

# IATF

## ANNUAL REPORT

# 2023

# MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

October 7th was a shattering event for Israel and all who are connected to it. The horrors inflicted that day, and the war that continues in its wake, reshaped perceptions of Israel's realities and future. In the months since, which have been so full of heartache, uncertainty, and fear, overwhelming public mobilization and solidarity on the ground have been sources of light.

These include profound expressions of shared humanity and interdependence between Jewish and Arab citizens, despite tensions being at an all-time high. It also includes the outreach of so many American Jewish communities to Arab citizens, ensuring their emergency needs are seen and their challenges heard in ways that help maintain hope and cohesion in such a difficult time.

IATF was created in 2006 out of a recognition that American Jews could be a source of strength for one of Israel's most consequential intergroup challenges. Today, in the face of an unprecedented strain, the American Jewish community is acting on the awareness gained over these years. Over these months, funders, educators, federations, communal, and religious leaders are connecting with and supporting organizations and leaders preserving Jewish-Arab relations; acts that we believe will buttress Israel and the Jewish people in the days and years ahead.

The annual report below tells a story of impactful education. Entering 2023 amid socio-political challenges in Israel, IATF education remained focused on sustaining members' and partners' abilities to understand shared society developments and implications beyond the headlines, fostering the robust partnerships, innovative programs, and deeper engagement that fill the pages below.

Sincerely,



Brian Lurie  
Co-Chair



Ariel Zwang, JDC CEO  
Co-Chair

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Chief Program Officer,  
Conference of Presidents of  
Major American Jewish  
Organizations

\*Founding member organizations

# IATF 2023 IN NUMBERS

**7 IATF**  
PROFESSIONALS

**91**  
SPEAKERS

**77**  
  
Active  
Members

**27**  
Event &  
Program  
Partners



**52**  
PROGRAMS

- 20 Foundation Forum Events
- 12 Public and Israel Education Programs
- 9 Stakeholders Briefings
- 7 Conference Sessions
- 6 Missions & Site Visits

**16**  
Issue Posts



Newsletters

**7 IATF**  
Briefing Papers

**6**  
Educational  
Resources

**36**  
PUBLICATIONS



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# IATF MISSION

IATF is a non-partisan resource center on Arab citizens of Israel that provides educational services to American Jewish organizations. Through programs, field visits, publications, and trainings, IATF helps make these issues a meaningful, informed, and enriching part of American Jewish engagement, philanthropy, and education about Israel.

2023 was as transformative a year for IATF as it was challenging and heartbreaking.

Prior to October 7th, IATF achieved milestones in our Israel education portfolio including launching a Speakers Fellowship, producing an educational video, and expanding our professional trainings. In parallel, we ran multiple, in-depth learning days and facilitated discussions for funders, exploring how political polarization in Israel might affect philanthropic priorities for Arab society.

By year end, however, the events of October 7th and the ensuing war shocked everyone concerned with Israel. These events nonetheless redoubled our sense of responsibility to bring forth the experiences of Arab citizens as part of the emergency response and Israel's recovery. We know that despite the difficult road ahead, the professional field on the ground is pushing ahead, and our members' commitment is strong. In 2024, we continue to ensure the connections between our networks in Israel and North America remain fruitful.

## **IATF TEAM**

**Liron Shoham**  
Executive Director

### North America

**Erica Shaps**  
US Associate Director

**Miranda Hellmold Stone**  
Programs and Operations  
Associate

**Hana Sloutski**  
Communications Associate

### Israel

**Shahira Shalaby**  
Content Expert and Field  
Representative

**Michal Barak**  
Israel Representative

**Nour Dassouky**  
Programs Associate

# PHILANTHROPY

Funder interest in Arab citizens of Israel continues to grow. For over 10 years, Israeli government investments in Arab socio-economic development drove philanthropic learning and engagement. In 2023, political polarization and a new governing coalition spurred inquiries about future policies and budgets. Since October 7, concern for Arab citizens that was built over these years proved stronger than expectations and continues to deepen.



## ISSUES IN FOCUS

- Government Budgets
- Financial Inclusion
- Mixed Cities
- Negev Bedouin
- Political Discourse
- Shared Society
- Impact of October 07

## IATF RESOURCES

- Brief: Financial Inclusion
- New Government Actions Related to Arab Society
- GR 550: 2022 Progress Report
- October 7, 2023: Emergency Response and Coordination



Above, a selection of Arab and Jewish speakers\* from 2023 Foundation Forum events. Hailing from academia, government, civil sector organizations, and politics, they reflect the range of expertise in the field and the diversity of influential and professional voices represented in our programs and resources.

