

# OUR WORK 2020



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YEARS

הקון החדשה לישראל  
New Israel Fund  
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# INTRODUCTION

The work of the New Israel Fund has always been guided by our shared values – democracy, equality and social justice.

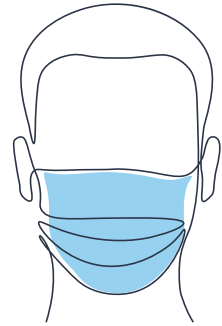
Faced with a global pandemic and ensuing political instability, we have been reminded that at its core our work is about one thing more than any other: connecting our community of supporters here in the UK with the activists, advocates and allies in Israel to meet the challenges of the day, together.

Whether defending democracy and civil liberties in the shadow of the coronavirus, standing up for the most vulnerable, or opposing plans to annex parts of the West Bank, the New Israel Fund will be here to stand strong for our values both for today and the future. That's the kind of work that you will read about in this annual review.

# RESPONDING TO COVID-19

## Standing for equality and democracy in a time of crisis

The pandemic hit those already marginalised the hardest and threatened democratic values. Our Crisis Action Plan launched in March 2020 is making sure that faced with these challenges Israel emerges a more just, democratic and equal society.



**£300,000** of emergency grants

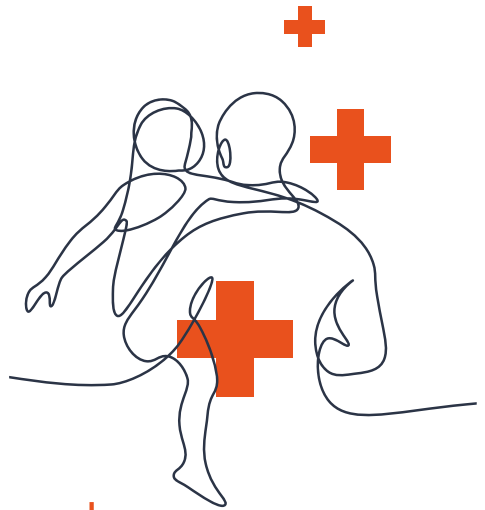
To **32** organisations

Delivery of training sessions to **2,900** participants from across civil society

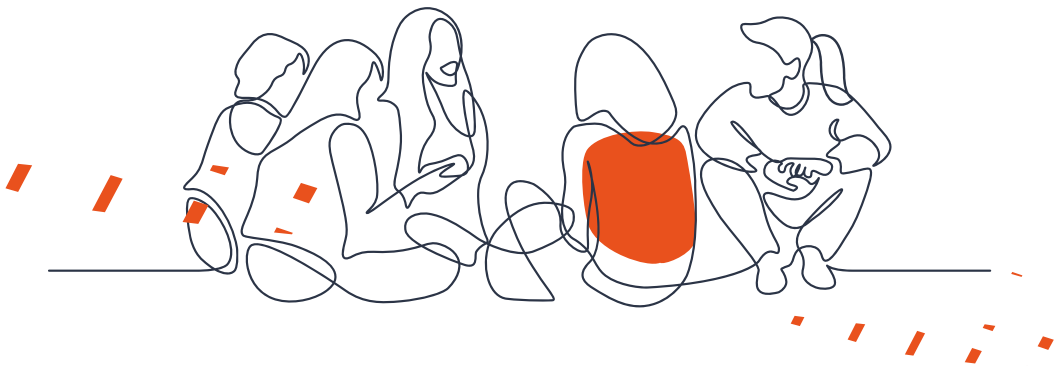
**17,855** consultancy hours to civil society groups at the cutting edge of the crisis

# HEALTHCARE

We made sure that access to healthcare and urgent government information was and continues to be available to all.



Protecting the most marginalised and vulnerable communities

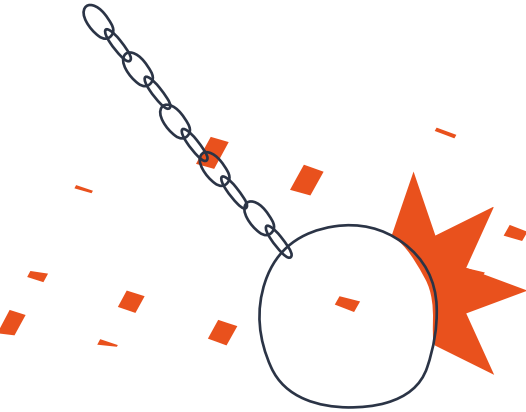
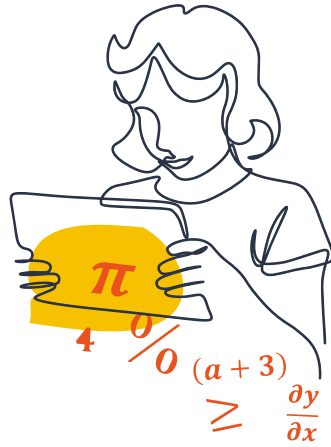


# WOMEN'S RIGHTS

We stood up for women – Jewish and Arab – who faced violence, funding hotlines and ensuring shelters stayed open.

