

“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.

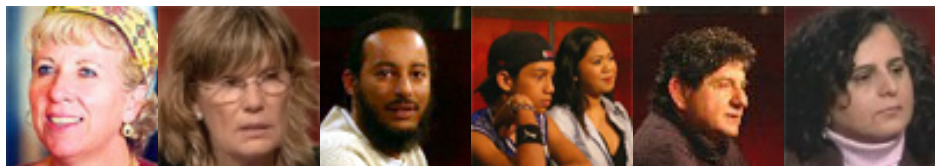
Today, the New Israel Fund remains at the vanguard of Israel's social justice movement, committed to ensuring justice and equality for *all* Israel's citizens. We hope you will join us in these efforts.

Connect to NIF

- **Join the virtual NIF Community** – Sign up to receive our weekly newsletter, NIF News: www.nif.org/NIFnews.
- **Join the actual NIF Community** – If you live in New York, Boston, Chicago, LA, San Francisco, south Florida, Washington DC, Seattle, Philadelphia or Toronto, sign up to receive invitations to NIF events in these areas. Contact ny@nif.org for New York events and info@nif.org for any other region.
- **See NIF on the ground** – Join an NIF trip to Israel. NIF offers a multigenerational trip, a New Generations (20s, 30s and early 40s) trip, Taglit-Birthright Israel trips, and an LGBT trip. More info at www.nif.org
- **Support NIF's work** – Learn more about NIF's activities on our website, www.nif.org, and consider making a donation to help NIF continue its vital work in Israel

Bring NIF to Your Community – NIF-in-a-Box

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. At present, four program packages are available, including a video, background information and discussion questions. More information at www.NIFinaBox.org



Join NIF's New Generations

New Generations is a growing community of young professionals, activists, and community leaders committed to the work of the New Israel Fund. While New Generations spans a diverse range of ideological, spiritual, and professional backgrounds, members are brought together by the opportunity to support the issues that matter to us most, in the context of Israel. New Generations currently has active chapters in New York and San Francisco.

New Generations offers a variety of programs and opportunities to connect with leading Israeli activists, distinguished and emerging cultural personalities, artists, intellectuals, and more. . In addition to an active calendar of local events, major New Generations events include:

- **A New Generations trip to Israel** – The next trip will be in 2009 (dates TBD). More information at www.nif.org/niftrip or contact Hillit Zwick, hillit@nif.org, 212-613-4403.
- **The Annual New Generations Benefit in New York** in June: www.nif.org/nycbenefit
- **The Annual New Generations Benefit in San Francisco** in November

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