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# Introduction

Beginning in October 2023, we have all been going through difficult and sad times. Suffering from great shock, we have been unable to comprehend the sights and sounds and we are left speechless. We still have not processed the force of the events and remain in concern and great anxiety for the hostages, sadness and support for the bereaved families and the injured, and great uncertainty about the future. Alongside all this, spirit, resilience and moving actions of giving, volunteering and solidarity have been revealed in full force.

Despite the fact that the war stopped, disrupted and changed all the activities, at least for a short time, it seems that after several long months of coping with the situation, the projects in the Partnership Fund have succeeded, with accompaniment, support and listening, to achieve meaningful and inspirational activities.

2023 is the fourth year since the founding of the Partnership Fund, an initiative of The Rayne Trust, The Lautman Foundation, The Bloom Foundation, The Gandyr Foundation, The Nadav Foundation, The Matar Foundation, The Erdi Foundation, The NextGen Philanthropic Fund, The Chaya Charitable Trust and MetroWest Federation.

In this challenging year, we were pleased to see that projects at the start of their journey (grass roots projects), established over the past four years of the fund, succeeded during this difficult period in preserving the society we live in as a democratic, respectful society, a society that works to increase solidarity and connection among communities on the basis of perceiving diversity as wealth and culture as an asset, through shared values of respect and equality.

We were likewise moved to see collaborations and connections of projects that succeeded in creating joint activities and programs for unique ways of coping and for expanding their influence on the field of shared society.

Especially at the end of the fourth year of activities, we are proud to present dozens of the Partnership Fund's selected projects, which have brought the need for trust and repair between the different groups in Israel to center stage, with determination, responsibility and great caring, despite the many challenges.

Leni Milo  
Director, Partnership Fund



# Partnership Fund Projects 2023



# Climate of Unity



## Entrepreneurs and partners

Teva Ivri - Jewish Environmental Responsibility.

## Activity area

Jerusalem, Beer Sheva.

## Our overarching goal

Creating a network of diverse communities that create a shared culture around a vision of sustainability.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

After the war, we succeeded in organizing tens of events for sale of agricultural produce from the Envelope area in which thousands of people participated including people who were evacuated from the south and the north. We are filled with pride and satisfaction that we managed to recover quickly and effectively from the shock of October 7 and leverage our creativity to address the grim reality we are in.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

We dream of being an infrastructure organization for creating a sustainable culture and way of life throughout the country and in all sectors. In addition, we dream of providing current meaningful content for all educational frameworks in Israel, formal and informal.

## Our flagship activities

1. Climate of Unity – Network of communities creating sustainable local culture throughout the country – organizing community events around the topic of sustainability – for example: musical Kabbalat Shabbat, secondhand fairs, study evenings, volunteering at farms, trips, seminars, poike cookouts and more.
2. Growing Leadership – multiage leadership development program – from age 5 to 30. Beginning with schools and youth movements through post-high school programs, yeshivot and midrashot through student communities throughout the country.
3. The program trains hundreds of participants each year to look forward to the increasing challenges of the generation – both at the social and environmental levels. Only leadership that considers the environmental issues is leadership worthy of leading.
4. Local lobbying – organizing and encompassing environmental lobby in local authorities in an attempt to put pressure from the public sector on elected officials in the municipalities. To leverage the public and the public will, precisely for organized lobbying.

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# Youth Leading Change in the Nahal



## Entrepreneurs and partners

The Ein Dor Museum in partnership with the Drainage and Streams Authority of the southern Jordan, the Adiga school in Kfar Kama (Kfar Kama local authority), the Shibli junior high school (Shibli-Umm al-Ghanam local authority) and the Tavor school (Emek Yezreel regional authority).

## Activity area

Nahal Tavor area – Jezreel Valley and Lower Galilee.

## Our overarching goal

Training a regional environmental youth leadership team, through familiarization with the different cultures living as neighbors and with an emphasis on sustainability of the Nahal Tavor area.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

The fact of successfully holding the program – despite the difficulties and limitations that the Swords of Iron war created. We succeeded in holding the joint program between the three schools and to bring together youth from three neighboring cultures – Circassians, Jews and Arabs.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

In 2027, the Youth Leading Change program will already be an established tradition in the schools and a source of pride. In each school, there will be a select group of young leaders who will lead the connection of the school to the close environment and will lead change in the streams of the region and connection of the communities to the streams.

## Our flagship activities

1. The Ein Dor Museum is an archaeological museum which has set as its mission the multicultural connections in the Galilee and beyond. In the framework of our educational-values activities, we conduct a wide range of encounter projects between children, youth and adults, Jews and Arabs. In addition to the Youth Leading Change in the Nahal program, we have a program called Eco-Paly – a leadership program for youth with an ecological emphasis in which youth from two schools meet, make connections, learn about ecology and the environment and in the coming activity year they will establish an ecological park together in Kafr Misr (Kfar Matzar), our neighboring village.
2. Another program that emphasizes the connection between the Museum and the communities and the open space is the program called “Shared Living in the Nahal Region – Past, Present and Future” – a program for elementary schools which is also conducted in partnership with the Drainage and Streams Authority of the Southern Jordan. In the framework of this program, elementary school students from the entire Jezreel Valley and the Lower Galilee meet for two years and hold joint activities of learning and research at the Museum and in the Nahal.
3. Alongside all these activities, the Museum maintains extensive and rich museum activity and exposes visitors to the complex of cultures that have lived in our area along the timeline - from prehistory to the present day, through an archaeological exhibition and an active craft center. The Museum also has a contemporary art gallery with changing exhibitions showing the connection between archeology and contemporary art.

