



170 organizations

from civil society and hundreds of activists are partners in our work



Over 90

decision-makers at the political and professional levels with whom we were in ongoing contact



128 media items

articles and news segments across all of Israel's leading media outlets

Summary of Our Activities and Achievements Over the Past Year

During this period, we worked with many partners to advance urgent social legislation and policy changes. Our joint work has impacted and improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Israelis.

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

18 partner organizations

We Took Care of Hungry Students

We led a policy change that brought meals into schools for at-risk youth

- 17,000 students in the Ministry of Education's schools for at-risk youth receive a hot meal, thanks to the proposal we advanced, which was adopted into the base state budget.
- We measured and demonstrated educational impact: improvements in concentration, in relationships with staff, in grades, and in returning to school.
- We established a joint advisory forum with the Ministry of Education to advance nutrition in the Hila program, which serves youth outside formal educational frameworks.
- We worked to advance a nutrition program in the Ministry of Labor's schools for at-risk youth as well, where about 7,400 students still do not receive a hot meal. We hope our proposal will be adopted soon.

THE "ROARING LION" WAR

12 partner organizations

We Protected Idled Workers

We worked to expand the safety net for workers left without compensation during the war

- Together with our partners, we led substantial legislative amendments to secure compensation for tens of thousands of workers whose employment was harmed during the "Roaring Lion" war.
- The changes we proposed were adopted by the Knesset: the qualifying period was shortened for vulnerable groups in the labor market, the threshold for unpaid leave was lowered to 10 days, and grants were provided to senior citizens whose work was halted.
- In addition, a historic achievement: for the first time in Israel, we persuaded the Knesset to give hourly workers the right to go on unpaid leave at their own initiative.

HORIZON LIGHT

21 partner organizations

Advancing Appropriate Support for Victims of Hostile Acts

We initiated a broad civil society effort to adapt the recognition and rehabilitation mechanisms for those harmed on October 7

- We worked to advance a "Rehabilitation First" track (an alternative to the existing disability track that focuses on returning to functioning rather than proving disability) in meetings with senior professional officials at the National Insurance Institute, the Mor-Yosef Committee, and the Prime Minister's Office.
- We met with representatives of the various parties to persuade them to act to secure appropriate recognition, fair compensation, and a genuine rehabilitation track for tens of thousands of victims. We also held a public conference on the issue with representatives from across the political spectrum.
- We expanded the partnership and together developed a research foundation for drafting comprehensive legislation.

IN GOOD HANDS

35 partner organizations

Shaping the Future of Early Childhood Education

We safeguarded the investment in training educator-caregivers, even during a period of budget cuts

- Together with the partnership's members, we developed a proposal for a national program for quality and subsidized early childhood education for all.
- We advanced the proposal politically and publicly. Among other things, we held a pre-election conference attended by Members of Knesset and party representatives, who expressed support and committed to act to advance the quality of early childhood education.
- We safeguarded the investment in training educator-caregivers, even during a period of budget cuts. This year, another 9,000 educators were trained under the model we proposed, which was adopted in 2022. In total, about half of the educators working in daycare centers have been trained since then.

THE GOLDEN PATH

Working for Senior Citizens

We led efforts to advance a life of dignity for senior citizens in Israel

- We led a broad public campaign calling for a gradual increase in old-age pensions, which have eroded by nearly one-fifth over the past decade.
- We met on this issue with representatives of the major parties ahead of the elections, and several parties have already adopted the demand in their platforms.
- Through extensive media coverage, we worked to raise public awareness of the harm to senior citizens' situation following the war: rising loneliness, widespread exploitation, and a deteriorating economic situation.



HOPE FOR THE SOUL

50 partner organizations

Leading a National Effort to Strengthen Resilience and Mental Health

We established a broad civil coalition to advance national investment in resilience and mental health

- Together with dozens of partner organizations, we developed a detailed proposal to expand the powers of local authorities to advance resilience and mental health.
- We initiated a pre-election conference with party representatives and Members of Knesset, who committed to work toward adopting the proposal in the next Knesset.
- In addition, together with our many partners, we formulated a further proposal to reform community rehabilitation for people living with mental health conditions. On this issue, we also conducted an in-depth economic study that demonstrates the need for the proposed reform and its social and economic benefits.

THE SPRINGBOARD

36 partner organizations

We Advanced Investment in Workforce Skills Development

We called for government investment in vocational training, with a focus on those affected by the war in the North and the South

- The proposal we formulated with our partners to operate regional human capital development initiatives in the North and the South was adopted by the government. We hope the initiatives will begin operating on the ground in the coming weeks.
- Together with our partners, we approached all the parties to advance a structural change in the employment field, with the goal of consolidating all employment bodies under a single ministry.
- We continue working to persuade the parties to also increase government investment in publicly funded vocational training, both for populations whose employment was harmed by the war and for workers who need upskilling in light of technological developments and the AI revolution.

THE ENGINE

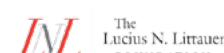
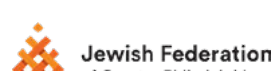
We Trained Dozens of Organizations to Advance Social Policy

We held courses and workshops for organizations and social activists to increase their impact

- We trained organizational leaders in practical tools for influencing decision-makers through seminars, lectures, and personal mentoring.
- We developed a dedicated course for early childhood policy advocates, funded by Yad Hanadiv.
- We developed, and continue to share, a practical toolkit for advancing systemic change, available to all of civil society.

OUR IMPACT IS BUILT ON PARTNERSHIP

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