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הקרן החדשה לישראל
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Choose who Friday night make an Ottolenghi what to wear. Choose - then wish you hadn't. Choose to take an umbrella. Choose the daffodils coming into bloom. Choose to keep calm and carry on. Choose to book the earlier flight. **Choose Freedom.** Choose to stay curious. Choose to visit the West Bank. Choose not to look away. Choose to take a break and breathe. Choose to open a savings account for the children. Choose their schools. Choose to raise them with values. **Choose Equality.** Choose your body for today. Choose to invite to your dinner. Choose to dish. Choose to read the news **Choose Hope.** Choose to enjoy the bloom. Choose to book the earlier flight. **Choose Freedom.** Choose to stay curious. Choose to visit the West Bank. Choose not to look away. Choose to take a break and breathe. Choose to open a savings account for the children. Choose their schools. Choose to raise them with values. Choose to enjoy what it can do to talk about

Israel - even when it's complicated. **Choose Peace.** Choose to take the long trail up to Masada - or save it for next time. Choose to feel at home in more than one place. Choose how to mark your holidays. Choose to call rather than text. Choose to explain yourself - again. Choose which version of Israel lives

in your memory - and which one you're still learning about. **Choose Democracy.** Choose to ask your grandparents what they remember. Choose to believe things can still be made better. Choose to pay a bit more for something that lasts. Choose to repair what you can. **Choose Humanity.** Choose to take the stairs instead of the lift. Choose to love each other through d i s a g r e e m e n t . **Choose NIF.** **Choose Life.** **Choose a better future for Israelis and Palestinians.**

CHOOSE NIF.
CHOOSE LIFE.

**"I HAVE PUT BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSING AND CURSE.
CHOOSE LIFE THAT YOU AND YOUR OFFSPRING MAY LIVE..."**

(Deuteronomy 30:19, Moses addresses the people before they enter the land of Israel).

CHOOSE NIF. CHOOSE LIFE.

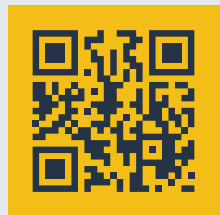
While global attention has shifted away from the aftermath of 7 October and two years of war in Gaza, its consequences continue to shape daily life for Israelis and Palestinians. At the same time, protections for minorities and democracy in Israel are under sustained attack.

Against this backdrop, New Israel Fund (NIF) continues to strengthen and lead civil society in Israel, **working to promote a better future for Israelis and Palestinians**. We provide our partners with funding and professional training, while also fostering strategic partnerships and coalitions.

Together, we:

- ✓ Empower vulnerable communities
- ✓ Defend democracy and human rights
- ✓ Support initiatives to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
- ✓ Invest in young Israeli and Palestinian leaders

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WORK



This brochure highlights some of the impact you made possible in 2025:



£5.8 MILLION

raised for projects in Israel from the UK



£1.5 MILLION

in emergency grants



OVER 100 ORGANISATIONS

funded and supported



£2.3 MILLION

raised globally for humanitarian aid in Gaza

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TODAY, WE FACE AN EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT - BETWEEN GREAT DANGER AND A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY. CHOOSING BETWEEN THE TWO DOES NOT DEPEND ON FATE, BUT ON US.”

(Dr. Gil Murciano, CEO of our partner Mitvim Institute)



CHOOSE NIF. CHOOSE PEACE.

NOW IS THE TIME TO TALK ABOUT PEACE, BECAUSE PEACE IS MADE AFTER WARS.

This year NIF invested **£1 million** to advance a credible vision for peace between Israelis and Palestinians — one that **addresses security issues, political realism and the deep lack of public trust.**

Through research, policy development and public campaigns, we are promoting solutions to the conflict and building support for regional diplomacy across Israeli society.

In the midst of the Gaza war, we were one of the main driving forces behind **Israel's largest-ever Peace Summit.** More than **8,000 Israelis and Palestinians** came together for two days of workshops, films and public discussion. Together we brought the language of peace back into Israel's public discourse, affirming that conflict resolution remains both necessary and possible. We are currently investing in Israel's second Peace Summit that will take place on 30 April.