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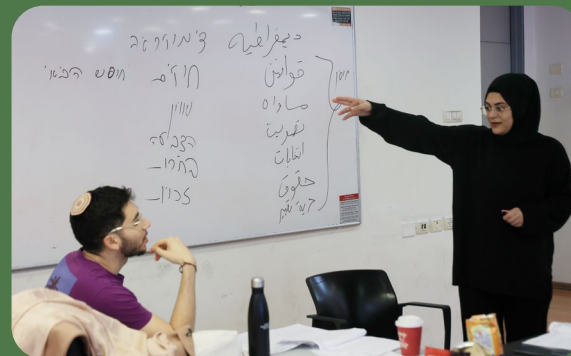
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# High Schools for Leadership and Law Program



## Entrepreneurs and partners

The Menomadin Center for Jewish and Democratic Law at Bar-Ilan University.

## Activity area

Bar-Ilan University.

## Our overarching goal

The Jewish and democratic identity of the State of Israel will be a source of partnership and prosperity.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

During the war, we succeeded in leading meaningful dialogue among hundreds of Jewish and Arab high school students, about issues of identity and belonging. The meetings were meaningful and most of the dialogue groups did not want to take breaks and preferred to take advantage of the time to deepen the discussion and familiarization.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

The program will receive national recognition as a basis for the citizenship assignment, out of understanding that we need to get out of echo chambers and learn together. We will widen our circles of influence both in geographic regions and in terms of the scope of university students and high school students participating in the program.

## Our flagship activities

1. Fellowship program for excellent students in law, for the purpose of deepening knowledge of the core challenges and issues of Jewish and democratic law.
2. Educational programs for legal leadership – a series of sessions in integrated groups of students from Arab and Jewish, religious and secular schools, led by excellent students from the Faculty of Law.
3. A multisectoral group of senior leaders from the fields of government, law and academia, to develop processes of mediation and building agreements regarding public disputes in the legal system that are based on identity.
4. Agreements Index – in-depth, ongoing research on Israeli society, conducted in waves of repeated measurement beginning in 2019. The agreements index is accompanied this year by a multidisciplinary research group that is focused on the State of Israel and the threat of polarization, with the goal of creating a body of research knowledge and formulating directions for responses.

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# Establishing a Multicultural Growing School in the Western Galilee

## Stage 1 – Building



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Living Together – the Bilingual Preschool Organization in Mazra'a – Evron, together with partners in the vision and the way.

### Activity area

Nahal Tavor area – Jezreel Valley and Lower Galilee.

### Our overarching goal

Creating shared living based on equality, respect, acceptance and mutual responsibility of Jews and Arabs in the Western Galilee region and beyond, through activity in the field of education, sport and leisure.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

The mobilization of preschool parents and many partners to continue our work despite the war. With joint efforts, we succeeded in building a safe room for the bilingual preschool, and thus to adapt the preschool for the security situation in our region.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

In 2027, we dream, hope and expect to see the new bilingual school that we will establish stabilizing and growing, and the community connections between our sectors becoming deeper and wider.

### Our flagship activities

1. Gan Tut is a bilingual, multicultural framework for early childhood, the first of its kind in the rural Western Galilee area. Since opening in 2018, Muslim, Christian and Jewish children have been educated there in a spirit of equality and responsiveness to the cultural diversity of the communities in the region.
2. We are currently focused on establishing a growing bilingual school in the Western Galilee to provide a multicultural educational solution for children who have graduated from Gan Tut and for children in the region, to promote the values that are important to us.
3. We are working to create connections, familiarization and collaborations between Jews and Arabs of all ages and all religions through sport and leisure activities that promote closeness.
4. Each year, we produce the “Running Together” race, a popular Arab-Jewish race that passes through the fields of the Mazra'a village and Kibbutz Evron, and we operate the first Arab-Jewish table tennis team in the region, “Hapoel Mazra'a-Evron Together”.

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# Al Hamakam Hazeh

## The Art of Translation as an Opportunity for Meeting



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Poetry Place Center in Haifa.

### Activity area

Haifa.

### Our overarching goal

Al Hamakam Hazeh is an annual program whose goal is ongoing, regular poetry meetings between Arab and Jewish poets, using practices of translation as a tool for deep bilingual dialogue and broader familiarization between the two languages.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

We succeeded in opening a second cohort of the program, a diverse group of nine participants who took part in the ongoing, intensive project of joint translation and writing. There were two fascinating meetings with literature authors who work in two languages, and we produced a book that anthologized the joint writing throughout the project.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

We aspire to turn the program into the flagship program of the Center in Haifa, with a new cycle opening each year, and in addition, to open a program for alumni that will be a basis for an active, creative forum and to spread the ideas of the project throughout the country.

### Our flagship activities

1. Meetings throughout the year of bilingual writing groups, in Hebrew and Arabic, that seek to be in contact with Hebrew and Palestinian literature through reading texts alongside translation, to examine the points of contact and even to examine possibilities for dissolving boundaries, from the common space that arises from two close languages.
2. Alongside the writing sessions, four translation sessions took place facilitated by Dr. Yehouda Shenhav, Dr. Eyad Barghuthy, Dr. Yotam Benshalom and Rotem Atar.
3. Book to conclude the project: A book that anthologized the shared bilingual writing that was woven throughout the sessions. The book was edited by the facilitators Carmit Rozen and Raji Bathish.
4. Concluding performance: In December there will be a concluding performance for the program at Beit Hagefen, the Center for Arab and Jewish Culture, in the framework of the “holiday of holidays” events.

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# Acco Leadership Coalition



## Entrepreneurs and partners

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## Activity area

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## Our overarching goal

Forming a group of existing leaders in Israel into an active, effective leadership group that reflects the multiple communities in Acco, a group that will acquire tools and pool resources to promote equality, justice and democracy in the city.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

The events of October 7 created a crisis, even if below the surface, stemming from the fears that exist in the city after the events of May 2021, and violent incidents between Arabs and Jews over the years. Therefore, our work plan for establishing a mixed group was postponed and changed, and we were forced to plan new tracks and to work through intuition and trial and error, in order to find the correct way to build trust with the different leaders in the city and unite them into a group that wants to meet and work together. We are pleased and proud of our success and the very fact of opening the group in May and we look forward to its activities that will take place in the summer months.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

The ongoing existence of a framework for joint learning and work for the leadership coalition, enabling each of those present to acquire innovative professional skills, to create collaborations and to promote work for the benefit of all city residents.

