every family that gets public housing, every law that passes, everything we get because of our struggle heals the wounds of my past” Meital Cohen, Public housing activist

Who we worked with and what we achieved

Shatil: NIF's action arm Shatil founded the Public Housing Forum which brings together 12 organisations from different sectors of Israeli society to give residents a voice and to present constructive solutions to the lack of affordable housing in Israel. The Forum works at the national level to present practical policy solutions and also provides direct assistance to those in need

through advice clinics and legal centres.

After years of advocacy, the Forum celebrated a major success in February 2017 when the government revealed an unprecedented 1 billion shekel plan to invest in public housing. According to the new plan, at least 2,000 housing units will be made available.

CLOSING HEALTH DISPARITIES

Working with Jewish and Arab residents of Israel's north, Shatil, NIF's delivery arm in Israel, set out to address the health gaps experienced in these communities. Among other health gaps, average life expectancy is nearly two years lower than in the centre of the country.

Shatil helped to form the Jewish Arab Citizens' Forum for the Promotion of Health in the Galilee, in order to improve local access to quality healthcare. Today this Forum, now 200 strong, has become one of Shatil's most successful social justice and shared society projects. Four substantial 2017 accomplishments reflect this:

Achievements

1. Government funding for health facilities and services in the North has increased dramatically this year. **NIS940 million** was allocated to improving health in the North, shortening waiting times for surgeries, and building a new rehabilitation facility in Poriah Hospital whose cornerstone was laid in early December 2017.
2. Ziv Hospital in Tzfat opened a **new radiotherapy centre**, following an eight-year campaign on behalf of cancer patients who previously had to travel long distances for treatment. Prior to the formal opening of the centre by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in June, professor Jamal Zidan, Director of the Oncology Institute at Ziv hospital, said "Without Shatil and the Forum this wouldn't have happened".
3. Winning a prestigious **NIS100,000** research grant from the Israel Ministry of Defense Security Authority in partnership with four Northern hospitals to examine ambulance use in the North.
4. **Cultivating** a thriving Jewish-Arab Network. This grant period has entailed ongoing communication between the two groups, with a steady stream of meetings, shared projects, strategising, and even social gatherings unrelated to the joint work, such as this year's Forum Iftar feast during Ramadan. In many ways, this cultivation of shared space has been the greatest achievement of our project.

Image below: A new radiotherapy unit is opened by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Health Minister Yaakov Litzman at Ziv Hospital in Tzfat. Photo by Amos Ben Gershom/GPO.



4 OUR CORE VALUES

Religious freedom

NIF works to promote religious freedom in Israel, to foster a more tolerant society that embraces the rich diversity of Jewish identity, and to create a sphere of non-religious, civil law for all Israeli citizens.

“Women should have the right to pray their way and liberal Jews should be treated with respect, dignity and love. If I weren’t an optimist I couldn’t keep doing this. I believe in change.”

Lesley Sachs, Executive Director of 'Women of the Wall'

ACCESS TO THE KOTEL



We believe that everyone has the right to express their religious beliefs freely and without coercion.

Jewish women's access to the Kotel (Western Wall) in Jerusalem has long been a source of contention in Israeli society. Women are currently not entitled to wear prayer shawls, pray, and read from the Torah (collectively or aloud) at the Western Wall. We believe that there should be no restrictions to egalitarian prayer at the Kotel.

Women of the Wall:

25 years ago a group of activists committed to the principle of women's equality joined together, under the name 'Women of the Wall', to pursue a simple goal: to be allowed to pray at the Kotel according to the dictates of their consciences. We were among the earliest funders of Women of the Wall, and we continue to support organisations that stand up for the rights of Jews from all religious streams, as well as those who want to live a secular life.

2017 has seen some positive steps forward in this campaign:

January 2017 was a breakthrough month for this campaign. After years of hard work and commitment by Women of the Wall and their supporters, Israel's High Court of Justice

ruled that the government had 30 days to explain why women should not be allowed to read from the Torah at the Kotel. The court also outlawed intrusive body searches of women entering the Plaza and ruled that the pluralist prayer section established at the southern end of the Wall does not constitute an equal alternative to the central Western Wall prayer section.

