The influence of New Israel Fund organizations on the Goldstone Report

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Executive Summary

The Goldstone Report, published in September 2009, seriously harmed the international image of the State of Israel and the Israel Defense Forces. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stressed the gravity of the report's impact in his December 23, 2009 address to the Knesset plenum: "There are three primary threats facing us today: the nuclear threat, the missile threat **and what I call the Goldstone threat**... **Goldstone has become code for a much broader phenomenon: the attempt to negate the legitimacy of our right to self-defense.** It didn't just start now. The international campaign against Israel has gone on since the Durban Conference in 2000 and since the attempt in 2003 to condemn the security fence that has protected Israeli children – but is condemned just the same – in The Hague... We all have a real problem here. Ehud Olmert speaks on campuses in the United States, and he's denounced as a war criminal. Defense Minister Ehud Barak – they want to arrest him in London. And there's a warrant out against Tzipi Livni, the Opposition leader. You all know the truth in your hearts. This is an all-out offensive, not just against one Israeli government or another."

Israeli President Shimon Peres similarly denounced the Goldstone Report: "The report essentially grants legitimacy to terrorism, premeditated shooting and killing, while ignoring the obligation and the right of every country to defend itself, something which is explicitly stated in the UN charter."²

The aim of this study is to examine the level of involvement of New Israel Fund organizations in the formation of the Goldstone Committee Report.

The New Israel Fund is a capital fund that invests in and supports hundreds of radical leftist organizations that operate in various fields. The fund operates on two levels: first, as an incubator for new organizations, granting them professional services in their various activities, and second, as a financial backer for organizations that "grew up" with the fund, as well as others that did not.

The New Israel Fund is registered in the United States and its current president is former left-wing Knesset member for the Meretz party, Prof. Naomi Chazan. According to figures published by the fund, since its inception the fund has distributed over \$140 million. Beyond the sponsorship that the fund grants organizations supported by it (which are referred to on the fund's website as "the fund's organizations," the fund publicizes the activities and achievements of the organizations in the many articles that appear on its website.

In April 2009 the Goldstone Committee began its work, under the auspices of the UN. The decision to appoint the committee was preceded by heavy international pressure on the UN, including from NIF organizations. The Goldstone Committee sought the assistance of many NGOs as sources of information and confirmation for establishing its arguments and findings, including 16 organizations from among the New Israel Fund's organizations: Adalah; Breaking the Silence;

¹ http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/Government/Speeches+by+lsraeli+leaders/2009/PM-Netanyahu-addresses-+Knesset-Special-Session-23-Dec-2009.htm [23/12/09]

² http://www.nrg.co.il/online/1/ART1/943/249.html [23/12/09]

B'Tselem, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel; HaMoked: Center for the Defense of the Individual; The Public Committee Against Torture in Israel; Yesh Din; Physicians for Human Rights; Gisha; Bimkom; Rabbis for Human Rights; Itach — Women Lawyers for Social Justice; Other Voice and organizations in the Coalition of Women for Peace (New Profile, Machsom Watch and the Who Profits from the Occupation project).

An analysis of the Goldstone Report reveals that the weight of the reliance of the report's authors on New Israel Fund organizations, out of all the Israeli sources, was 42%. A more detailed analysis of the data reveals that among the Israeli organizations mentioned in the report, and on whose publications Goldstone bases his accusations against the IDF and Israel, there are some that contradict the report's allegations in their publications, or which have a neutral stance toward the allegations. Fully 92% of the quotes from Israeli organizations that support the claims against Israel come from organizations funded by the NIF. Without the NIF's publications, Goldstone would have nothing on which to base most of the claims made by Israeli organizations. This is a staggering example of a self-propelled process: the very organizations that pressed for the establishment of the commission provided the testimonies used by the Goldstone commission to justify its claims against the IDF and Israel, and most of these organizations are supported by the NIF.