## Our flagship activities

1. Forming a group of activists around the issue of violence in the city's Arab community, designing a flyer to encourage voting about the issue, and demanding that the elected city council appoint someone responsible for the area of violence and crime who will work to write a multi-disciplinary workplan for addressing the problem through tools available to the municipality.
2. Forming a WhatsApp group to promote democracy in the city through "parlor meeting without leaving home" events leading up to the municipal elections, in which interviews will be conducted with all the major party candidates for mayor, based on questions from social activists in the city, and shared through audio WhatsApp messages.
3. Formally established the leadership coalition despite the difficult conditions and rising tensions, including writing a common vision for the city (in a process), building trust between the participants and building group cohesion.

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# JACAH: Jewish-Arab Carmel Area Hub

## Center for Regional Innovation for Social Sustainability



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Tsilila Frankel Persico, Muhammad Farhan.

### Activity area

Carmel and the Coast – Zichron Yaakov – Fureidis – Hof HaCarmel – Jisr az-Zarqa.

### Our overarching goal

To advance entrepreneurs and projects in the Carmel and Coast region and also to reduce the gap between populations in the area and to bring neighbors closer for familiarization with culture, business and narratives, through creating a community of entrepreneurs from the region, Jewish and Arab, who will work together to establish projects that solve social and community problems through using technology and other means, in collaboration with the local authorities in the region.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

One month after October 7, we held a listening circle. Following this, a plan adapted to the period was formulated – a series of meetups that brought new participants to the entrepreneur community and the accelerator.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

We will have a regional innovation center, which Jewish and Arab entrepreneurs from the Carmel and Coast region will flock to; projects to develop the center will be implemented in local and regional authorities; a business fair for high-tech professions in collaboration with Alfanar; entering schools in Fureidis and Jisr for a series of meetings for exposure to the world of entrepreneurship as preparation for joining the Accelerator programs in the future.

### Our flagship activities

1. Preparatory program: a program of six sessions for learning about the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Israel, familiarization with technologies of the future, meeting with start up entrepreneurs, and an experiential closing session to conclude the series and form teams for the accelerator.
2. JACAH Meetups: A series of inspiring sessions with entrepreneurs who “did it”; the meetups are opportunities for people who are interested in joining the regional Jewish-Arab entrepreneurial community.
3. Accelerator: The Accelerator program for entrepreneurs from the idea stage to recruiting investors and stakeholders; from identifying problems to understanding them in-depth, ideas and solutions for problems through innovative thinking, creating a business model suitable for scale up, building a team, legal aspects, IP and more.
4. Professional consultation by leading experts and personal and team mentoring; connections to key people in the Israeli entrepreneurial and high-tech community, creating opportunities for pilots of solutions in regional authorities.

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# Naot Beyachad – Moving Together



## Entrepreneurs and partners

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## Activity area

Yafo.

## Our overarching goal

To create an equal and safe space in which it is possible to connect with ourselves and other women through body and movement and to express ourselves freely and authentically.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

We succeeded in holding the workshop this year despite and in spite of the situation.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

To expand, to develop and to share this work with many others in the country. To change, in accordance with the project model that changes from meeting to meeting and from workshop to workshop. To amplify empathy and solidarity and to celebrate vulnerability together.

## Our flagship activities

1. Bilingual movement workshops.
2. Community festivals for Arab and Jewish women in Yafo in 2022 and 2023.
3. Enrichment and connection activities: a movement retreat at Neve Shalom, a musical historical tour with System Ali.
4. Master class – Workshops with groundbreaking artists: Raba Morcos and Orly Portal

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# Initiating Hope

## Jewish-Muslim Women's Dialogue



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Ghadir Hani, Dror Ruben.

### Activity area

Mixed cities.

### Our overarching goal

Throughout the country, Jewish and Arab women will work to strengthen cooperation and build trust between the Jewish and Arab public. The Initiating Hope project is designed to strengthen trust of women in joint action, especially after the events of October 7.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

The fact that we established a group of seven Jewish and Arab women from throughout the country who supported one another, learned from each other and together wove new initiatives that have already started to operate in the field.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

Women from throughout the country who work together and understand that there is no way other than the way of peace and being good neighbors. The dream is that there will not be a need for our work.

### Our flagship activities

1. Negev – Promoting connections between women residents of Yerucham and women residents of the surrounding Bedouin villages – mainly from the village of Rahma. Women learn Hebrew and Arabic together, promote joint activities for children and weave hope for living as neighbors for residents of the Negev.
2. Haifa – An initiative to promote connections and joint action among women residents of the city and the area. In the group there are Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Druze women working together for the security of all.
3. Misgav – A conference for women residents of the region seeking to enrich the toolkit through writing life stories of women residents of the region who promote community initiatives and increase the light during these difficult days.
4. Yafo – Writing workshop for Jewish and Arab women facilitated by Professor Amia Lieblich to teach techniques for collecting life stories of women who are working for peace.

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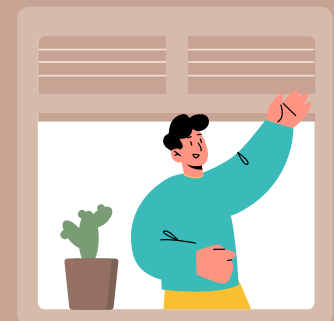
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# Siyurim Mesaprim

## Beit She'an and the Springs Valley



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Beit She'an Community Centers

### Activity area

Beit She'an and the Springs Valley.

### Our overarching goal

Since the state of Israel was founded, the natural resources of water sources in the Springs Valley and surrounding the city of Beit She'an have served the immigrants who came here, as they served the pioneers who established settlement in the valley, and they are an important part of the place's history. There has always been tension around these water sources between the people of the city and the valley, which has led to complicated relationships between these close populations. The overarching goal of the project is to connect between populations who have sensitive baggage from the past and to heal the rifts through tours of sites in the valley and the city.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

Connections were made between the participants in the group at a personal level that continued beyond the activities. .

