

Annual Review 2024

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CHALLENGES & CHANGES 2024

A VISION OF PEACE AND SECURITY

The catastrophic year just gone underscores the urgency of reaching an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Hamas attacks on 7 October undermined the notion of “managing the conflict”. Still, many people in Israel and people who love Israel, struggle to envisage a path forwards where security and peace prevail.

In 2024, NIF invested £2.5 million in a new strategic programme focused on developing **alternative visions for Israel's future**, while **building** public understanding and support for regional diplomacy, alongside blocking attacks on Palestinians and creeping annexation.

BUILDING

We are bringing together research, policy development and public campaigns to grow support for diplomacy.

From vision to reality

With our support, two leading think tanks – Mitvim and the Berl Katznelson Foundation – together mapped out the political, diplomatic and security steps necessary to achieve lasting regional calm. Their detailed roadmap includes reforming leadership, economic development, demilitarisation and the creation of a regional peace agreement.

Our grantee A Land for All envisages two sovereign states sharing one homeland and institutions (e.g. legal, economic, natural resources), where Israelis and Palestinians can live in dignity, working and travelling safely across the land.



Save the hostages or save the coalition?

NIF grantee Have You Seen the Horizon Lately ran a campaign reminding Israelis that they have the power to speak up and take action to shape the country's future

Growing support for democracy

New grantees Darkenu, Commanders for Israel's Security, and the “Day After the War” Forum led by senior military veterans, are offering practical and pragmatic proposals based on credible military expertise.





Despite a year of immense hardship and increased hostility, we are still the majority

60% of the Israeli public is in favour of reaching a political-security agreement that includes the establishment of a Palestinian state in exchange for wider regional normalisation, including, recognition of the State of Israel by Arab countries.

55% of British Jews believe a two-state solution is the only way Israel will achieve peace with its neighbours.

Front Cover Image: The first 'It's Time Conference' in July 2024 brought together **over 6,000 people** to launch 'It's Time' – a coalition of more than 50 charities committed to achieving a political resolution to the conflict and revitalising the Israeli peace camp.

BLOCKING

Our work addressed immediate needs and systemic challenges. We provided direct support to activists, as well as facilitating coordination and collaboration among human-rights charities.

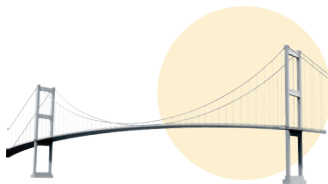
Our Activist Support Programme supported 250 activists providing protective presence in the West Bank. We equipped them with body cameras, first-aid training and legal and mental-health support.

Our grantees work at the intersection of human-rights law, cultural preservation and politics. They protect Palestinian communities from displacement, violence and land confiscation, while raising public awareness of the consequences of the Occupation.

From Yesh Din's documentation of settler violence to Breaking the Silence's collection of soldiers testimonies, our grantees work together to mitigating the risk of annexation.



EMPOWERING PALESTINIAN CITIZENS OF ISRAEL



The crisis facing Palestinian citizens of Israel has reached breaking point. The symptoms of years of discrimination and neglect are evident: rising crime, widespread unemployment and a sense of demoralisation and marginalisation.

7% of Israeli charities are Arab-led, but only a handful operate nationally.

40% of Palestinian citizens of Israel aged 19–24 are neither employed nor in education.

95% of Arab local authorities rank in Israel's lowest socioeconomic tiers.

In 2024, NIF launched a new programme to transform Palestinian civil society in Israel

We will invest £4 million over the coming three years to:



Seed fund 10 new initiatives



Scale up six organisations



Develop a new generation of leaders

We also allocated **20% of our grants to grantees led by Palestinian citizens of Israel**, recognising that sustainable change must come from within communities.

Young Palestinian citizens keen to take on leadership roles and participate in the national conversation need resources, guidance and training. Then they can create the robust Palestinian society necessary to realise a safe, equal and shared Israel.

Food is a fundamental right

Led by our Jewish and Palestinian colleagues in Israel, our global campaign for vital humanitarian aid in Gaza **raised £1.5 million**.

REBUILDING AND RETURNING HOME



Rebuilding a shared and inclusive Negev

We invested in rebuilding the communities directly impacted by the Hamas attacks, ensuring that the often-overlooked communities among them receive equal funding and support.

Communities under fire in the North

We provided young evacuees in Northern Israel with practical support and resources, such as laptops for home schooling and vital mental-health care, while advocating for their educational rights in the Knesset.

Bring them home now

We were among the first and most generous supporters of the Hostages and Missing Families Forum. We continue to support them and many others leading efforts to secure the release of all hostages held in Gaza.

We assisted the **83%** of kibbutz residents who have returned to their homes, and will support the 9% who intend to return when able.

We continued to defend the rights of **150,000 Bedouins** across 35 unrecognised villages, advocating for their right to water, electricity and security through official recognition.

We helped establish **new education programmes** for hundreds of young adults in Ashkelon, Netivot, Ofakim and Sderot.

DEMOCRACY

Israel's democracy continued to face threats, including legislation aimed at weakening democratic institutions and undermining minority rights.

A coalition of education experts, led by IDEA: The Center for Liberal Democracy, blocked a government censorship programme threatening liberal, democratic content in schools. This ensured that students' right to a comprehensive and diverse education was protected.

Our grantees protect Israelis' fundamental right of freedom of expression. In 2024, emergency funding helped combat government attempts to control the media, while a vital High Court case blocked police powers to arrest citizens for "verbal expressions of terrorism" without oversight.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Following the exceptional and extraordinary year in 2023, we have been able to maintain remarkably high levels of support for our vital work in Israel.

In 2024, we received **£1.9 million of unrestricted income**, compared with £2.1 million in 2023 and £1.3 million in 2022. In recent years (2024–2022) our total income

has averaged £3.6 million compared to £2.5 million in 2019.

As a result of the 2023 attacks on democracy, followed by the 7 October attacks, New Israel Fund has recruited hundreds of new donors – reaching a total of around 1,300. We have retained many of them, who now support our work towards safety, equality and justice.

	Total 2024	Total 2023	Total 2022
Donations	£3,323,470	£4,146,103	£3,358,800
Other income	£55,749	£27,098	£15,167
Total income	£3,379,219	£4,173,201	£3,373,967
Grants to projects in Israel	£2,654,124	£3,321,732	£2,444,524
UK education programme	£448,664	£316,302	£239,750
Costs of generating funds	£439,082	£395,415	£371,585
Total expenditure	£3,541,870	£4,033,449	£3,055,859
Surplus / (deficit)	-£162,651*	£139,752	£318,109

*There was no deficit in 2024. The grants figure of £2,654,124 includes funds totalling £409,428 sent in the first part of 2024 from funds raised in 2023. There was an **in-year surplus of £246,777** in 2024. For consistent comparison, all figures are based on year-end management accounts. Our audited accounts for 2022 and 2023 are available online, and our accounts for 2024 will be available in the second half of 2025.



116 inspiring grantees
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£2.6m invested
by NIF UK across Israel



1,100 leaders
developed by our training
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