More work to be done:

Unfortunately in July we saw a roll back from this landmark case, with the cabinet freezing a decision to allow egalitarian prayer at the Western Wall. Since then we have seen new constituencies from across the religious and political spectrums speaking out on this issue, showing that they are unafraid to challenge Israeli policy and stand up for religious freedom.

“Just when it seemed the rabbinate's power was overwhelming, the court's verdict regarding our demand to read Torah at the women's section of the Western Wall reflects both courage and wisdom”

Anat Hoffman, Chair of the Board, Women of the Wall

Image: Women gather at the Kotel in Jerusalem to protest against laws that ban women from praying at the wall.

PUSHING FOR GENDER EQUALITY

Our partner organisations continue to advocate for the right of women to make free and informed choices about their lives and their bodies, without religious interference.

Who we worked with:

Ne'emanai Torah va'Avodah (NTV) is a leading religious Zionist movement which promotes the values of tolerance, equality and justice in religious society.

NTV is at the forefront of the fight for women's rights and for ensuring women are not excluded from the public sphere.

In 2017 it achieved a significant victory in defeating proposals that would allow for greater religious interference in a woman's right to choose.

In 2017, NTV also successfully lobbied the Education Ministry to remove from the syllabus of the national-religious school system ten textbooks that only referred to women in terms of their roles as stay-at-

home wives and mothers. More broadly, it is working to help preserve co-ed education in the school system, giving parents better and more informed choices.

We will continue to work with organisations like NTV to push for gender equality and religious freedom in education and healthcare.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Israel Hofsheet is a leading grassroots movement fighting for separation of religion and state. They strive for an Israeli society that practices cultural and religious pluralism, protects civil rights, and upholds the principles of democracy and Zionism.

2017 achievements:

Over the past year, Israel Hofsheet have been working to advance freedom of choice in marriage, and to challenge the rabbinate's monopoly over the institution of marriage in Israel. Through its Havaya programme, Israel Hofsheet have been campaigning to show ordinary Israelis that they have options in how they marry.

By the end of 2017, Havaya had performed over 600 weddings outside of the rabbinate. They have also been providing couples with common law marriage ID cards, giving them tangible and legitimate proof of their legal status which grants them rights equal to those of married couples; 500 individuals have received these IDs to date. Havaya is now working with municipalities to offer families pluralistic Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies.

'By the end of 2017, Havaya had performed over 600 weddings outside of the rabbinate.'

'Israel Hofsheet' activists promote LGBT rights and civil marriage in Israel.





“Israel’s most beautiful and powerful asset is its social diversity, and to see it, one needs look no further than NIF’s grantees: Jews and Palestinians, secular and religious, Mizrahi and Ashkenazi, from the centre of the country to its periphery.”

Mickey Gitzin, Executive Director of NIF in Israel

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are many ways that you can support the New Israel Fund to achieve democracy and equality for all Israelis.

Make a donation

Help fund our change-making projects by donating via our website at:

newisraelfund.org.uk/donate

Get involved

Visit our website to find out more about upcoming events and opportunities to visit our projects in Israel:

newisraelfund.org.uk

Get in contact

For more information, do get in touch. You can also connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

☎ +44 (0)20 7724 2266

✉ info@uknif.org

📍 Unit 2, Bedford Mews,
London N2 9DF

🐦 @newisraelfunduk

📘 @UKNIF

newisraelfund.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 1060081

New Israel Fund is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, No. 3296825. Registered Office: Unit 2, Bedford Mews, London, N2 9DF.

Front cover image: Children participate in a Tag Meir project

With special
thanks to:

Pears
Foundation

ANOTHER RECORD BREAKING TWELVE MONTHS

2017 IN REVIEW



הקרן החדשה לישראל
New Israel Fund
الصندوق الجديد لإسرائيل

Be part of a better tomorrow
newisraelfund.org.uk

“2017 was an exceptional year for New Israel Fund in the UK.”



Clive Sheldon QC,
Chair, New Israel
Fund UK



Adam Ognall,
Chief Executive,
New Israel
Fund UK

With your help, we engaged more people than ever before in our issues and we greatly exceeded our fundraising expectations.

Our annual Human Rights Awards Dinner rounded off the year with huge success, bringing together 500 people (including more than 100 from our New Gen cohort) raising an impressive £500,000.

