

SHAPING A **BETTER** ISRAEL **TOGETHER**



ANNUAL REPORT 2019
newisraelfund.org.uk

הקרן החדשה לישראל
New Israel Fund
الصندوق الجديد لإسرائيل

A young boy with a serious expression holds a white sign with Hebrew text 'עליון' (Elyon) in purple ink. He is wearing a black t-shirt. The background is a blurred protest scene with colorful balloons (blue, purple, green) and other people holding signs.

The New Israel Fund is the leading organisation advancing democracy and equality in Israel

NIF is a partnership of Israelis and supporters of Israel worldwide, dedicated to its founders' vision of a society that ensures complete equality to all its inhabitants.

As the founder and funder of most of Israel's progressive civil society, we have provided over £225 million (incl £30 million from the UK) to more than 900 organisations since our inception.

And we are more than a funder. NIF is at philanthropy's cutting edge — thanks in large part to our action arm Shatil, the New Israel Fund's Initiative for Social Change. Today, NIF is a leading advocate for democratic values, building the coalitions and empowering the activists that can drive meaningful social change in Israel.

Our focus is on six key issue areas: Shared Society & Combatting Racism, Human Rights & Democracy, Palestinian Society, Social & Economic Justice, Religious Freedom, and New Initiatives for Democracy.

Our Impact	04
Welcome	06
Fostering a Shared Society and Combatting Racism	08
Standing up for Human Rights and Democracy	11
Advancing Equality for Palestinian Citizens of Israel	14
Empowering Social and Economic Justice	16
Promoting Religious Freedom	18
Catalysing New Initiatives for Democracy (NIFD)	21
NIF in the UK	23
Financials	26

2019 in numbers

With the generous support of the people and organisations who took a stand with us for democracy, for equality and for human rights :

**WE SUPPORTED MORE THAN
120 ORGANISATIONS AND
PROJECTS IN ISRAEL, TO
ACHIEVE SUCCESSES LIKE :**



- > **Enabling schools** to teach about human rights and racism.



- > **Providing thousands of Bedouin** with a way to vote in the Israeli elections.



- > **Introducing public transportation** on Saturday.



- > **Making sure that Palestinian Israeli voices are heard** in the media.

WE GREW THE IMPACT OF ISRAEL'S CIVIL SOCIETY BY :



- > Providing **10,000 hours** of advice and guidance to organisations to help them grow.



- > Training **over 1,500 people** in community activism, effective lobbying and digital engagement.



- > Directing more than **£2.1M** to organisations in Israel from the UK.

WE CONNECTED MORE PEOPLE ACROSS THE UK TO OUR WORK :



- > Running **56 events** in the UK reaching **4,100+ people** and raising a record **£600k** at our annual Human Rights Awards Dinner.

Welcome

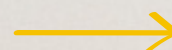
“ Israeli society is tested by how it treats its minorities...It's not just a democratic test, but also a Jewish test ”



These are the words of Dan Meridor, former Israeli Deputy Prime Minister and Likud MK in one of the films at our 2019 Human Rights Awards Dinner. These words encapsulate much of our motivation, and we are sure that of many others, for supporting the New Israel Fund.

We are proud to share with you in this annual review a substantial set of achievements and developments that we delivered this last year, with your support. 2019 was undoubtedly a strong year for the New Israel Fund. Support for our work has grown, with the rising impact and influence we are achieving through our grant-making for projects in Israel and our educational activities in the UK.

2019 will be remembered in Israel as the year of elections, with two Knesset elections held and a third one called. These elections were fought on many of the issues at the core of NIF's mission - not least democracy and the status of minority groups. NIF saw itself having to respond at times to a continually shifting landscape; in the face of increasing racist public rhetoric we amplified the voices promoting a vision of shared society, and when attempts were made to suppress voter turnout of particular communities, we made sure that all Israelis were able to cast their vote (see page 12).





However, most of NIF's work in Israel sits far removed from the electoral process. We are investing in projects and initiatives that deliver change over the long run. Our two main ways of doing this are through the projects and organisations we provide grants to and through the work of NIF's own action arm, Shatil. Shatil works directly with organisations and individuals to help them increase their impact, providing consulting and training to social change organisations, building coalitions and networks, and advocating with decision-makers. Shatil is widely recognised as a leading player in the creation and growth of Israel's vibrant civil society. We were particularly proud that in 2019 we were able to increase our support for Shatil from the UK.