# EDUCATION

We fought for access to education for all, so that every child can learn remotely.

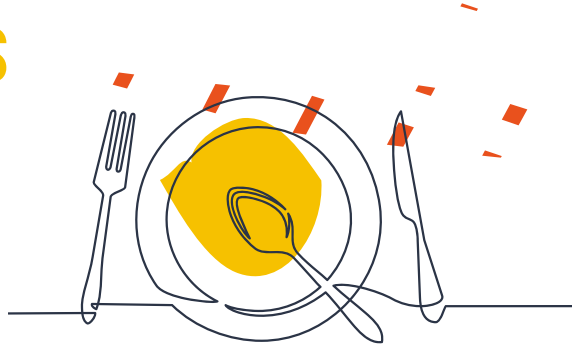


# HOMES

We halted home demolitions of unrecognised Bedouin villages.

# BASIC NEEDS

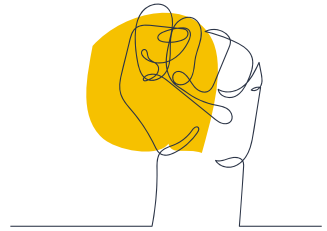
We ensured low income groups such as single parent families in the ultra-orthodox community and asylum seekers received additional support.



# Strengthening our strategic priorities

Alongside our work responding to the urgent needs on the ground we continued to invest in our long term priorities. Democratic institutions, norms and the rule of law in Israel are facing unprecedented challenges and public legitimacy for Jewish-Arab partnership and shared society is often absent. Safeguarding these spaces has fallen almost exclusively on civil society.

## DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS



With your support we said no to annexation.

- NIF provided strategic backing to the security, peace and human rights groups representing Israelis' voices in the fight against annexation.

And we protected freedom of speech for Israelis protesting corruption and defending their rights to protest.

- Our grantees ACRI and Adalah secured the right to protest under lockdown, in accordance with public health measures.
- Whilst our Shatil-led Forum for the Freedom of Protest trained activists on their rights and on options for recourse when those rights are violated.



# STRENGTHENING JEWISH-ARAB PARTNERSHIP

The Covid-19 crisis has unearthed a public desire for Jewish-Arab reconciliation expressed through an outpouring of support for frontline workers, many of whom are Arab. NIF is building on this shift in public sentiment to drive forward our long terms goals: prioritising shared public spaces, combating acts of racism and building the foundations for Jewish-Arab joint leadership.

“When we understand that Israel is the home for all of us, and that there is room for everyone, we can build genuine partnerships based on mutual respect and shared dreams.”

Maisam Jaljuli, national leadership team member of Omdim Beyachad (Standing Together).

To read more visit [newisraelfund.org.uk/ourwork2020](https://newisraelfund.org.uk/ourwork2020)

# NIF UK IMPACT

In a year of incredible challenge, how could anyone believe we could be successful in protecting Israel's most marginalised populations while holding the line on civil liberties, democracy, and our pursuit of equality for all?

**The answer is simple: It was all because of you.**

You, the NIF supporter. The donor. The champion of Israel's civil society. You, the reader, the tweeter, the NIF events regular.

Each and every one of you played a role to help our grantees in Israel advance our vision of a better, more just Israel, built on our shared values.

**90%** growth in online donors

**£775,000** grant to NIF Israel's core work and total grants to Israeli civil society of £2.19m (up £80k on 2019)

**640** registrations for HRAD@Home

Over **8,000** individual engagements through online events

Over **15,000** views of our resource against annexation





# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Your commitment in 2020 allowed us to increase our grants to NIF's work in Israel and to Israeli civil society, whilst keeping NIF in the UK on a secure footing.

|                              | *Total 2020 (£)  | Total 2019 (£)   |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Donations                    | 2,716,350        | 2,534,495        |
| Other Income                 | 343              | 7,580            |
| <b>Total income</b>          | <b>2,716,693</b> | <b>2,542,075</b> |
| Grants to Projects in Israel | **2,320,459      | 2,122,303        |
| UK Education Programme       | 223,944          | 368,804          |
| Costs of Generating Funds    | <b>126,026</b>   | 138,408          |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>     | <b>2,670,429</b> | <b>2,629,515</b> |
| <b>Surplus / Deficit</b>     | <b>46,264</b>    | <b>-87,440</b>   |

\*The New Israel Fund's audited accounts for year-end 31 December 2020 will be available from late spring. The figures presented above for 2020 are pre-audit.

Additional donations of £79,000 were received from UK donors by NIF Israel/USA.

\*\*Figure includes indirect costs as reported in audited accounts.



# 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](https://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](https://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:

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## GET IN CONTACT

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