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

We will succeed in connecting more populations such as youth and children and years into the future there will be no need for the program and there will be a natural connection.

### Our flagship activities

The initiative is of six tours throughout 2023 in which participants will be longtime residents of the city and the valley. Each tour will focus on a different water source throughout the valley. The tours which will take place throughout the year will bring together populations for encounter, dialogue and enjoyment. During the tour, the stories will be filmed and there will be dialogue circles among participants led by professionals. The additional information will be made available on a website for all travelers to the region.

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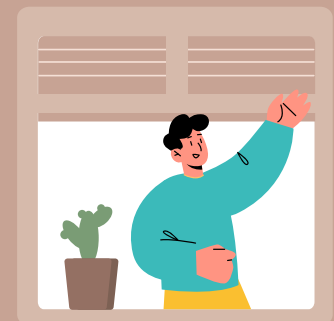
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# Meeting on the Trails of our Father Abraham



## Entrepreneurs and partners

Betzalel Stauber, Torah Wisdom Institute.

## Activity area

Throughout the country.

## Our overarching goal

To promote social cohesion through study of language and culture – Arabic and Hebrew.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

We succeeded in filling all the groups despite the war and we held meaningful meetings and studies. For all the Jewish and Arab participants, the encounter was more complicated and difficult, but it was meaningful.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

Two study and encounter groups each year plus an active alumni community, in person and online.

## Our flagship activities

1. Arabic courses for Haredi men and women.
2. Meetings of young Haredi Jews and Arabs.
3. Learning series for social entrepreneurs from the Arab community.
4. Tour and encounter days.

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# Directed Toward Pride

## Group for LGBTQ Young Adults with Disabilities



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Nur Garabli, Yasmeen Godder.

### Activity area

Haifa.

### Our overarching goal

Establishing social groups and creating safe space for LGBTQ young adults with disabilities.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

Establishing the group! The first meaningful collaboration of Kivunim with an organization from the LGBTQ community and the first collaboration of IGY with an organization that works on behalf of people with disabilities. The connection between the disability community and the LGBTQ community is at the beginning of its journey and it is important to continue!

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

Regional (virtual) groups of LGBTQ people with disabilities that form a basis for a large community that influences the approach of the LGBTQ community toward people with disabilities and the approach of people with disabilities toward the LGBTQ community. All this as part of the aspiration to increase diversity in Israeli society.

### Our flagship activities

1. Establishing the first group in Haifa.
2. Establishing collaboration with IGY – Israel Gay Youth Organization
3. Producing the first pride event for people with disabilities in Haifa in collaboration with the Communities House and the Haifa municipality.
4. Expanding activities to additional locations in Israel.

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# Promoting Dialogue and Cooperation between Communities

## Kiryat Tivon and Basmat Tabun



### Entrepreneurs and partners

The Kiryat Tivon Community Network, in collaboration with the Kiryat Tivon and Basmat Tivon regional authorities, and the Gishoorim program.

### Activity area

The joint living space for residents of Kiryat Tivon and Basmat Tabun.

### Our overarching goal

The project encourages meetings between groups of residents of the towns that integrate Jews and Arabs (and also religious and secular) in the public space.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

Despite the war, this year we held close to 100 meetings between Jews and Arabs in the Tivon area, with direct participation of about 600 residents, with indirect impact on 3000 residents of all ages.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

We are currently working toward the day when the shared living space of Kiryat Tivon and Basmat Tabun will be a national model for cooperation between Jews and Arabs, with mutual respect, equality, security and acceptance of difference.

### Our flagship activities

1. The “Initiating Good Neighbor Relationships” program includes residents from the two towns who meet every two weeks with the goal of discussing the needs of the different communities and promoting collaboration between the different groups in the towns.
2. The “Good Neighbors Meeting” event on the large lawn for the benefit of the residents of Basmat Tabun and Kiryat Tivon. The event included activities for children and youth, dialogue circles for adults, and a bilingual (Hebrew and Arabic) concert.
3. Meetings of eighth grade students from the two towns that included dialogue to foster closeness with joint activity to have an experience of partnership (in Hebrew and Arabic) and group building activity that included painting a wall in a park on the seam between the towns and painting on large wood boards with messages of share living, brotherhood and peace.
4. The Avaranyat program in which we held weekly meetings of Jewish volunteers with students from the junior high and high school at Basmat Tabun.

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# Maagalei Hikayat Story Circles

## Arab and Jewish Women Telling a New Story in the Galilee



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Enass Zbidat, Ora Zigelman, and Dorit Kraus-Gabbai, operating in collaboration with the Human, Environment and Science Dialogue organization.

### Activity area

Throughout the Galilee.

### Our overarching goal

Creating a platform and bringing together Arab and Jewish women through Storytelling, to develop awareness of the leadership strength of women for creating impact in the community.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

Inaugurating a bilingual website through which people can register for the different activities, write and read stories in the Story Library and also, opening the first cohort of the training program for multicultural storytellers.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

Women's impact will expand and develop a strong base through new initiatives by graduates of five cycles of multicultural storytellers training, new storytelling circles will be established throughout the country, stories in the website library and podcasts will inspire women who will join the "work of hope for shared living".

### Our flagship activities

1. Bilingual storytelling on a bilingual website – inviting writers to tell their life stories, stories about pain, stories with humor, that document the experiences of shared living.
2. Biweekly meetings of multicultural storytelling circles. The meetings take place in Misgav and in Tefen.
3. A training program for multicultural storytellers. Experiential and practical training for using stories as a tool for diverse uses in the world of work and promoting women's leadership in society and in communities. At the end of the training each pair of women will write a story in two languages and present it as a contribution of 20 hours of practicum in the community.
4. Annual conference – An experiential learning conference to expose women and introduce new women to the project activities. Writing women's vision stories through which they can positively influence their own lives, the lives of their relatives and the lives of their communities.

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# Shof el Nof Joint Trip Project



## Entrepreneurs and partners

Mabat Awareness in Multicultural Society and Yalla Languages.