2019 was also a busy year for our educational work in the UK (see page 23). NIF provides a touch point for engagement with an Israel that is relevant, inspiring and matches the values of a growing number of people within the UK. As we look forward, we are committed to growing our educational work here in the UK, and aim to reach more groups and communities.

At the same time, NIF's work in Israel remains focused on standing with those Israelis speaking up for democracy and building Jewish-Arab partnerships. We are increasingly investing in new ways to meet these aspirations, not least training the next generation of leaders drawn from all parts of Israeli society.

We look forward to reporting to you our future successes.

Thank you for your support.

Clive Sheldon QC
Chair

Adam Ognall
Chief Executive



Fostering a Shared Society and Combatting Racism

Photo by Tomer Neuberg / Flash 90

NIF advances a society in Israel that is truly shared amongst residents, where everyone has an equal stake

The protracted election season was blighted by open displays of racism including repeated attempts to delegitimise Arab citizens. Structural racism in Israel affects not just Arabs, but many minority groups, most notably Ethiopian-Israelis. This last summer, an unarmed Ethiopian-Israeli youth was fatally shot by an off-duty police officer, making him the second Ethiopian-Israeli killed by a policeman in the space of a year.

Our overarching goals in this area are to:

#1 Develop shared spaces for Jewish and Palestinian Israelis especially at the regional and local level

Creating local and regional shared spaces to serve as a foundation for long-term cooperation between neighbouring Jewish and Arab localities and those living in the same towns.

#2 Promote media as a shared space

Increasing Arab-Israeli representation in mainstream media.

#3 Combat racism

Strengthening public, political and legal responses to racism and hate crimes and delegitimise expressions of racism by public figures and the general population.



Promoting shared public spaces

Thanks to the incredible work of **Sikkuy - The Association for the Advancement of Civic Equality**, 2019 at long last saw Arabic appearing in the electronic destination signs on buses throughout the country, in addition to Arabic signage at bus stops. And Israel Railways added signage and passenger information in Arabic in its new coaches – a major step towards shared public spaces.

NIF's grantees **Sikkuy** and the **Seventh Eye's** intensive work on the **Media Representation Index** and its corresponding election campaign (**#Present_Absentee**), saw **the percentage of Arab interviewees in election-related media coverage increase by 60%** from 4.5% in the first round of elections in April 2019 to 7.5% in the second round.



→ Photo by Sikkuy - The Association for the Advancement of Civic Equality



“ I believe we can build a society in which each and every one of us has equal value; in which each and every one of us has the opportunity to influence and in which the differences between us are seen as an asset that enriches us and not as a barrier or limitation ”

• **Abeer Halabi** · Director of Shared Society at Shatil

Seeding new initiatives for Jewish-Arab partnership

In response to the alarming racist rhetoric exhibited in the first round of elections, in May 2019 NIF launched a **Shared Society Grassroots Funding Opportunity**. The aim was to allocate small grants to initiatives that are standing up for shared society and building partnerships between Jews and Arabs.



Over **300 applications** were received.



NIF allocated funds to 25 initiatives and **Shatil is supporting a further 50 applicants**, running group training sessions to help these fledgling organisations grow their impact; from improving their public engagement, evaluating outcomes, and raising funds.



MOBILISING A JEWISH-ARAB PARTNERSHIP IN ISRAEL'S OUTLYING REGIONS

“ My father raised me to believe that I was equal in every way to a boy ”

• Nijmi Abbas

2019 saw:

- > The building of a rehabilitation facility in Tiberias's Poriya hospital begin in December 2019 after a forum-led campaign.
- > The appointment of an Arab director and deputy directors at the northern branch of the Clalit Health Maintenance Organisation (HMO) - after it emerged that none of the top tier managers were Arabs.
- > The formal launch of the **Southern Health Coalition** a 20-strong forum of Jewish and Bedouin-Arab local activists, civil society representatives, medical professionals and academics working to improve access to health services in the south.

“My father raised me to believe that I was equal in every way to a boy. In a society that values males... He was proud of me.”

These are the words of Nijmi Abbas, a newly elected member of the Shefa'Amr city council.