- Along with our ongoing briefings, IATF facilitated four intensive funder convenings in partnership with the Social Venture Fund, exploring how political changes affect efforts to narrow gaps and foster shared society.
- At the JFN conference in March, our efforts to bring diverse Arab voices into workshops, sessions, and meetings reached new heights, with unprecedented number of Arab speakers across the conference.
- Finally, in the challenging days following October 7, funders from across the American Jewish community responded to Arab citizens' emergency needs, with hundreds attending our briefings alone.

\*L-R: Prof. Sarab Abu-Rabia Queder, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at Ben Gurion University, Shirin Natour Hafi, Director Of The Department Of Arab Education, Ministry Of Education, Dr. Ameer Fakhoury, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Vered Yefet, Community Relations and Financial Education Manager at Bank of Israel, Hassan Towafra, Director General at Authority for the Economic Development of the Arab Minority, Meir Bing, Deputy Director at Ministry of Social Equality, Sally Awad Asfour, Director of Programs for Arab and Tamkin (ICEI), Amir Badran, member of the Tel-Aviv-Jaffa city council and founder of the Guard of Jewish-Arab Partnership in Tel-Aviv Yafo.

# ISRAEL EDUCATION

In 2023, IATF expanded our programs and partnerships with Israel Education organizations. Through trainings, program support, and resources, we help educators turn best practices, complex insights, and connections with Arab citizens of Israel into impactful pedagogy, experiences, and discourse.

## MILESTONES

### Navigating Complex Conversations: Spotlight on Arab/Palestinian Citizens of Israel



#### ➤ Taglit Birthright

We created a digital module for Birthright's Yesodot platform with IATF training for US-based trip staffers.



#### ➤ iCon

We led the first workshops dedicated to learning about Arab citizens of Israel at iCON, iCenter's biennial conference.



#### ➤ JAFI Senior Educators Mission

After October 7, we organized a meeting with Bedouin rescuers for a senior educator solidarity mission.



#### ➤ IETA Workshop

IATF presented best practices to dozens of trip organizations at an Israel Education Travel Alliance workshop.

# RESOURCES

Along with a train-the-trainers focus, we prioritized on growing our suite of resources for professionals including a high-quality video Introduction to Citizens of Israel, a Resource Library related to October 7, Solidarity Missions Guide, and movie guides for community programs.

## A Brief Introduction to Arab Citizens of Israel



## FOLLOWING OCTOBER 07

- Resource Library on the Impact of Oct 7th on Jewish-Arab Relations and Arab Citizens
- Brief: Jewish-Arab Relations in the Shadow of the War
- Solidarity Missions Opportunities



- Bar Bahar Movie Guide
- Oriented Movie Guide



- Brief: New Government, Protest Movement, and Arab Citizens of Israel
- Brief: Crime and Violence in Arab Society

# COMMUNAL PROGRAMS

Throughout 2023, we continued bringing insights about major developments in Israel and their impact on Arab Citizens of Israel to dozens of organizations via speaker programs and site-visits. American Jewish organizations and audiences were eager for discussion of how political and governance changes in Israel affect Arab citizens. After October 7th, we provided meaningful opportunities to hear from, and learn about, the complex experience of Arab citizens in the aftermath.



## Governance Changes and Arab Citizens of Israel



**Abir Joubran**  
Human Rights in the  
Occupied Territories Unit  
Director and Attorney, ACRI



**Noa Sattath**  
Executive Director,  
ACRI



**Michael J. Koplow**  
Chief Policy Officer,  
IPF

## Israel's Judicial Reform and the Arab Minority



**Nava Ben-Or**  
Former District Court Judge



**Nidal Hayek**  
Director, Lawyers for Good  
Governance



**Roy Peled**  
Constitutional and Administrative Law  
professor, the Haim Strika School of Law  
in the College of Management in Israel



ISRAEL ACTION COMMITTEE

Presents

## FUTURE OF BEDOUIN SOCIETY IN ISRAEL: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

A Conversation with  
**Wafa Eben Beri**



## Grief and Resilience in the Negev: Jewish and Bedouin Emergency Responses



**Adv. Hanan Alsanah**  
Director, Bedouin Women's  
Rights Center, Itach Ma'aki

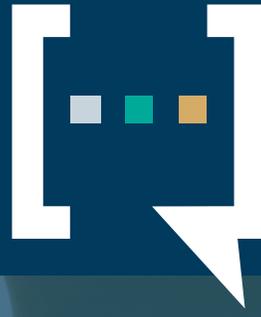


**Shira Ohana**  
CEO, Hura Municipality



Top photo: Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University Summer Institute on an IATF arranged visit to the Um Al Fahm municipality to for a discussion with the mayor and local officials about local challenges and priorities.

