

“The State of Israel...will be based on freedom, justice and peace...it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or gender...”

Israel's Declaration of Independence, 5 Iyyar 5708 / 14 May 1948

Who We Are

The New Israel Fund is the leading human, civil, and social rights organization in Israel. Since 1979, NIF has invested in cutting-edge programs that advance equality and justice for all Israel's citizens. NIF has granted over \$200 million to more than 800 non-profit organizations fighting for economic and social rights, full equality for Arab citizens of Israel, religious pluralism, women's rights, and environmental justice, among other issues. Through litigation, lobbying, and community empowerment, NIF grantees have emerged as the core of Israeli civil society.

What We Do

NIF's primary focus is supporting the creation, development and operations of organizations working to:

- protect the civil and human rights of all Israelis,
- close the social and economic gaps between Israel's diverse communities, and
- promote religious pluralism and tolerance.

To advance these goals, the NIF pursues an integrated strategy of grantmaking, organizational development, leadership development and coalition building.

In 1982, NIF established SHATIL (“seedling” in Hebrew) to provide organizational development and training to Israel's social change organizations. As Israel's preeminent capacity-building center for grassroots organizations, SHATIL provides tools that empower its clients to improve their lives and communities and build institutions to promote long-term social change.

NIF's leadership development programs include the Israel-U.S. Civil Liberties Law Program, an internship and study program credited with developing Israel's civil rights bar; the Community Organizing Training Program (run by SHATIL) for Israelis; and the Social Justice Fellowship, a yearlong internship for students from abroad who seek to develop a career in social action.

Our Accomplishments

The New Israel Fund, its grantees, and SHATIL have strengthened Israel's democracy in ways never imagined when NIF was founded. At that time, Israel had fewer than 3,000 nonprofits. Today, there are more than 30,000 grassroots groups—many whose first support came from NIF—created by private citizens to fight for civil, economic, and religious rights for all Israelis.

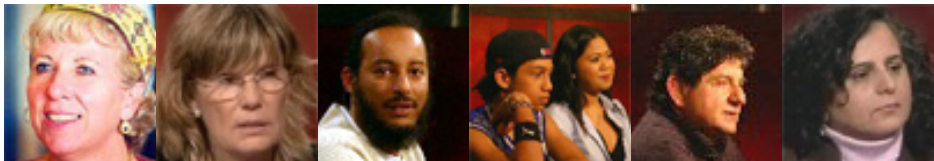
NIF and its grantees have won important legal and legislative victories, increased public awareness of previously unrecognized issues, and enabled vulnerable populations to find their voices and mobilize in collective action.

Today, the New Israel Fund remains at the vanguard of Israel's social justice movement, committed to ensuring justice and equality for *all* Israel's citizens. We hope you will join us in these efforts.

Connect to NIF

Here are some of the ways you can support NIF:

- Talk to five friends about the New Israel Fund.** Join the NIF News mailing list and tell five friends about the projects transforming Israel today.
- Host an “NIF in a box” house party for my home or community.** NIF can help you and your friends, family, synagogue, school or classroom explore the critical issues facing Israel today through video and discussion. These programs focus on issues including minority rights, migrant workers, religious pluralism, the occupied territories, and civil rights, through the stories of Israeli activists. More at www.NIFinabox.org.
- Participate in and bring my friends to NIF events in my area.** In addition to national conference calls and the annual NIFForum, there are regular educational events in New York, Boston, Chicago, LA, San Francisco, south Florida, Washington DC, Seattle, Philadelphia or Toronto.
- Join New Generations.** If you're in your 20s or 30s, you can join the New Generations communities in New York and San Francisco.
- See NIF on the ground.** NIF offers many trips to Israel: a multigenerational trip, a New Generations (20s and 30s) trip, Taglit-birthright israel trips, and an LGBT trip. More at www.nif.org/get-involved/niftrip.
- Raise funds from friends and family.** NIF can help you solicit your friends and family online through easy emails and online donations; we can also support you setting up an NIF giving circle.
- Donate to NIF's efforts.** You can make donations by check payable to the New Israel Fund or donate online at www.NIF.org.



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