She is a head nurse and a veteran activist in the Shatil-coordinated **Citizens' Forum for the Promotion of Health in the Galilee**.

She credits her participation in the forum for coaching her to work collaboratively, to promote her ideas and to speak out; Nijmi was able to convince Shefa'Amr's mayor to create the position of a city health advocate.

The 200 strong **Jewish-Arab Citizens' Forum for the Promotion of Health** works to reduce the gaps in healthcare services between the Galilee and the centre of the country facilitating a more shared and equal society.

→ **Healthcare services in Israel's outlying northern and southern regions lag sorely behind those in the centre of the country. There are fewer doctors per capita, fewer hospital beds, longer wait times and lower life expectancies. Both regions are home to large Jewish and Arab populations.**



Standing up for Human Rights and Democracy

NIF seeks to realise Israel's founding idea of complete equality for all

Israel, like many other countries, is experiencing threats to its democracy - growing attacks on the media, the justice system and academics, as well as attempts to curb the freedom of protest and minorities' rights. In response, NIF is ramping up its investment in this space.

We are supporting organisations and developing projects that are:

#1 Strengthening democratic institutions

To ensure freedom of speech and expression and the independence of the judiciary remain sacrosanct.

#2 Safeguarding human rights and keeping the Occupation on the public agenda

To actualise Israel's founding ideal of complete equality for all, and protect the human rights of all people living under Israel's authority.

“ Only those who ignore history can make light of the importance of organisations that defend human rights ”

- **Sharon Abraham-Weiss** · Executive Director, The Association for Civil Rights in Israel



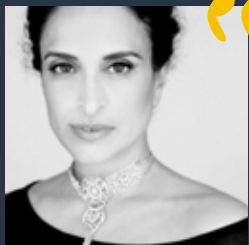
A major victory against voter intimidation

The April 2019 elections saw cameras placed at Arab Israeli polling stations by the Likud party to intentionally suppress voter turnout for this minority group.

Successful legal action from NIF grantees **Zazim – Community Action**, **Adalah: The Centre for Minority Rights**, and **the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)** means political parties are now forbidden from deploying cameras at polling stations.



→ Photo by Yossi Zamir, Shatil Stock



“The New Israel Fund is critical to Israel’s democracy, supporting endless organisations that work to afford equal rights and opportunities to all her citizens, Jews and Arabs alike”

- **Achinoam Nini (Noa)** - Singer and NIF Israel Board Member

Educating for Human Rights

The **Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)** is NIF’s flagship partner. In addition to the vital legal work it carries out in safeguarding civil freedoms and challenging legislation that threatens to damage democratic norms, ACRI has an active education department.

In 2019 ACRI has been growing its education work in schools and through wider public engagement; building knowledge, and changing the public discourse where it comes to issues of racism, discrimination and the Occupation.

In 2019:

- **4,500** educators accessed ACRI’s online education portal to download human rights materials
- **2,600** children were represented in ACRI’s demand that Nazareth Illit open an Arabic state school
- **1,300⁺** student teachers were empowered by human rights anti-racism training
- **5** pre-military academies received human rights education in a 10 session course reaching 150 participants
- Anti-racism education courses formally launched at the University of Haifa
- ACRI submitted a demand for **2,000** additional classrooms in East Jerusalem to provide equality in education



ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IS A BASIC RIGHT



“ I still believe that eventually things will change. I’m surrounded by good people in PHRI and that gives me hope ”

• Dr Mushira Aboo Dia

KEY STATISTICS

- PHRI treats over **20,000** patients per year
- **3,500** medical volunteers, including nurses, doctors, and psychotherapists
- **PHRI has been instrumental in supporting cases for freedom of movement for patients in Gaza in need of medical help in hospitals outside the Strip**

Image above:
Physicians for Human Rights Israel mobile clinic

Dr Mushira Aboo Dia is the first woman and the first Israeli-Palestinian to head **Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHRI)**. She is an Obstetrics and Gynaecology specialist at Hadassah Hospital.

“Growing up in a large family with a lot of siblings was challenging. But my mother kept one rule that she never broke: whatever she gave us, she either gave everyone equally and if she did not have enough – then no one would get. She taught me a sense of **equality and justice for all**.