# IATF Speakers Fellowship



**HASAN  
HAJ**

*Educator, Mazmichim and  
Beit HaGefen*

**FADI  
FAR**

*Strategic Consultant, TASC Consulting  
and Capital; Consultant, Tel Aviv  
Museum of Art*

**BASEL  
KHALAILA**

*Senior Editor and Writer for  
TV Journalism*

**NOUR  
DASSOUKY**

*Program Associate, IATF,  
Social Entrepreneur*



Also pictured: IATF staff *Shahira Shalaby* and *Erica Shaps*; Public Narrative  
Storytelling Coach, *Noa Yammer*

**SAJA  
KABHA**

*Program Manager and Arab Tech  
Sector Lead, British Embassy  
Tel Aviv*

**KHITAM  
ABU BADER**

*Director of the Raidat Leadership  
Program for Women, Desert Stars*

**AHLAM  
KASIM ALI**

*Manager of Shared Society Programs in the Galilee,  
Abraham Initiatives; Project Manager of  
the Palestinian Women's Leadership Program,  
Geneva Initiative*

**CAMELLIA  
DARAWSHA**

*Diversity Officer, Tel Aviv  
University*

In 2023, IATF launched a Speakers Fellowship for next generation Arab changemakers. The Fellowship responds to growing desire of American Jewish educational and communal organizations for opportunities to engage with Arab citizens of Israel in ways that deepen authentic connections with Israel, while addressing the need for strong English-speaking Arab presenters and professionals in Israeli civil society.

Our diverse cohort of emerging leaders gain skills in telling their story, grow as public speakers, meet and learn about American Jewish leaders and young people. The fellowship thus builds professional capacities and awareness in the field while paving opportunities for the meaningful engagement sought by American Jewish organizations. Upon completion of their professional development and US Tour in June 2024, Fellows will become part of an IATF Speaker Bureau, available to present on future programs.

The IATF Speaker Fellowship is generously supported by the One8 Foundation,  
Crown Family Philanthropies, and Edmond de Rothschild Foundation (IL)

# 2023 FINANCIALS

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Since 2006, annual dues from a coalition of American Jewish organizational members have been IATF's main source of income and confirmation of broad support. New members and dues increases provide essential backing for our expanding portfolios.

Still, IATFs activities are growing fast. To keep up with our capacity needs, we are thoughtfully diversifying our income model.

In 2023, we secured designated funding for our inaugural Speaker Fellowship. A fee-for-service model enables a wider range of partnerships and collaborations. Finally, in recognition of our growth and needs in times of crisis, members have made emergency and capacity building contributions.

A more diversified financial model enables IATF to plan more strategically, build an exceptional team, reach deeper into American Jewish professional networks, and produce resources that meet more of our constituencies' needs.

**Thank you to all our members and partners for making this work possible.**

INCOME	2022	2023
Carryover	\$168,148	\$183,936
Member Dues	\$513,880	\$630,183
Speaker Fellowship	\$0	\$155,000*
Other	\$118,976	\$165,529**
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>\$801,003</b>	<b>\$1,134,649</b>

EXPENSES	2022	2023
Personnel	\$572,738	\$702,984
Program Expenses	\$22,552	\$13,586
Speaker Fellowship	\$0	\$13,085
Overhead	\$21,777	\$30,732
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$617,067</b>	<b>\$760,387</b>

RESERVES	2022	2023
Cash	\$200,000	\$250,000

\* Speaker Fellowship funding received in 2023 will cover 2024 program expenses.

\*\* Other includes fee-for-service, capacity-building grants, and emergency support received following Oct 7.