CHOOSE NIF. CHOOSE DEMOCRACY.

NIF pushed back against attacks on democracy - in the Knesset, in the courts and on the streets. We also supported education among Israeli youth to deepen their understanding of democracy and equality.

In 2025, we blocked and suspended attempts to:

- ✘ Disqualify Arab political parties
- ✘ Impose an 80% tax on NGO funding
- ✘ Allow ministerial interference in police investigations

We advanced laws protecting rights and accountability:

- ✓ Greater transparency in Israel's national budget
- ✓ Safeguarding freedom of expression in public spaces
- ✓ Ensuring adequate food supply for Palestinian prisoners

NIF's Civil Society Protection Hub has become a key pillar of support for Israeli activists and organisations whose work is limited by political intimidation. **In 2025, we successfully resolved 70% of harassment cases** by offering victims legal assistance and media training.

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NIF CONVENED A BROAD COALITION OF ORGANISATIONS AND PARTNERS, SOME ARE NOT OUR NATURAL ALLIES, MANAGING - FOR NOW - TO BLOCK THE NGO TAX BILL FROM PASSING. WE'VE LEARNED TO BE AGILE AND THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.”

(Micky Gitzin, NIF Acting CEO, USA)



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THE HOSTAGES AND MISSING FAMILIES FORUM, SUPPORTED BY NIF, LED ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE CIVIL STRUGGLES SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. FOR US, THIS PRIDE COMES WITH RESPONSIBILITY AS WE CONTINUE WORKING TOWARDS A SOCIETY ROOTED IN JUSTICE AND PEACE.”

(Shira Ben-Sasson,
NIF Acting CEO, Israel)



CHOOSE NIF. CHOOSE HUMANITY.

Rebuilding Communities Affected by 7 October Attacks

NIF helped correct an injustice, securing **£232 million** in government funding for rebuilding and trauma support in communities originally left out of recovery funding. With the **Kibbutz Movement** and youth movements, we also helped ensure kibbutzim devastated by the Hamas attack can begin rebuilding and restore a sense of normality.

Protecting Palestinian Communities in the West Bank

2025 saw the highest number of violent settler attacks in nearly two decades:

- ✘ **Over 1,770 attacks** recorded – an average of **5 a day**.
- ✘ **Over 1,000** Palestinians and Israeli activists were injured
- ✘ **Many Palestinians have been displaced from their homes**

Together with our partners, we:

- ✓ Protected Palestinian families from settler attacks
- ✓ Documented settler violence and drew media attention
- ✓ Assisted dozens of families during the olive harvest

NIF's Occupied Palestinian Territories Activists Support Programme

We continued to back hundreds of activists through de-escalation and community safety training, Arabic language skills and mental resilience support, helping them cope with sustained violence while preventing burnout and trauma.

CHOOSE NIF. CHOOSE EQUALITY.

NIF's **Nasij** ('Tapestry') programme strengthens Palestinian leaders and civil society organisations in Israel to address **crime, unemployment and a long-standing leadership vacuum** resulting from **decades of state neglect**.

Nasij alumni have recently mobilised over 100,000 Jews and Arabs across Israel in mass protests against the police's colossal failure to curb violent crime among Palestinian communities in Israel.

After his brother was murdered, Nasim abandoned his normative lifestyle and turned to violence. Like many young people drawn into crime, he needed more than punishment — he needed a way back. Through **"Back on Track"**, a long-term intervention programme supported by NIF, Nasim began taking responsibility for his actions. He found a steady job, restored broken family relationships and gradually rebuilt his standing in the community — this time through dignity rather than fear.

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WE ARE NOT THE THREAT—WE ARE THE OPPORTUNITY. WE SPEAK TWO LANGUAGES, CARRY TWO CULTURES, AND HOLD TWO PAINS AND TWO DREAMS. WE CAN BE THE BRIDGE THAT CONNECTS— BUT A BRIDGE ONLY WORKS IF BOTH SIDES DARE TO TRUST IT.”

(Dr Nasreen Haddad Haj-Yahya,
Vice President, NIF)



Demonstration in the North of Israel, January 2026.