And I grew up believing that those two principles are the basic foundations for a strong and just society. As a result, they are the driving force behind my activism.

In my work in the mobile clinic in the West Bank, with the medical delegations to Gaza, and in the open clinic for refugees and asylum seekers, I meet women who teach me every time about strength, resilience and hope.

My work goes beyond the physical aspect of healing a body. It’s about empowering my patients. It’s about giving control back to those who suffered sexual and physical abuse on their way to Israel. It’s about showing Palestinians the other side of the Israelis - the side that wants to help, show support and solidarity.

We still have a lot of work to do, but we’re getting there slowly but surely together with other organisations who are committed to creating a better and more equal Israel.”

Advancing Equality for Palestinian Citizens of Israel

Photo by Yesh Din

NIF promotes full equality for Israel's Arab citizens and their participation in Israel's democratic process

The Palestinian-Israeli community is the main national non-Jewish minority within Israel and represents 20% of Israel's population. The historical tensions stemming from the Israeli-Arab conflict continues to permeate with ongoing discrimination where it comes to land planning and distribution, education, municipal funding, representation of Palestinian citizens in decision-making bodies, and more.

Our work in this space is centred on three key areas:

#1 Land and planning

NIF's strategic focus begins with partnering with organisations advancing land planning to the benefit of the Arab community, with the aim of increasing the supply of available housing and expanding economic opportunity.

#2 Empowering Palestinian-Israeli women

The traditional family clan structure in Palestinian society makes it difficult for women to assume leadership positions. Increasing women's representation, both in developing their skills and in preparing Palestinian society to advance women in leadership positions, can change this dynamic.

#3 Working to reduce crime and violence

Reducing violence in Palestinian-Israeli towns, in which 93 murders were committed in 2019, is one of the most important issues affecting Israeli Arab society in the near term.



→ Photo by Yossi Zamir, Shatil Stock

Advancing recognition and services for Bedouin villages

Shatil and NIF grantee **Bimkom: Planners for Planning Rights** worked with local Bedouin leaders to research, draft, and present alternatives to government plans for the Bedouin community, which often don't meet their needs or are aimed at removing them from their land. These efforts contributed to a number of big achievements:

- > The Ministry of Interior will compensate recognised Bedouin towns for services they provide to adjacent unrecognised villages.
- > The Bedouin village Hashem Zaneh received official recognition from the state's Southern Planning Committee and approval to remain in its current location.
- > Eight Bedouin towns will now benefit from a redistribution of property tax revenues.

Strengthening municipalities

Thanks to advocacy led by the **Arab Centre for Alternative Planning (ACAP)**, ten Arab-Israeli municipalities are due to receive a total of NIS 78 million (£17.7 million) to strengthen municipal engineering departments and help subsidise land development.

Lakia will be the first Bedouin municipality in Israel to have its own economic planning department. The Shatil-led project is putting Lakia's residents squarely in the centre of the planning process. Civic engagement, exemplified by this new initiative, has been shown to improve public health outcomes, reduce violence in localities that struggle with crime, and help citizens access funding that may be available but inaccessible.



Two out of every three Arab children live in poverty, compared with **one out of every five Jewish children**.



32 percent of working-age Arab women are employed, compared with **81 percent of Jewish women**.



A PARK FOR JEWS ONLY

Officially Afula claimed that its park was for residents. But in practice, security guards placed at the park's gates only refused entry to Arab citizens from surrounding towns and villages.

Nareman Shehadeh-Zoabi, an Attorney from NIF grantee **Adalah: The Legal Centre for Arab Minority Rights in Israel**, and her son had tried to enter the park earlier this year and found a sign at the entrance reading: 'The park is open to Afula residents only.'

She recalled, "I felt deeply humiliated by the situation. Jewish residents freely walked past me into the very park that I so often enjoyed with my son while I was prevented from entering— simply because I am from the Arab city of Nazareth"

Successful legal and advocacy work by **Adalah** saw Afula reopen its central municipal park to non-residents of the city.



Empowering Social and Economic Justice

NIF helps to reduce social and economic gaps to build a more cohesive and fairer society

The Israeli public is more united behind the desire for social and economic justice than on any other single issue. With one in three Israeli children living below the poverty line it's not hard to figure out why.