# IATF MEMBERS

- Alan B. Slifka Foundation  
Alfred and Hanna Fromm Fund  
Alisa Doctoroff  
Ameinu  
American Friends of Hand in Hand  
American Friends of Hebrew University  
American Friends of Kiddum / SAE  
American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam  
American Jewish Committee  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
American Society of the University of Haifa  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anti-Defamation League  
Arnow Family Fund  
Carole Zabar  
Caroline and Brian Lurie Philanthropic Fund  
Central Conference of American Rabbis  
Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston  
Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations  
Crown Family Philanthropies  
Diane and Guilford Glazer Philanthropies  
Fohs Foundation  
Friends of Givat Haviva  
Frieze Family Foundation  
Gimprich Family Foundation  
Greater Miami Jewish Federation  
Gilbert Foundation  
Gimprich Family Foundation  
Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life  
Jacob & Hilda Blaustein Foundation  
Jewish Agency for Israel  
Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund of San Francisco  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor  
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles  
Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest New Jersey  
Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia  
Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh  
Jewish Federation of Greater Washington  
Jewish Federation of San Antonio  
Jewish Federation of St. Louis  
Jewish Federation of the Berkshires  
Jewish Federations of North America  
Jewish Funders Network  
Jewish United Fund of Chicago  
Jonathan Russo and Deborah Grayson  
Joseph and Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds  
Klarman Family Foundation  
Marcia's Light Foundation  
Mimi and Peter Haas Fund  
Morningstar Foundation  
Naomi & Nehemiah Cohen Foundation  
National Council of Jewish Women  
New Israel Fund  
One8 Foundation  
Robert Kuchner & Phyllis Bernstein Philanthropic Fund (in memoriam)  
Roni Rubenstein and Barry Berson Charitable Fund  
Rosalinde & Arthur Gilbert Foundation  
Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society  
The Abraham Initiatives  
The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore  
The Charles H. Revson Foundation  
The CRB Family Foundation  
The Gerard and Ruth Daniel Foundation, Inc and Friends of the Daniel Centers for Progressive Judaism  
The Hadassah Foundation  
The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation  
The Lucius N. Littauer Foundation  
The LunArt Fund  
The Rayne Trust  
The Russell Berrie Foundation  
The Schocken Foundation  
Truah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights  
UJA Federation of Greater Toronto  
UJA-Federation of New York  
Union for Reform Judaism  
The Wils Family Fund  
Youngstown Area Jewish Federation

# 2023 ACTIVITIES

Jan 8 | Russell Berrie Foundation | The Effect of the New Likud Coalition on Arab Society: Coalition Agreements, Five-Year Plans, and the State Budget

Jan 9 | Brown Bag Discussion on the New Government, Arab Citizens of Israel, and American Jewish Engagement.

Jan 9 | Field Visit | Rayne Foundation East Jerusalem Field Visit.

Jan 10 | Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation Professional Staff Visit to Northern Israel.

Jan 11 | Closed Stakeholder Briefing | Rayne Foundation | GR-550 and the New Government.

Jan 19 | Israel Foundation Forum | Opportunities for Philanthropy to work with GR-550.

Jan 19 | IATF Foundation Forum | GR-550, A Five-Year Plan for Arab Society - Opportunities for Philanthropy.

Jan 26 | IATF Foundation Forum | IATF/SVF Funder Brown Bag: New Government Actions Related to Arab Society.

Jan 30 | IATF Foundation Forum | Negev Bedouin Workgroup: Promoting a Shared Society in the Negev in the Academy and Local Community.

Feb 1 | iCenter | IATF X iCenter Shared Society Learning Process.

Feb 8 | Brown Bag Discussion on the New Government, Arab Citizens, and American Jewish Engagement.

Feb 13 | UJA Israel | UJA Israel Staff Meeting Panel on New Government and Arab Society.

Feb 16 | JFNA | New Research and Mapping on the Field of Shared Society between Jewish and Arab Citizens of Israel.

Feb 26 | Closed Stakeholder Briefing | Jewish Federations of North America | Call with IATF Representative.

Feb 27 | Israel's Judicial Reform and the Arab Minority.

Mar 1 | Jewish Federations of North America | Shared Society Presentation for JFNA Israel and Overseas Professionals.

Mar 2 | IATF Foundation Forum | Mixed Cities Tour in Ramle and Lod.

Mar 6 | IATF Foundation Forum | Hura: Planning for Growth and Development.