The New Israel Fund organizations stand out not only relative to the Israeli sources and organizations that contributed to the claims against the IDF and Israel, but also relative to the general information sources on which the report relied (14%). Furthermore, foreign media sources and organizations quoted in the report themselves quote New Israel Fund organizations to support their arguments against Israel. Thus the citations backing up the testimonies of those sources effectively reiterate the claims of the New Israel Fund organizations, but this time are quoted in their name.

The fund's financial reports show that the New Israel Fund organizations that contributed to **the** international damage caused by the Goldstone Report received monetary support from the fund in the years 2006–2008 totaling \$7,805,226 (almost \$8 million!).

In recent years Israel has been increasingly accused of war crimes, and this allegation has become a type of new weapon among leftist organizations, whose aim is apparently not only to protest but also to undermine the fighting spirit IDF soldiers and officers.

The direct and indirect effects of these organizations' activities include the international denunciation of Israel; anti-Israel demonstrations around the world; demands to prosecute IDF officers in a number of European countries; pressure from the UN and various countries to halt the fighting; economic sanctions against Israeli companies; suits for hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation and expressions of anti-Semitism in the wake of Israel's defamation around the world.

In effect, a small group of leftist organizations that is financed by identical foreign sources has created international pressure that is seriously harming Israel in the diplomatic arena and challenged Israel's legitimate right to self-defense in the future. The foreign funding finances the activities of organizations that incite Israelis against the IDF and the State of Israel.

It should be stressed that while the declared "noble" intentions of most of these organizations are to fight for "social justice" and "human rights" throughout all the years during which thousands

of missiles were fired against the residents of Sderot and the residents of northern Israel, aimed deliberately at innocent Israeli civilians, hardly a word was heard from the organizations.

It is also astounding that while the New Israel Fund organizations were partners to the international defamation of Israel and the IDF, via the Goldstone Report, the NIF was operating joint programs with the Jewish Agency and various government ministries. These programs included:

- Active Citizenship, a high school program run jointly by the NIF and the Education Ministry.³
- Fans for the Prevention of Violence in Sports, a program run jointly by the NIF, the Culture and Sports Ministry and the Internal Security Ministry.⁴
- A joint project with the Jewish Agency to promote the social integration of Ethiopian immigrants via vocational training and social advocacy programs. ⁵
- The Birthright program, run jointly by the Israeli government and the Jewish Agency. ⁶

The current study presents a survey of the 16 NIF organizations and shows their substantial influence on the Goldstone Report and the crystallization of the accusations against Israel and the IDF.

Furthermore, an analysis of the research material reveals that the joint actions of some of the organizations funded by the NIF was intended not only to protest against IDF actions, but also to coordinate international activities against Israel, resulting in serious damage to Israel's image around the world and the impairment of the IDF's ability to defend Israel during times of military conflict. 40% of the evidence on which the Goldstone Report based its arguments originated in publications of NIF (14%) and Palestinian (26%) organizations. Without the NIF, over 90% of the claims against Israel that were based on Israeli publications would not have been in the report.

Research structure

This study analyzes both sides of the coin: the organizations' connections with the mother organization – the New Israel Fund – on the one hand, and their contribution to the formation of the Goldstone Report – on the other.

In the introduction we will present the New Israel Fund and the 16 of its organizations that participated in the development of the Goldstone Report. We will likewise present figures on the scope of the fund's monetary support for these organizations during 2006–2008.

Chapter 1 is a general survey of the statistical data showing the reliance of the Goldstone Report on the New Israel Fund organizations relative to the other information sources. Chapter 2 provides more information on each of the 16 organizations, both concerning their contribution to the drafting of the Goldstone Report and their connection with the New Israel Fund.

The appendix to this study shows the dissection of all the references in the Goldstone Report according to the various information sources.