2017 brought many challenges for Israeli society, and a worrying increase in social tensions. From the status of Jerusalem, to questions of freedom of speech, to closing mini-markets on Shabbat, voices from the extremes are mounting. Yet, in the face of these increased pressures we are seeing inspiring examples of action from organisations working on the front line, building capacity and organising for change, helped by your support.

This report outlines just a few examples of what we, together, have accomplished. The report recognises those who have the courage to stand up and speak out about the difficult things that matter – people willing to speak truth to power during difficult times:

In defence of shared society

NIF's Kick Racism Out of Football ('Kick it Out') initiative launched the world's first football Team for Social Responsibility. The team, comprised of leading Jewish and Arab footballers, has been touring Israel delivering special events that promote the values of tolerance and acceptance.

In defence of democracy and human rights

Marking 50 years of Occupation, NIF helped organise a 17,000 strong gathering of Israelis under the message 'Two States, One Hope', making a powerful collective statement of unity and peace.

In defence of social and economic justice

Our Shatil-led Arab-Jewish Citizens Forum for the Promotion of Health in the Galilee succeeded in establishing a radiotherapy centre in the Northern city of Tzfat, the first of its kind and a huge step forward in the campaign to reduce health inequalities.

In defence of religious freedom

Our grantee 'Women of the Wall' has been fighting hard for equal rights of prayer at the Kotel. A legal case has been argued before Israel's Supreme Court, and increasing numbers of organisations are now standing up for religious equality.

This year, as we mark Israel's 70th anniversary, we reflect back on all that we have achieved at NIF with your support. We also continue to plan ahead, investing in creative and ambitious initiatives that we believe will deliver on the vision of Israel's founders.

By continuing to forge new partnerships and build capacity on the ground – funding and training up grassroots organisations and other key players fighting for human rights, equality and social change – we are working to rebalance some of the biggest challenges facing Israel today.

The initiatives described in this report, all of which are changing the social landscape in Israel, would not have been possible without the generosity of our supporters. We don't do this work alone, and our partners in Israel don't do this work alone. We rely on you. You propel us forward. Thank you for your commitment.

*Thank you for your
continued support!*

2017 in numbers!

Our impact:

4,400
people reached
through our activities

A record-breaking
£2.8 MILLION!
raised this year

80 EVENTS
and speaker
engagements held

£500,000
raised at our Human
Rights Awards Dinner

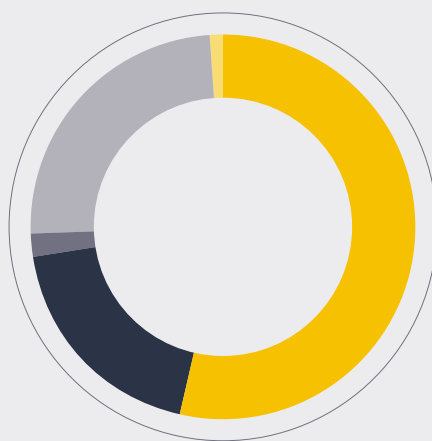
Over 1,000
donors contributing
to our work

**20,000
VIEWS!**
of our Human Rights
Awards winners' films

15% INCREASE
in our New Gen
supporter base

Supported over **125**
organisations in Israel

Grants to Israel:



Expenditure 2017 by theme
(Total £2,410,249)

- Shared Society 59%
- Human Rights and Democracy 21%
- Religious Freedom 2%
- Social and Economic Justice 27%
- Palestinian-Israeli Society 1%

Financial Statement*:

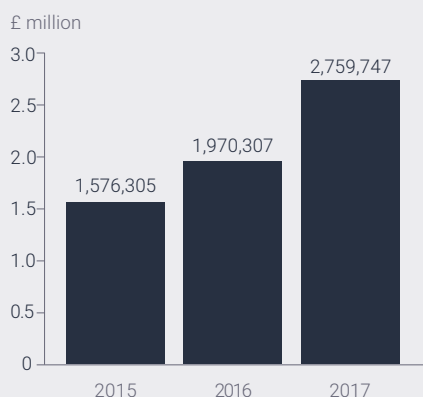
| | Total 2017 (£) | Total 2016 (£) | Total 2015 (£) |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Donations** | 2,759,525 | 1,970,307 | 1,576,305 |
| Other Income | 222 | 35,756 | 474 |
| Total Income | 2,759,747 | 2,006,063 | 1,576,779 |
| Grants to Projects in Israel | 2,410,249 | 1,526,929 | 1,066,388 |
| UK Education Programme | 299,666 | 370,527 | 311,944 |
| Costs of Generating Funds | 170,221 | 140,614 | 117,684 |
| Total Expenditure | 2,880,136 | 2,038,070 | 1,496,016 |
| Surplus/deficit | -120,389 | -32,007 | 80,763 |