## Activity area

Throughout the country.

## Our overarching goal

To meet in the field on joint tours and trips, and to create opportunities for meeting for members of Mabat, Jews and Arabs – getting to know each other and learning about narratives and cultures, and about shared living that we are creating together.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

On the Tu B'Shvat trip in Ayn Ghazal, we had the privilege of touring with about 50 members and many neighbors from villages and towns on the Carmel coast, to learn together about the history and to face the intertwined narratives, and also to forage and cook together in the field.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

We aspire to develop community and social tourism, with unique tours that will reflect the shared story of neighbors in the community and also for guests from outside and will also contribute to economic and employment development in the shared space.

## Our flagship activities

1. Shof el Nof tours – one-day urban tours led mainly by members of the community, who host us in places in their towns, present their local and family history, the different narratives, and the contemporary intercultural dilemmas and conflicts, for example: in mixed cities and shared spaces.
2. Connections in Nature – trips in the field of several days including hiking in nature, camping, outdoor cooking and preparing joint meals, and coping with the common challenges of challenging hikes, in mixed, diverse groups.
3. Language on the Trail – multiday trips in the field, including practicing spoken language – Arabic, Hebrew and English. During the trip, there are sessions of 3-2 hours in which conversation takes place only in the language being practiced, requiring the participants to conduct themselves together in the different languages.

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# Maagal Sabaya

## Circle of Arab and Jewish Women Students



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Noa Saraf, Raama Zahava, the partners "Seeds of Partnership".

### Activity area

Tel-Hai College, with the evacuation most of the activities are in the Haifa and Nazareth area.

### Our overarching goal

To create a space for connections between Jewish and Arab women students in the only place where encounter happens, on campus. To bridge the gaps and enable expression around positions and opinions. To facilitate a process of partnership for social action.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

A two-day seminar including staying over at a khan, a tour and lectures about four areas we deal with: conflict, discrimination, femininity and activism. The seminar was the culminating event of the year in which there was true, honest and important encounter that enabled in-depth discourse and intimacy among the circle participants together with productive learning.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

We aspire in 2027 to establish women student circles in several more universities. We are already in a process with the universities in Haifa and Beer Sheva. That the circles will be recognized by the universities and will provide students who participate with compensation for their participation. There will be an active WhatsApp group of alumni of the circles with a platform for dialogue, consultation, mutual assistance and social projects. There will be an annual gathering of all the circles. Participants in the circles will participate in a summer seminar of Seeds of Partnership.

### Our flagship activities

1. Collaboration with "Standing Together" in connection with the Tel-Hai Student Association: Encouraging and sending representatives from the facilitators and participants to the Association with the goal of creating a Standing Together group at Tel-Hai.
2. Tours in the home villages of participants in the circle, led by the participants with accompaniment of the facilitators.

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# Things from the heart

## Sustainability Center and Secondhand Clothing Store



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Najla Suleimani from Zarzir together with Najat Mamara from Reineh.

### Activity area

Najla Suleimani from Zarzir together with Najat Mamara from Reineh.

### Our overarching goal

Creating friendships and collaboration between women from all the communities and towns in the Nahal Tzipori basin. Joint learning and connections that will lead to joint action.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

The connection with the Partnership Fund, through which we received recognition of our work and through the support we were able to fulfill dreams and activities. We worked and connected together two groups of women from the Nahal basin into a joint learning group of Bees for Peace. The store operated well, and many needy families benefited from it.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

Our hope is that we will be on the other side of the crisis, with a place that will be a regional sustainability center, in which there will be an abundance of activities on topics of sustainability for adults, youth and children, as well as groups that can come and get to know all the projects.

### Our flagship activities

1. Secondhand clothing store – the first store in the Bedouin community that operates on the one hand to help families in need but in a way that they feel they have come to a store, on the other hand, around the store are activities for students on the topic of the importance of recycling including lectures and preparing planters from plastics.
2. Meetings for Jewish and Arab women from the entire region for lectures and joint activities – lectures and tours on the topic of sustainability.
3. A biodynamic beekeeping course for Jewish and Arab women from the entire Nahal Tzipori area.
4. Five workshops including a lecture for mothers on the topic of sustainability and preserving the environment in daily life habits and a second part with a joint creative activity for mothers and children. 20 preschool children enjoyed the activity with their mothers, and it contributed a great deal to their environmental education.

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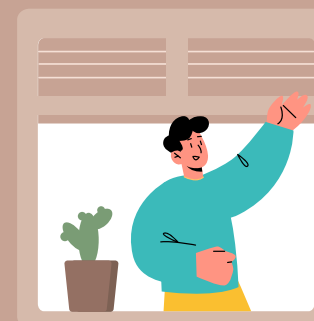
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# One who seeks finds, one who sows reaps



## Entrepreneurs and partners

Segev Shalom Community Center, Community Incubator, Golden Age Club and Young Adult Center in the town.

## Activity area

Segev Shalom Community Center courtyard and throughout the town.

## Our overarching goal

Creating meetings to bring people closer and foster a sense of belonging between people and places, with an emphasis on the Bedouin and Jewish population.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

We succeeded in bringing together regular meetings of Jews and Bedouins of different ages from all over the Negev, Misgav, Beer Sheva, Rahat, Kibbutz Tze'elim and Moshav Nevatim.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

Changing awareness, turning the bi-national, intergenerational meetings into a structured routine that is self-evident. Weekly or monthly group meetings, as the groups wish, the meetings need to focus on recruiting more groups to raise binational awareness and think about their future.

## Our flagship activities

1. Launch meeting at the Community Incubator during the month of Ramadan, whose goal was exposure to the project and the beginning of recruiting groups and thinking about the character of the planned meetings.
2. A community day for planting seedlings together with participants and the community and town residents including senior citizen participants who also brought their traditions and culture to the day by preparing traditional food for project participants.
3. Building a hospitality tent in the Community Center courtyard – we did this together with the participants, building and framing a traditional Bedouin tent and continuing with weaving decorations related to the Bedouin tradition.
4. Inviting a groundbreaking, inspiring woman from the town to a meeting with residents and project participants for a presentation about the Bedouin way of life, from the tradition to the present.