Mar 9 | IATF Foundation Forum | Financial Inclusion in Arab society - a Three-Part Series with Professionals from the Field, Part 1.

Mar 13 | iCON | The 21%: An Intro To Arab Citizens of Israel For Educators.

Mar 14 | iCON | Can I Ask That?: Bringing Arab Citizens into American Jewish Educational Programs.

Mar 15 | iCON | These are the People in our Neighborhoods.

Mar 20 | Jewish Funders Network International Conference | Israel's Jewish and Arab Citizens: Paths Toward Shared Society.

Mar 20 | Jewish Funders Network 2023 International Conference | Commissioner Mariam Kabaha: Reflections from Israel's Top Arab Official.

Mar 20 | Jewish Funders Network 2023 International Conference | Israeli Democracy and Arab Citizens: Roundtable Discussion.

Mar 21 | Jewish Funders Network 2023 International Conference | Social Mobility Session

March 26 | Temple Emanuel | Future of Bedouin Society in Israel: Challenges and Opportunities.

April 19 | UJA-Federation of New York, Israel Office | Research on May 2021 Events in Mixed Cities and Proposed Models for Preventing Violence.

Apr 23 | Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston | Roundtable Discussion on Arab Society in Israel.

Apr 27 | JCF of San Francisco | Organizations Involved in Shared Society and Arab Society in Israel.

May 10-11 | The Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society X IATF Foundation Forum.

May 17 | DCJCC Film Festival | The 21%: The Lives of Arab Citizens of Israel screening of Shadya.

May 23 | Israel Center for Educational Innovation | Arab Public Elementary Schools: New Approaches to Narrowing Gaps.

May 24 | Schwartz/Reisman Centre | Schwartz/Reisman Canada-Israel Exchange Program Mixed Cities Tour.

Jun 14 | IATF Foundation Forum | GR-550: Socio-Economic Development Budgets for Arab Society - Opportunities, Challenges and Advancements.

Jun 20 | Israel Policy Forum and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli-Arab Issues | Governance Changes and Arab Citizens of Israel.

Jun 20 | Closed Stakeholder Briefing | AJEEC-NISPED Recent Developments and Challenges.

Jun 28 | 39th Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, "Israel at 75: Archives, History and Society" | When Government Steps Back: Trends in American Jewish Philanthropic Support for Arab Society.

Jul 3 | Jewish Funders Network | Field Visit | Cultural Visit to Haifa.

Jul 12 | Schusterman Center for Israel Studies | Summer Institute for Israel Studies Field Days on Arab Citizens and Shared Society.

Jul 13 | Schusterman Center for Israel Studies | Summer Institute for Israel Studies Field Days on Arab Citizens and Shared Society.

Jul 27 | The Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society and IATF Foundation Forum | Overview of Arab Political Parties and Discourses in Israel, Part 1/2 SVF X IATF Calls on Arab Political Realities.

Aug 3 | The Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society X IATF Foundation Forum | A Seat at the Table: Arab Citizens' Aspirations for Shared Political Power in Israel, Part 2/2 SVF X IATF Calls on Arab Political Realities.

Aug 21 | IATF Foundation Forum | Funder Discussion: Implications of Budget Cuts and Policy Changes for Arab Society.

Sept 6 | Israel Educational Travel Alliance | The Why's and How's of Learning Experiences with Arab Society in Israel.

Sept 11-12 | Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society | SVF Strategic Planning Meeting.

Oct 12 | IATF Foundation Forum, The Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society & Jewish Funders Network | Emergency Actions: Arab Citizens and Prevention of Further Harm and Violence.

Oct 24 | IATF Foundation Forum, The Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society & Jewish Funders Network | Emergency Needs and Coordination for Arab Citizens and Communities in Israel.

Nov 7 | IATF Foundation Forum, The Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society & Jewish Funders Network | Jewish-Arab Relations in the Shadow of War.

Nov 20 | Jewish Agency for Israeli | JAFI Senior Educators Delegation: Solidarity Visit with Survivors & Rescuers.

Nov 27 | IATF Foundation Forum | Jewish-Arab Relations in the Shadow of War: Data, Research, and Insights.

Nov 28 | Grief and Resilience in the Negev: Bedouin-Jewish Emergency Responses.

Dec 4-5 | Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society and Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues | Jewish-Arab Relations In The Shadow Of War.

Dec 11 | Emergency Response in the Negev: Spotlight on Bedouin Communities.