*New Israel Fund's audited accounts and financial statements will be published in the spring.

**Additional contributions of £25,550 was received by NIF US from UK donors.

A full list of our grantees is available on our website.

2015-2017 fundraising:



Digital Engagement:

Recognising the importance of our online engagement, we placed more focus on our social media and digital mailing strategies. The growth increase was as follows:

We saw an average mailings open rate of 33%. Our Twitter audience grew by 12% and on Facebook by 24%. New Gen Facebook audience grew by 33%. Our most successful social media post was the Yesh Din HRAD film clip which has been viewed 19,000 times.

NIF in the UK

This year we broadened our engagement with the UK community, forging new partnerships and building on existing relationships in order to amplify our impact on civil society in Israel.



Human Rights Awards Dinner

Our Human Rights Awards Dinner in November exceeded all our targets, bringing in almost 500 people and raising a record-breaking £500,000. We were delighted to honour Yesh Din, a Human Rights organisation working in Israel and in the West Bank, and Morashtenu, an organisation that amplifies democratic values within Israel's Russian-speaking community. The overarching message on the night was about safeguarding Israel's democracy.

Our increased investment in the infrastructure of the evening brought a much-appreciated professionalism to the dinner and we were delighted to host a live performance from David Broza, Israeli music icon and peace activist, on the night.



50 Years of Occupation

We built a successful season of events around 50 Years of Occupation which engaged over 600 people during the course of the year, reached a number of our strategic audiences, and gained us significant exposure. Among the events were debates with B'tselem's Executive Director Hagai El-Ad, film screenings such as the award-winning documentary Muhi, and visits by representatives from the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and Breaking the Silence.

This was an issue that resonated with an increasingly large percentage of our audiences and a theme which we followed through until the end of the year at Limmud conference.



Partnerships

In 2017, we can proudly say that we both nurtured new partnerships and strengthened existing relationships. Successful events with Yachad, JBW, JW3, Seret and many others meant our message reached new audiences and communities. We deepened our relationship with the Masorti movement, sharing a visit by Masorti CEO in Israel Yizhar Hess. Another partnership that was reinvigorated this year was with the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance (JOFA), with whom we ran a very successful panel discussion on women's religious empowerment.

New Gen

New Gen is the New Israel Fund's community of young adults and social activists committed to promoting social justice and equality for all Israelis.

2017 has been a successful year for our New Gen stream of work. Attendance at our New Gen events has steadily increased, reflecting a 15% growth in our online database. We delivered over a dozen events including four major gatherings showcasing key NIF grantees, B'tselem, Yesh Din,

Parents Circle Family Forum, and a special commemorative discussion around the 50 year anniversary since 1967.

The highlight of 2017 was our annual Human Rights Awards Dinner in November. We had a phenomenal turnout of 131 young people from across our New Gen community. On the night, those under the age of 30 significantly

increased their giving – demonstrating a deepening of engagement and commitment to NIF issues.

We also saw our 2017/2018 cohort of Activism Fellows surpassing outreach targets, translating the knowledge gained from their 10 day social activism trip to Israel to engage a new UK audience.

“New Gen Fellowship has enabled me to deepen my understanding of Israeli society, connect with Israeli activists, and strengthen my commitment to Israel.”

Anna Roiser, New Gen, New Israel Fund UK

The New Israel Fund
UK board members:

Clive Sheldon QC, Chair
Lord Beecham
Lance Blackstone
Julie Blane
Paul Burger

Sir Trevor Chinn, CVO
John Cohen
Jane Grabiner
Sam Grodzinski QC
Martin Paisner CBE

Sarah Peters
Eli Silber
Juliet Stevens
Noam Tamir