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# Iyuni

## Theater group for women from Rahat and Sderot



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Naheba Alhozayl Alafinish, Ilanit Swissa.

### Activity area

Operates in the framework of partnership between the Community Centers of Sderot and Rahat.

### Our overarching goal

To strengthen shared living between Rahat and Sderot, to get to know a new culture from both sides whether it is Bedouin society or Jewish society, to learn about the other in depth, for example, holidays and values, different culture in order to respect the other and that this project will be a model and a meaningful message for all.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

The show "The Legend of the Woman who Wanted" opened in March 2023 and was a great and dizzying success. Both groups performed in Rahat and in Sderot, many people came to see the performance. It was very moving to see them together on the stage and to hear about the success and the outside interest in the performance.

In addition, the wife of the President became interested in the performance and our visit to the President's house was moving and meaningful.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

Our dream is to continue to run the performance and the message it brings with it, throughout the country. We would like to expose more people to this work that was born after a huge effort by the women. and offer them more meetings to deepen their theatrical knowledge and deepen their personal connection, precisely at this time as a strengthening message.

### Our flagship activities

Special update after October 7 and in the wake of the Swords of Iron war

Under the war, pain and trauma it was not possible to continue the activities of the project and to promote a performance as we had planned. Despite the situation, the goals of the project are:

1. To continue the activities with women from Sderot and to continue to work with women from other communities: Shoval, Mishmar Hanegev and Beit Kama.
2. In all events, it is the intention of the leaders to dedicate the performance to the women of Sderot. In order to continue to strengthen shared living between cultures and the different groups and to reach many places throughout the country.

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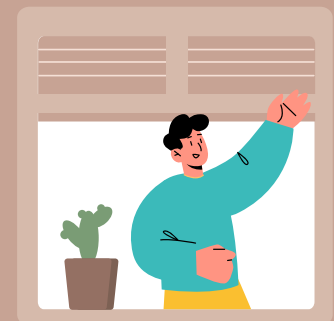
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# Record and Hanoar Haoved veHalomed with Refugees in Eilat



## Entrepreneurs and partners

Record and Hanoar Haoved veHalomed with refugees in Eilat.

## Activity area

Eilat.

## Our overarching goal

Our overarching goal at Record is to tell true, deep and honest stories of diverse people, in their own words and voices, and through this, to create opportunities and connections between different parts of Israeli society and to increase listening and empathy.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

The most meaningful thing that happened to us this year was the joint season with Hanoar Haoved veHalomed which took place through the support of the Partnership Fund, in which we told the stories of youth who were evacuated from the Gaza Envelope, and the stories of the members of the Hanoar Haoved veHalomed youth movement who came to help them in Eilat and to create sanity, stability and hope for them. Through publicizing the episodes that we created in this season, we are also publicizing hope for a better future.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

To continue to create, to tell and to publicize more stories of people from all parts of Israeli society, to reach more participants who will go through this therapeutic process, and more listeners – and thus to make connections between the different parts of the society through listening.



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# Bein Hashmashot (Twilight)

## Center for Culture of Dispute



### Entrepreneurs and partners

A project of the Sheizaf community, in collaboration with the Ramat Hanegev Regional Council and Meitarim.

### Activity area

Sheizaf Ramat Hanegev.

### Our overarching goal

To promote a culture of dispute in Israel.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

Recruiting a project manager to start Bein Hashmashot, processes of establishing the Amuta.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

The activities of Bein Hashmashot will take place in a center that will be established in the new Sheizaf, and it will be a center for diverse activities in the whole Negev as a space for dispute.

### Our flagship activities

1. Tour-encounter including an introduction to the town, the story of its settlement, and a deep conversation about the challenge of shared living. Tour + group discussion.
2. Panel with residents – the session includes an introduction to the town, the story of its settlement, and a deep conversation about the challenges of shared living through a panel with residents. Tour + group discussion. This product is suitable for an evening program (from 19:00 on) because the residents are in the town during those hours.
3. Dispute workshop – Basic tour + facilitating a process with the group so that they better understand the differences between the people who make up the group and know how to cope with difference. Participants leave the workshop happy and enriched by the differences that characterize them. The workshop leader is a facilitator from the town / Amuta who knows how to lead processes among people. The difference from the basic product is that in the premium there is application of the idea of Sheizaf to their group, they go through a process themselves, and come out with a deeper understanding of themselves.
4. Day of Dispute – In depth focus on one (or more) of the following disputes that exist in the space: Periphery – Center; Kibbutzim and moshavim – Development towns; Bedouins – Jews; Religion and state; Preservation versus development (Left-Right).

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# Dialogue between Musical Cultures



## Entrepreneurs and partners

The Academy of Music and Dance Jerusalem, the Sachnin Conservatory, the Hevel Eilot Conservatory, Hevel Eilot Regional Council.

## Activity area

Hevel Eilot.

## Our overarching goal

To create musical dialogue on the basis of the distant common denominator for all the participants. To create ways to play Arabic music and Western music on Eastern and Western instruments through writing arrangements specially customized for this purpose.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

Just before the war, we held a moving gathering between children from the Sachnin Conservatory and the Hevel Eilot Conservatory. Over several days the children played music, ate and enjoyed time together. The gathering ended with playing Mozart in a Fairouz version on the lawn of Kibbutz Eilot. For one moment we were all one. May we return to such days.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

In 2027, there will be a booklet of arrangements that we can distribute to all the schools through which it will also be possible to have joint creative work among children of elementary school age.

## Our flagship activities

1. Work by students at the Academy of Music and Dance in Jerusalem on writing customized arrangements for students at all levels of playing Arabic and Western music.
2. Learning an Arabic and Western repertoire in each of the orchestras.
3. Joint playing sessions.
4. Beginning the creation of research to accompany the project.