³ From the NIF's Hebrew website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=990 [23/12/09]

⁴ From the Israeli Ministry of Culture and Sport's Hebrew website - http://www.mcs.gov.il/Units/Sport/Violence/ Projects/ohadim.htm [23/12/09]

From the NIF's Hebrew website - http://www.nif.org.il/index.php?dfn=org_page&id=741&org_id=53 [23/12/09]

⁶ From the NIF's Hebrew website - http://www.nif.org/get-involved/niftrip/upz-birthright.html [23/12/09]



Introduction

1. The New Israel Fund

The New Israel Fund, which was founded in 1979, states that it "works as a social venture capital fund, to strengthen Israel's democracy and to promote freedom, justice and equality for all Israel's citizens. The fund invests in burning issues, by developing hundreds of organizations, promoting social initiatives and empowering leadership." The fund is registered in the U.S. and reports to the American tax authorities, but has branches in a number of countries around the world, including Israel. The fund's current president is former left-wing Knesset member Prof. Naomi Chazan.

The fund's goals are furthered by Shatil – Empowerment and Training Center for Social Change Organizations, which was founded by the fund. Shatil complements the fund's grant strategy by providing NIF grantees and other social change organizations hands–on assistance and training, written materials and workshops in the basics of nonprofit management.⁸ Shatil assists in building organizational capability and in setting up institutions that promote long–term social change. By its own admission, Shatil currently assists over 1,000 organizations in Israel.⁹

As noted above, the New Israel Fund provides both organizational assistance and funding. Since its founding, the fund has distributed over \$140 million to various organizations. In addition to the sponsorship that the fund provides the organizations it supports (which are called "the fund's organizations" on its website) the fund also publicizes the activities and achievements of the organizations in the many articles that appear on its website.

The first public criticism of the NIF's activities appeared in 2003, with the publication of an initial report by Ran Baratz and Moshe Ifergan. ¹² Their research and analysis of NIF documents revealed that the NIF's goal was to turn Israel into a state of all its citizens. ¹³ The analysis of these documents and the NIF's support of movements that advocated refusal to serve in the IDF reserves led to the conclusion that one of the NIF's working assumptions was apparently that the weakening of the IDF's military stamina could serve as a means to force peace agreements on Israel.

In July 2008 the NGO Monitor website published an article by Michael Jordan, who raised additional questions regarding the true goals of the NIF and its methods of operation. 14

The NIF approved a total of \$28,076,990 for grants and projects in 2008.

- 7 From the NIF's Hebrew website http://www.nif.org.il/ [23/12/09]
- 8 From the NIF's Hebrew website http://www.nif.org.il/about/ [23/12/09]
- 9 From Shatil's website http://www.shatil.org.il/about/ [23/12/09]
- 10 From the NIF's Hebrew website http://www.nif.org.il/about [23/12/09]
- 11 From the NIF's Hebrew website http://www.nif.org.il/grants [23/12/09]
- 12 http://rotter.net/forum/gil/5570.shtml [23/12/09]
- On June 25, 2009, at a conference of NIF lawyers, directed by Naomi Chazan, Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak declared his support for the establishment of a state of all its citizens, thereby ostensibly giving his approval for such a process. See also the NIF's Hebrew website http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1870 [23/12/09]
- 14 http://jta.org/cgi-bin/iowa/news/article/20080723fordNIF07222008.html [23/7/08]

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2. The influence of the NIF organizations on the Goldstone Report

On January 12, 2009, the UN Human Rights Council decided to establish a team to examine the actions of the IDF and Hamas during Operation Cast Lead. At that time many organizations in Israel and abroad, including the NIF, were calling on the UN and influencing international public opinion to halt the fighting, and to open an international investigation.

Examples of main activities:

- A. Adalah and several Palestinian organizations petitioned the UN to force Israel to halt the fighting and accused Israel of war crimes:
 - "...we write to you with an urgent request for intervention by the UN Human Rights Council to put an end to the war crimes and crimes against humanity being committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) as a result of the Israeli occupying forces' ongoing attacks on the Gaza Strip... the only effective measure the UN Human Rights Council can take under these specific circumstances is to issue a resolution requesting the General Assembly to convene under GA Resolution 377, "Uniting for Peace," with a view towards the imposition of collective measures against the Israeli Government." 15
- B. Major websites shared by a number of organizations mounted an international joint information campaign, accusing the Israeli government and the IDF of war crimes, calling for a boycott and sanctions against Israel and demanding an international inquiry commission. The member organizations of these websites are among the NIF organizations described in this report. ¹⁶
- C. On January 7, 2009, several organizations, including organizations from the Coalition of Women for Peace (New Profile and Women in Black) signed an open letter published in Israel and abroad. The following is an excerpt from the letter: We refuse to remain silent while Israeli leaders force Israeli soldiers to commit war crimes: crimes against humanity for which they will one day be called to account. Israeli soldiers of conscience can, and must, stop this dangerous, illegal, and immoral war... Therefore, we call on you to use all measures possible to stop these atrocities against the Palestinian people. Flagrantly illegal orders must not simply be disobeyed, but actively and effectively opposed.¹⁷