Our aim is to speed the inclusion of Israel's diverse national, gender, ethnic and geographic population groups into the economy, allowing for social mobility and for stronger civic and political engagement.

Our work focuses on some of the most critical root causes of socio-economic gaps:

#1 Addressing housing inequality

We believe that housing is an issue that crosses ideological and community divides and is key to ensuring a more cohesive society. Working across party lines, our intense efforts continue to put the issue of public housing on the national agenda.

#2 Challenging “built-in” inequality at the local and community level

Our advocacy efforts are focused on reducing inequality between communities by focusing on allocation of state funds, otherwise known as distributive justice. We work to advance equitable tax-revenue distribution for underprivileged communities that suffer from fewer resources and greater need.



Public Housing victory for single mothers

The campaigning efforts of the women trained through Shatil's **Public Housing Forum** have resulted in a huge win for single mothers who receive child support. Until a recent ruling by the Tel Aviv District Court, single mothers receiving child support were considered ineligible for public housing – their efforts have reversed this punitive policy. **A further 3,000 women will now be eligible for public housing.**

We are making progress on equitable distribution of land and taxes

The **Association for Distributive Justice** continues to work to ensure that public resources, particularly land and tax revenues, are distributed more fairly and benefit marginalised communities. Having published a study of the disparities in income and resource distribution among local and regional authorities, **Hagar: The Affordable Housing Centre** (Part of the Faculty of Law of Tel Aviv University) is also working through the **Lands Forum** on proposed legislation that would return unutilised agricultural land to the state at a fair cost rather than the exorbitant prices demanded by many farmers.



There is a huge housing shortage in Israel.

Public housing stock in Israel is at **2%** compared to **4%** in the USA or **18%** in England.



11% of the population in Israel needs state support for housing.



Families living in poverty in Israel spend **70% of their free income** on – often temporary and unreliable – housing. **This is one of the root causes of poverty.**



STRENGTHENING THE ETHIOPIAN - ISRAELI COMMUNITY

Dr Hadas Malada-Matsree is a member of the Forum for the Advancement of the Health of Ethiopian-Israelis - a 400-strong team of Ethiopian-Israeli doctors and nurses who are fighting the racist attitudes toward this community.

Dr Malada-Matsree, the first female Ethiopian IDF doctor, led the campaign to stop the discriminatory practice of refusing to accept blood donations from Ethiopians: "I understood that there are all kinds of improper practices when it comes to our community, and that if we don't come from the bottom-up to change them, then they won't change".

With the support of NIF and Shatil, the Forum works to fight racism and discrimination in healthcare, advance



35% of Ethiopian-Israeli families live below the poverty line, compared to 18.6% of Israeli families



25% of Ethiopian-Israelis hold a high-school matriculation certificate that meets university admission criteria compared to 58% of non-immigrant Jewish Israelis

Ethiopian-Israeli professionals in the medical field, provide training, and promote healthy lifestyles in the Ethiopian-Israeli community.



Promoting Religious Freedom

NIF works for religious diversity, for gender equality and for recognising there is more than one way to be Jewish

The lack of freedom of and from religion remains a core obstacle to strengthening Israel's democracy.

The ultra-Orthodox Chief Rabbinate continues to control Israel's civil sphere. Issues of marriage, conversion, representation of women in religious life, and funding and recognition of other streams of Judaism are continually stifled.

We believe that the time is ripe to mobilise Israelis to focus on advocacy for religious freedom and connect with voices from across the whole religious spectrum.

As such, our focus continues to be on:

#1 Eroding the Chief Rabbinate's monopoly over Jewish life

Influencing policy and legislation; mobilising grassroots initiatives that provide alternative services; and using the courts to promote changes in conversion, representation of women in religious life, and funding and recognition of non-Orthodox religious life.

#2 Strengthening moderate religious voices

Supporting tolerant voices within Orthodox Judaism who are an important but overlooked movement with significant potential to play a key role as a moderating force in Israeli society.





Suddenly I understood that multi-culturalism is something positive. You go and you discover things and you are one piece in this huge human mosaic and you see that other people have other truths ”

- **Shira Ben-Sasson Furstenberg** · Associate Director, NIF Israel



→ Photo by Valentine Kleyner

Combating the exclusion of women

Within just months of its founding, the Shatil-facilitated **Forum Against the Exclusion of Women** brought several joint petitions to the Supreme Court, published letters in the media denouncing the exclusion of women, and launched a joint campaign to scuttle the appointment of an ultra-Orthodox lawmaker as social equality minister.