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# Chavruta Basalon



## Entrepreneurs and partners

Chavruta Ayelet Hashahar – The Peres Academic Center – Pisgah Centers

## Activity area

Center of the country. In future, we will expand to more cities.

## Our overarching goal

Connections – connections – connections  
Increasing unity, solidarity and mutual responsibility among Jews through living room meetings in homes.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

The Chavruta Basalon professional development session at Pisgah, Rosh Ha'ayin.

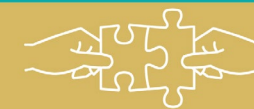
## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

Implementing the Chavruta Basalon model in the world of education, the social world and in general.

## Our flagship activities

1. Telephone Chavruta – 8000 pairs of ultra-Orthodox and secular women who learn together any topic in the Jewish bookshelf, and mainly learn to get to know each other.
2. Chavruta Basalon – social circles in living rooms, professional development, digital toolkit for the hosts and hosting cards to help participants get to know each other across different sectors.
3. Close Encounters – Meetings of women secular and Haredi students in academia.
4. Reflections – Playback theater for secular-religious-Haredi women.

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# Continuing Projects Partnership Fund 2023



# Blend.Ar Truly Speaking



## Entrepreneurs and partners

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## Activity area

Throughout the country.

## Our overarching goal

To promote social cohesion through learning language and culture – Arabic and Hebrew.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

We succeeded in conducting joint tours for social entrepreneurs – ultra-orthodox, secular, and Arabs, following October 7, in which we met and listened to the stories of survivors from Ofakim and Rahat.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

To be a nationwide community of learners, Jews and Arabs – who meet and get to know each other in depth. Intensive seminars in several places in the country, and to operate programs for youth throughout the country.

## Our flagship activities

1. Intensive seminars for Arabic learners in Arab communities and towns.
2. Joint tours and community events for hundreds of participants from around the country.
3. Arabic courses for leading organizations in the economy (Joint Israel, Microsoft Israel, and many others).

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# Spoken Jerusalem Jerusalem Women's Dialogue



## Entrepreneurs and partners

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## Activity area

Jerusalem.

## Our overarching goal

Creating a common language. Promoting an equal, communicating shared society.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

We did not stop for a moment. We are continuing, especially right now, to work for a different reality, of communication and connection.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

During this divided period full of uncertainty in which we are living, we will start with this – we will be, we will continue, and we will expand. We will continue to work in the Jerusalem arena, we will reach more diverse communities and we will encourage meaningful meetings and encounters. We will expand our employment project, which creates significant impact at several levels: urban economic development; strengthening and empowering women; and promoting a joint, real, equal shared society. We will expand the responses that we offer to mixed groups (men and women) and we will create a model that can be duplicated in other mixed geographic spaces with similar profiles.

## Our flagship activities

1. A language exchange community: A community that currently numbers more than 2,900 women from the entire diversity of Jerusalem, the entire spectrum of politics, religion, backgrounds and ages. The community offers a number of platforms for practicing spoken Hebrew and Arabic together with speakers of the language, and for meeting and meaningful learning that does not happen by chance in the divided reality of Jerusalem. Among the platforms: biweekly community meetings; Beit Midrash for studying religion and language; "The elephant in the room" group for discussion of topics in current events and politics; "Women in motion" practicing sport, language and more.
2. Language for opportunity: %73 of women in East Jerusalem do not succeed in integrating into the work force. One of the main barriers standing in their way is the language. To address this predicament, in 2020 we established the "let's make our dreams come true" community, a community of women from East Jerusalem for personal and professional development and assistance in the areas of employment, academia and accessing entitlements. The community is based on a solidarity network of women who assist as volunteers in writing resumes, interview preparation, practicing Hebrew, professional workshops and creating opportunities.
3. Courses in spoken Hebrew and Arabic – unique language courses aimed at conversation skills, communication and getting to know the culture behind the language.

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# Mazra'a Project



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## Activity area

Negev.

## Our overarching goal

Mazra'a is designed to cultivate mutual learning and collaboration between diverse groups of Negev residents in activities for local sustainability. This is done through dealing with topics such as ecological agriculture, creating traditional foods, medicinal herbs and native knowledge.

## The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

This year, we expanded Mazra'a into a yearlong, ongoing program, in which we held monthly meetings between Jewish and Arab residents of the Negev. This year was especially challenging in all matters related to cooperation between Jews and Arabs, but the connections created between the community members throughout the meetings made it possible for us to see beyond the divisions and instead of fear of the other, a space was created for getting to know each other, for learning, and for action together.

## Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

Our dream is to continue to build the basis of this Jewish-Arab sustainability community, which will operate as an incubator for developing joint environmental projects and initiatives throughout the Negev and preserve local and traditional knowledge in combination with current technology and ecological knowledge.

## Our flagship activities

1. Establishing a plant nursery – during the meetings there was a connection created between the participants from Segev Shalom who run a nursery in a pavilion, and a participant from Nevatim who has land for agriculture and tourism. The women from Segev Shalom raised the issue of their difficulty in expanding their business because of the limited area in the pavilion, and the woman from Nevatim offered them a plot of her land to use. This connection turned into the main project of the group and the whole group is mobilizing at this time to help set up the nursery.
2. Volunteering during the war – At the start of the war period, we participated in a volunteer day at the Wadi Attir project, in which we planted a food forest in memory of the victims of October 7 from the Bedouin community and peace activists. The women from our group also taught the rest of the participants how to understand traditional Bedouin medicine from medicinal herbs, and we led activities for children to learn words about nature in Hebrew and Arabic.
3. Iftar meal – In honor of the end of the month of Ramadan we held a joint Iftar meal in the Community Incubator in the Segev Shalom Community Center. At the event, we ate together around a large table and became familiar with the holiday customs. We heard a speech by the Head of the Segev Shalom Council who participated in the event, and afterwards we sat together for music played around the campfire.
4. Meeting for gathering desert plants – One of the meaningful meetings was a tour of medicinal plants in the desert in the Arad area, where we went last May. In the meeting, we got to know the different plants that grow in the desert, their benefits, and their uses, especially in Bedouin culture. The meeting also symbolized the healing that there is in a joint meeting and learning from the wisdom of nature and preserving traditional knowledge.

