

For a More Equal and Democratic Israel



When you make a gift to the New Israel Fund, you are enabling organizations and activists to strengthen Israeli democracy today and into the future. Your contribution advances Jewish-Arab partnership, safeguards civil and human rights, and promotes peace, justice, and equality in all corners of the country, and for all of Israel's residents.

NIF is Advocating for LGBTQ Rights

Years of legal efforts and advocacy have yielded significant progress for LGBTQ rights in Israel, including a landmark ruling allowing same-sex couples to adopt children domestically and a change to the military bereavement policy that recognizes same-sex partners as widow/ers.

NIF is Championing Religious Freedom

Over the past two decades, there has been a dramatic rise in the number of Israeli Jews who oppose the Chief Rabbinate's monopoly over marriage in Israel – today, over 70% believe citizens should have the right to marry whomever they choose in the ceremony of their choice. These shifts are credited largely to the efforts of NIF, Shatil, and grantees like Israel Religious Action Center and Be Free Israel (Israel Hofsheet).

NIF is Defending Civil Society

In early 2023, NIF established the Civil Society Protection Hub to enable activists and organizations to operate safely and effectively in a climate shaped by an antagonistic, hardline government that seeks to hobble their work and curb civil rights. The Hub connects individuals and NGOs that have undergone an attack, with an array of NIF-funded services including legal aid and cybersecurity and provides customized support for activists in the West Bank.

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NIF is Strengthening Jewish-Arab Relations

NIF has redoubled efforts to strengthen Jewish-Arab relations — particularly in Israel's mixed cities, which are more combustible during periods of conflict. Grantees Omdim Beyachad-Naqef Ma'an (Standing Together) and the Haifa Social Development Committee are building solidarity and addressing tensions between Jewish and Arab citizens in cities like Haifa, Lod, and Acre.

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NIF is Responding to Settler Violence

NIF is helping defend Palestinians in the West Bank against increasing settler violence. After settlers rampaged through the West Bank village of Huwara, grantee Tag Meir led a solidarity visit with residents and an NIF rapid response grant supported legal aid for villagers who were harmed. Other grantees exposed the army's failure to prevent the incident and the involvement of extremist lawmakers in the attack.

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NIF is Advocating for Refugees

Following a successful petition to the High Court of Justice by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) and ASSAF-Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel, children of asylum seekers and migrant workers in Petah Tikva received kindergarten placements after long being denied permission to enroll.

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NIF is Defending Israel's Democracy

Following the election of Israel's most far-right government to date, NIF grantees including ACRI, Omdim Beyachad, and Mehazkim spearheaded the pushback against the government's extremist agenda. With NIF support, they fought anti-democratic legislation and organized key pro-democracy protests.

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NIF is Protecting Human Rights in East Jerusalem

After a 32-year battle by Ir Amim and partners, the High Court of Justice ruled that the Palestinian Sumarin family cannot be evicted from their home in the neighborhood of Silwan. This victory set an important precedent for recognizing Palestinian claims to their homes.

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NIF is Promoting a Shared Future

With support from NIF, grantee Have You Seen the Horizon Lately? established a Jewish-Arab emergency relief center in the Bedouin town of Rahat in October 2023. Every week, volunteers come together to package and distribute humanitarian aid to hundreds of Jewish and Arab families in southern Israel. The center builds social solidarity and reinforces the idea of a shared future for all Israeli citizens.

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NIF is Advancing Services for Bedouin Citizens

Bedouin communities in the Negev, especially villages that are not recognized by the state and lack infrastructure and municipal services, are among the most vulnerable in Israel. At the outset of the Israel-Hamas war, NIF and partners provided water tanks, food, first-aid kits, and educational materials to residents of these villages, and compelled the state to recognize them as "populated" areas and provide some communities with mobile shelters for protection.

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Investing Your Contributions in a Better Future for Israel

Supporting the New Israel Fund means advancing a more inclusive, just, and democratic Israel. Here are some examples of how we are working toward that goal:

Tag Meir ("Light Tag") responds to violent "price tag" attacks against Palestinians, Arab citizens, asylum seekers, and Christian and Muslim holy sites, through solidarity events and activities to combat racism. As a coalition of 50 organizations from across the religious-secular spectrum, Tag Meir enables thousands of Israelis to raise a moral voice against racism and helps victims of hate crimes seek redress in the courts.

Adalah: The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel conducts litigation and advocacy efforts by and for Arab citizens of Israel to ensure the rights of this community. Adalah has been instrumental in safeguarding Palestinian citizens' freedom of protest, defending the rights of Negev Bedouin, and securing victories for human and civil rights at the High Court of Justice.



Be Free Israel (Israel Hofsheet) is a fast-growing grassroots movement whose mission is promoting freedom of religion and Jewish pluralism in Israel. Be Free Israel's inventive public protest actions—around issues ranging from freedom of marriage to the lack of public transportation on Shabbat—have mobilized thousands of Israelis committed to freedom of and from religion and influenced local and national decision-makers.

FakeReporter is a watchdog organization that combats malicious activity and fake news online. In the wake of the events of October 7, FakeReporter teamed up with members of the Israeli tech community to create "Digital Dome," a clearinghouse for reporting harmful content that incites violence, amplifies racism, disseminates lies, and debunked many of the disturbing fake videos shared online.



Association of Ethiopian Jews (AEJ) assists Ethiopian immigrants with absorption, education, housing, and advocates for the preservation of Ethiopian culture and tradition. AEJ also combats discrimination against Ethiopian Israelis by working to reduce police brutality, over-policing, and racial profiling.



Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHRI) works to ensure that all residents of Israel and areas under Israeli control receive health care, promoting systemic policy change through legal action, advocacy, education, and mobilization of the medical community. Through its mobile clinics, PHRI provides free services to people with limited or no access to health care—primarily migrants, refugees, and Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza.

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) addresses the entire spectrum of rights and civil liberties issues in Israel through precedent-setting court cases and human rights education and advocacy. ACRI, NIF's flagship grantee, has won groundbreaking legal victories, from securing recognition of non-Orthodox conversions performed outside Israel for the purpose of obtaining Israeli citizenship, to enabling women to apply to become air force pilots, to banning the use of Palestinian civilians as human shields by the Israeli army.



Shatil works to amplify the impact of those building a just, democratic, and shared society in Israel. The action arm of NIF, Shatil is widely recognized as a leader in the development of Israel's vibrant civil society. Shatil provides consulting and training for social change organizations, builds coalitions and networks, and advocates with government officials and decision-makers for socially responsible policies.

The Anti-Occupation Bloc was created to highlight the connection between democracy and occupation at protests against the judicial overhaul. Since October 7, the Bloc, now encompassing 25 chapters nationwide and 40 organizations and movements, has continued to raise a voice in defense of human rights and for creating a political horizon, and has joined the struggle for the hostages held by Hamas.

Omdim Beyachad-Naqef Ma'an (Standing Together) is a Jewish-Arab grassroots movement that has created a groundswell of support for the idea of Jewish-Arab partnership as the foundation for a peaceful and democratic future for Israel. The group has chapters at major Israeli universities, and during the war it formed "solidarity networks" of Jewish and Arab volunteers that spread a message of unity and hope, and help quell tensions.



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