→ **The Forum is an alliance of 14 organisations that monitor, publicise and promote legal action in cases in which women and girls are excluded.**

Freedom of choice in marriage

Be Free Israel (Yisrael Hofsheet) continues to offer Israelis a vital alternative to the ultra-Orthodox Rabbinate. The organisation focuses on issues of marriage, LGBTQ rights, women's segregation, and religious coercion – and they are making incredible headway.

→ They also led the way on other religious freedom issues, counting a major victory in November 2019 when several municipalities in and around **Tel Aviv officially opened public transportation on Saturday** – a huge win for the many who can't afford cars but need to travel on Saturdays.

Be Free Israel delivered:





EMPOWERING THE NEW HAREDIM



Meet Pnina Pfeuffer: prominent haredi social activist

Pnina, a Jerusalem native raised ultra-Orthodox, is merging her deep roots in the Haredi community with her progressive values. With training from Shatil and funding from NIF, she launched **New Haredim**, to promote economic, educational, and social change within the Haredi community.

“With NIF, we shared the values of civil activism, equality and justice,” Pfeuffer said. “We want to bring these values into our community for the benefit of both the Haredi community and Israel...One of our long-term goals is to establish a public education system for the ultra-Orthodox that is overseen by the Education Ministry.”

Currently, Haredi education is semi-private with insufficient teaching in core subjects like English and math, rampant discrimination, and poor wages for teachers. As a result, many Haredi students need additional education to enter the labour market or risk joining the ranks of the large number of low-income ultra-Orthodox families.

Shatil is supporting several leaders of the modern Haredi world including Michal Zernowitski, the first-ever ultra-Orthodox candidate to run with the Labour party, Haredi journalist Eli Bitan, and Pfeuffer herself in the establishment of the **New Haredim**.

“ With NIF, we shared the values of civil activism, equality and justice ”

• **Pnina Pfeuffer** · Founder of ‘New Haredim’

KEY STATISTICS

- **1-million-strong Haredi Community**
- An estimated **100,000 haredi men and women** are already challenging social norms by working, studying secular subjects, and taking measured steps to integrate into Israeli society

Image above:
Photo by Valentine Kleyner

Catalysing New Initiatives for Democracy (NIFD)

Demonstration organised by Standing Together for Women against Violence

NIFD is our concerted campaign to equip Israel's pro-democracy voices with tools to build positive change

NIFD is the New Israel Fund's programme designed to strengthen Israel's character as a vibrant, liberal democracy. We identify, build and support organisations that work together to expand and strengthen the groups working for positive social change in order to amplify their effect.

We do this by:

#1 Building people-powered movements

We work to build a shared future for everyone in Israel through people-powered movements of Israelis from all backgrounds who are coming together to promote their shared values among the public and to shift opinions amongst decision-makers.

#2 Developing progressive leaders and vision

NIF is building up a network of organisations that will generate progressive ideas and cultivate the leaders and educators capable of transforming the conversation in Israel around these values.

#3 Fighting misinformation

In the face of rising misinformation and 'fake news' there is a need to hold the media and public officials to account.



A huge growth for grassroots organisations

2019 saw significant growth in people-powered movements of Jewish-Arab grassroots initiatives that are mobilising Israelis to take a stand on the issues they care about. Like **Standing Together** a grassroots Jewish-Arab movement which mobilises people around campaigns for peace, equality and social justice (and whose membership increased by 400% over the course of the year!) and **Zazim – Community Action**, an online platform which organises Israelis from all backgrounds to make a difference on human rights and social justice issues.



NIF grant boosts largest women's protest against violence

Groups including NIF grantees **Israel Women's Network (IWN)**, **Zazim - Community Action**, **Standing Together**, and **Women Against Violence** mobilised to bring 30,000 demonstrators to Tel Aviv's Rabin Square to protest the ongoing failure by the authorities to address the rise in violence against women. NIF gave emergency grants to the organisers, which was the largest women's protest ever held in Israel.