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# Migvanim

## Multicultural Dialogue in South Tel Aviv



### Entrepreneurs and partners

Amutat Hapardes – Community Residents Organization.

### Activity area

Shapira and Kiryat Shalom neighborhoods, South Tel Aviv.

### Our overarching goal

Building and developing change leaders in multicultural dialogue in the communities through encouraging and promoting community initiatives that connect between the different communities.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

In the framework of a tour that program participants conducted, a longtime woman resident of the traditional community led one station together with a young Eritrean man about the synagogue that had been established by her grandfather. The Eritrean young man had lived nearby, and the sounds took him back to his childhood experiences in church.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

A neighborhood that remains diverse in its population composition, in the different communities that meet and discuss the challenges together and find common solutions. They promote initiatives together in the community through mutual respect.

### Our flagship activities

1. Tour of the neighborhood in which every two to three members choose a place in the neighborhood that represents the encounter between populations or manifests dispute between populations and prepare guiding for the other participants. Through the tour the participants learn about their world, their areas of interest and the sensitivities of members of the group.
2. Community project – a joint project that the group decides to advance together, which is a Center for mutual assistance in the neighborhood that provides a solution to the needs of the residents and constitutes social capital that bridges and connects. The Center will be operated by residents from the various communities.
3. In the first stage, the participants will conduct a mapping of bodies that operate in the neighborhood and provide solutions, will examine the needs that require assistance, and will build a base for the projects that some of them will work on after the program has finished.

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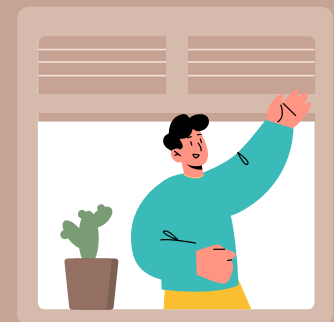
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# Shavot Beyahad – Equal Together

## Shavot Program for Young Women's Leadership in Mixed Cities



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### Activity area

Ramle, Acco, and Tel-Aviv-Yafo.

### Our overarching goal

Shavot works to advance young women and to strengthen self-confidence for the long term. We encourage young women to aim high and to realize their potential, with the goal of reducing future gender gaps in society and fostering connection among the different parts of Israeli society.

### The most meaningful and successful thing that happened to us this year

In the shadow of the war and the serious crisis, alongside great concerns about how we would succeed in connecting and bridging large gaps, we discovered optimism and openness among the youth and young women we work with. We held joint meetings in which we all experienced the common desire to develop and connect, to understand together that our similarities are greater than our differences.

### Our dream – Where will we be in 2027?

In three years, Shavot will operate 20 mixed groups throughout the country and will operate alongside them a mixed community of alumni who are involved and influencing and are an inspiration to their surroundings.

### Our flagship activities

1. Shavot Leadership – The annual leadership development program of Shavot works in about 22 centers throughout the country with more than 400 teen girls annually.
2. Shavot Beyachad – Equal Together – A leadership program for teen girls in mixed cities, that connects girls from different sectors on the basis of shared dreams and aspirations.
3. Israeli Young Women's Week – The organization's annual flagship week that brings together 3000 inspirational women from all of Israeli society with youth from throughout the country.
4. Equal in Science and Technology – An annual program that encourages teen girls to try out activities and remove barriers in the fields of science and technology, to become exposed to women leaders in the field and to encourage girls to advance in science tracks in junior high and high school.

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# The Owl

## Art as a Bridge between Cultures – Space for Local Creativity



### Entrepreneurs and partners

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### Activity area

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## Partnership Fund 2023



# Immediate Assistance from the Partnership Fund for Emergency Projects:

At the start of the war, we tried to stay in touch with the dozens of projects in the field, to provide moral support and to give them a response as needed. The Fund sought to aid and be attentive to needs, and in this framework, small, immediate grants were allocated to or projects, out of the 2023 budget allocation.

Our goal in the emergency situation was to worry about the Partnership Fund projects and to give them priority, notwithstanding other initiatives and requests for proposals that were published during the war period.

Below are the projects that received immediate emergency grants and operated dedicated programs for their communities:

Activities of emergency project	Location of activities	Leading organization
Respite activities for evacuees	Beit She'an	Beit She'an Community Centers
Respite activities for evacuees at the Peima Home of Theater and Creativity	Mitzpe Ramon	Peima Home of Theater and Creativity
Recording videos for early childhood in Hebrew and Arabic	In the Negev, for the Jewish and Bedouin community	Al-Baqour Association
7 Tour with stories of October	In Ofakim and Rahat	Blend.Ar organization

From the final reports that were sent by the projects, it appears that the emergency grants provided an immediate response at the right time enabling the organizations to hold respite activities and provide some “fresh air” for so many people. The grants made it possible to establish professional systems of support and enabled personal and communal resilience for thousands who were evacuated and or who fled their communities on their own.

# Conclusion

In reporting the diverse activities of the Partnership Fund projects for this year since the events of October 7, we see a situation in which the definitions have changed, concepts have changed, and we are faced with words and feelings we never knew.

In our view, when growing a community, it is necessary to deepen time commitment and listening to create a common infrastructure from which we can grow and help each other grow.

The issue of shared living is one of the most complex issues and therefore in order to succeed in understanding, “cracking” and advancing this complex field, broad-based partnership is necessary, one that works for mutual inspiration on comprehensive social activities.

We thank the many projects operating in the field that have made it possible for us to create a space and a community for them in which people know how to work together to strengthen complex processes, connection and collaboration into a network of shared society organizations.

The continued activities of these organizations are of the utmost necessity at this time, for they directly contribute to the solution of the social problems that characterize Israeli society in the current period.

**Thank you to everyone for the partnership, in hope for quieter times,**

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