On June 6, 2009 the Goldstone Committee issued a "call for information" in which it invited any interested organization or person to submit information or documents that would assist the committee in its investigation. Appendix III of the Goldstone Report notes the organizations and the persons who answered the committee's call and submitted material and information. A number of New Israel Fund organizations are among the organizations listed: Adalah, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, Gisha, HaMoked, The Public Committee Against Torture in Israel, and Yesh Din²⁰ (it is important to note the comment attached to the appendix, that the list includes only the information relayed to the committee in official response to the call, but that

¹⁵ http://www.cihrs.org/English/NewsSystem/Articles/673 [23/12/09]

¹⁶ http://gazaheb.blogspot./com/, http://gazaeng.blogspot.com, http://gazanow.wordpress.com/ [23/12/09]

¹⁷ http://www.politicalgroove.com/showthread.php?12939-Open-Letter-to-Israeli-Soldiers-Jews-call-to-stop-War-Crimes [06/01/10]

¹⁸ http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/specialsession/9/docs/call_for_submissions.doc [6/1/10]

¹⁹ Page 451 of the Goldstone Report.

²⁰ Page 451 of the Goldstone Report.

there exists additional information and material submitted to the committee by other bodies that are not in the list).

Appendix I of the Goldstone Report presents a list of the bodies and organizations that met with the committee in order to provide testimonies and information. This list also includes a number of New Israel Fund organizations: Adalah, B'Tselem, Gisha and Physicians for Human Rights.²¹

In addition to the organizations listed in the appendices to the Goldstone Report, there are many mentions of other New Israel Fund organizations in the body of the report itself.

An analysis of the report reveals that 16 New Israel Fund organizations occupy a most significant position among the information sources on which the Goldstone Report bases its accusations against the IDF. The report has 1,208 footnotes that contain 1,383 references to various information sources (proofs). A great many of these references are to New Israel Fund organizations.

New Israel Fund organizations that appear in the report as information sources:

- 1. Adalah Legal Centre for Arab Minority Rights in Israel
- 2. Breaking the Silence
- 3. B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories
- 4. Association for Civil Rights in Israel
- 5. HaMoked: Center for the Defense of the Individual
- 6. Public Committee against Torture in Israel
- 7. Yesh Din
- 8. Physicians for Human Rights
- 9. Gisha Legal Center for Freedom of Movement
- 10. Bimkom Planners for Planning Rights
- 11. Shomrei Mishpat Rabbis for Human Rights
- 12. Itach Women Lawyers for Social Justice
- 13. Other Voice
- 14. Coalition of Women for Peace organizations:
 - a. New Profile
 - b. Machsom Watch
 - c. Who Profits from the Occupation?

²¹ Page 432 of the Goldstone Report.

3. The organizations' activities - general

This study will demonstrate the influence of the NIF organizations on the formation of the Goldstone Report. The activities conducted to that end however, are only a small fraction of their wide-ranging activities in general and their activities against IDF policy and against the security policy of the Israeli government in particular. For example, they operated in the following spheres:

- Accusing the IDF of war crimes;
- Calling for a boycott and economic and military sanctions against Israel;
- Demanding the indictment and trial abroad of IDF officers and senior Israeli statesmen;
- Encouraging draft evasion and refusal to serve in the IDF reserves;
- Creating international pressure on the UN to demand a halt to Operation Cast Lead and to open an international inquiry against Israel.