Zazim



150,000 active members in 2019.



Revenues from members now cover **an incredible 85%** of the organization's budget.

Standing Together



400% increase in membership in 2019.



3 new regional groups were set up in the north bringing the total to 9.

Building the infrastructure for long-term, positive change

2019 saw the groundwork of our efforts to develop a concerted approach to leadership development. Through our work with NIF grantee **Hechalutz Movement** we will be teaching around 1,200 young people each year in 12 pre-military academies. With our partners **Alliance for Israel's Future (AIF)**, and the **Berl Katznelson Foundation (BKF) Derech Fellowship**, we have begun working on a joint curriculum for progressive values and leadership development.



NIF in the UK

Our programming brought new, in-depth challenging perspectives on Israel pushing the boundaries of discussion in our community and beyond



NIF is the perfect meeting point of my

deep connection to Israel and my deep concern for the values of justice and equality ”

- **Professor David N. Myers** · Global President, New Israel Fund

We used this year to bring a global perspective to our work. NIF Global President Professor David Myers, Global CEO Daniel Sokatch, and NIF Israel's Director Mickey Gitzin, all met with our audiences and linked local Israeli issues of democratic slippage to global trends in the UK, across Europe, the US and beyond.

Our programme of activities at NIF UK provides both existing and prospective supporters with an opportunity to deeply and directly engage with our work on the ground in Israel.

Briefings from leaders of our core grantees such as Sharon Abraham Weiss from [ACRI](#), Hagai El-Ad of [B'Tselem](#); and Raluca-Ganea of [Zazim](#) ensured that our supporters gained an in-depth 'on the pulse' understanding of how civil society is leading the charge to safeguard the values we hold most dear - **democracy, equality and justice.**

Highlights from 2019

Celebrating culture

Cultural highlights included a tribute event for Amos Oz with his translator Nicholas de Lange, an intimate Q & A with Shtisel Scriptwriter Yehonatan Indursky, and the inimitable feminist, academic and activist Alice Shalvi who declared:

"There is no civil society organisation in Israel that does not owe a debt of gratitude to the New Israel Fund."



"I think the reason that we create art is to remember how special human beings are. I think the New Israel Fund understands that. It's at the core of your work"

• **Yehonatan Indursky** · Acclaimed Screenwriter and Director

NIF Human Rights Awards Dinner



We were proud to raise **£600,000** and bring almost **450 people**, including over 100 members of our New Gen UK community, to this special evening.

In 2019 we honoured two NIF grantees: **Physicians for Human Rights Israel**, whose mission is to provide equal access to healthcare for everyone under Israeli responsibility, and **Tebeka**, an organisation that aims to fight racism and pursue equality and justice for the Ethiopian minority in Israel today.

As Fentahun Assefa-Dawit, CEO of **Tebeka**, so powerfully said on the night:

"We are Jews and Israelis inspired by the vision of being a light unto nations. You make it possible for us to pursue that vision. And together, we will achieve it."



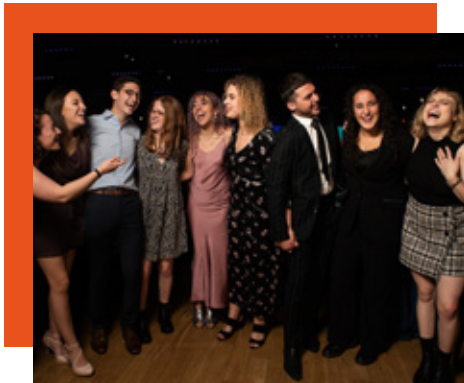
Partnerships

We are delighted that our work with external partner organisations has grown considerably amplifying our work and our values across a broad range of audiences. **Yachad, OneVoice, UKJFF, JBW, Seret, NIFCT, Limmud**, and synagogues from a variety of streams all worked together with us in the past year, giving both our own NIF UK staff and our grantees a platform to debate and illuminate on our issues.

New Gen

New Gen

New Gen (**New Generations**) is our community of supporters in their 20s and 30s. We offer a wide range of educational, social and philanthropic opportunities and briefings to engage younger audiences and young professionals in our work.



NIF Fellowship

This year three fantastic Fellows joined over 25 global NIF participants on a 10-day immersive trip to Israel and the West Bank.

Since arriving back in the UK they continued their training in community building through regular workshops, as well as organising and leading events and activities on NIF's work.



“ The Fellowship’s clear and unwavering values create a strong, positive and progressive space ”

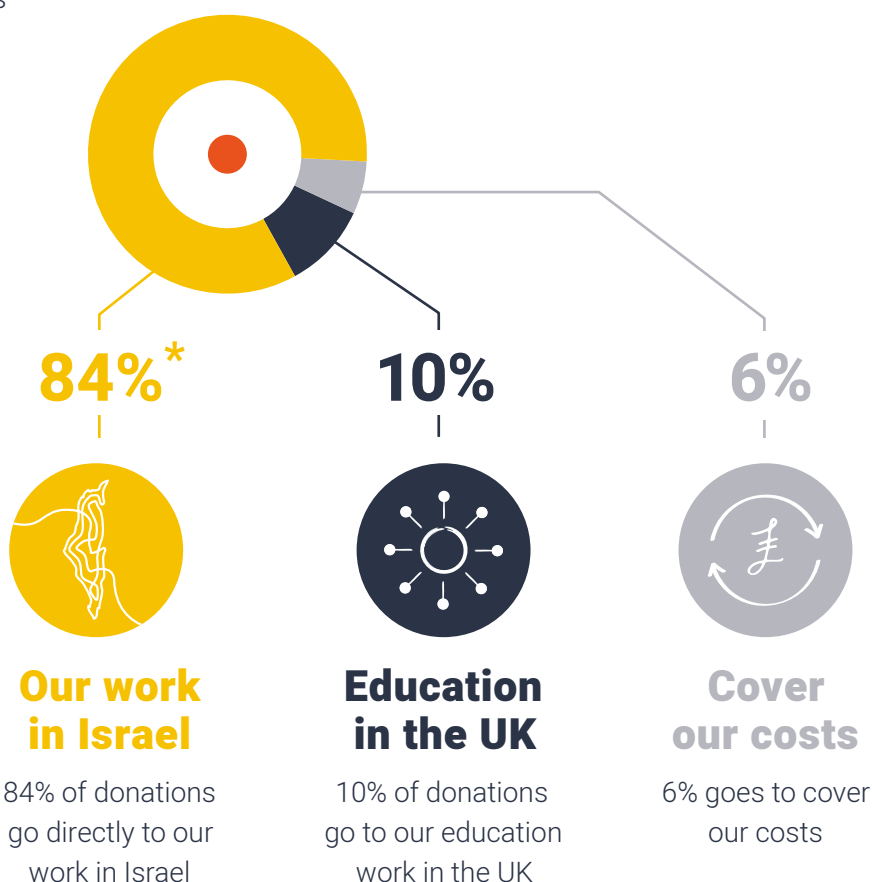
• **Sophie Ablett** · NIF fellow 2019-2020



Financials

2019's success allowed us to increase both our core grant for NIF's work in Israel and funding for UK educational activities.

YOUR DONATION →



Financial statement →

	Total 2019 (£)**	Total 2018 (£)	Total 2017 (£)
Donations***	2,534,495	3,847,909	2,759,525
Other Income	7,580	29,562	222
Total income	2,542,075	3,877,471	2,759,747
Grants to Projects in Israel	2,122,303	2,809,434	2,410,249
UK Education Programme	368,804	369,052	299,666
Costs of Generating Funds	138,408	167,428	170,221
Total expenditure	2,629,515	3,345,915	2,880,136
Surplus / Deficit	-87,440	531,557	-120,389

*Distribution based on 2018 audited accounts

**The New Israel Fund's audited accounts will be available from late spring

***The difference in income between 2018 and 2019 includes recognition of multi-year pledges and exceptional gifts in 2018

Additional contributions of £102,600 were received from UK donors in Israel and the USA



Shaping a better Israel together

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/events

→ LEAVE A LEGACY

Create a lasting legacy that reflects your values. To speak to us further about shaping your legacy please contact:

adam@uknif.org

GET IN CONTACT

For more information, do get in touch.

+44 (0)20 7724 2266


info@uknif.org

Unit 2, Bedford Mews,
London N2 9DF

You can also connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

 @newisraelfunduk

 @newisraelfunduk

 @UKNIF