These organizations operate by establishing dozens of niche organizations, each of which has a small number of active members. These organizations are involved mainly in gaining wide exposure for various aspects of alleged IDF crimes in all forms of the mass media.

Each organization "specializes" in a specific field, and the scope of their activities creates the impression of broad international public activity, when actually all the organizations belong to a limited radical fringe funded by similar foreign sources.

Thus infinite financial resources (tens of millions of dollars a year!) enable these organizations to operate continuously and vociferously, despite their very small numbers of activists. The NIF is the main financial backer of these organizations that mount anti-Israel campaigns.

Some of these organizations, whose claims are published in the Goldstone Report, use its statements as objective and international confirmation of their accusations against Israel (such as in the November 2009 report²² published by the Public Committee against Torture in Israel, which contains harsh accusations against Israel for deliberately harming civilians).

The organizations use the accusations against the IDF and the Israeli government as a basis for filing individual suits in foreign courts against IDF officers and senior Israeli politicians (such as the suits filed in Europe against Defense Minister Ehud Barak, opposition leader Tzipi Livni, Deputy Prime Minister Moshe Yaalon and former chief of staff Dan Halutz). These organization's allegations are also used to promote calls for an economic boycott against Israel (such as the Norwegian boycott against Israeli security industries companies, including Elbit Systems). ²³

The three organizations: Shomrei Mishpat — Rabbis for Human Rights, the Public Committee against Torture in Israel and Breaking the Silence, were members of the GazaWar website.²⁴ During Operation Cast Lead reports on this site accused Israel of war crimes. The site currently presents a film depicting war crimes, which they claim were perpetrated by the IDF during Operation Cast Lead, but the films participants prefer to remain anonymous.

Some of these organizations, such as New Profile and Coalition of Women for Peace encourage Israeli youth to evade the draft and refuse IDF reserve duty. One of their arguments in this activity

²² From the organization's website - http://www.stoptorture.org.il/en/node/1496 [23/12/09]

²³ http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/497 [23/12/09]

²⁴ From the GazaWar website - www.gazawar.co.il/page/2 [23/12/09]

is that Israel is committing war crimes. The organizations' anti-IDF service campaign includes writing letters of support to refusers, drafting and soliciting signatures for petitions and providing professional assistance to draft dodgers. In this regard the attorney general ordered the opening of a criminal investigation against New Profile in 2008, and New Profile used the Goldstone Report as part of its defense, as the report criticizes the policy of the Israeli legal system on this matter.

On December 22, 2009, nearly 100 leftist feminist organizations, including Israeli and Palestinian organizations, sent a letter to British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and to British Foreign Secretary David Miliband, demanding that they allow British courts to try senior Israeli officials, including former prime minister Ehud Olmert, Defense Minister Ehud Barak and Knesset opposition leader Tzipi Livni, who the organizations claim share the responsibility for the alleged war crimes perpetrated in Operation Cast Lead in January 2009.

This letter was initiated by Coalition of Women for Peace (which is funded by the NIF) and was signed by 99 organizations from 25 countries. The letter was sent following Gordon and Miliband's recent declarations that they will restrict universal jurisdiction in the UK – following an arrest warrant issued last week by a London court against Livni.²⁵

See http://www.codepink4peace.org/article.php?id=5245 for the text of the CWP's press release, the letter and a list of the signatories. [23/12/09]

4. The NIF's support of additional organizations

The NIF supports additional organizations that are apparently operating against IDF policy and the Israeli government. For example, the Syncopa social television network community received funding from the NIF, and the Shatil Center helped the community to set up the social television website. This site hosts various video clips, including some that accuse Israel of war crimes and others that encourage draft evasion and refusal to serve in the IDF. There are even clips calling for the indictment of IDF officers.

Naomi Hazan, president of the New Israel Fund, is a member of the public council of the Social Television network. In this capacity she is a partner in the establishment of cooperative relationships with similar (or complementary) organizations and initiatives in Israel and abroad and for establishing connections to funds for assistance in recruiting financial resources.²⁶

Sample quotes from Social Television:

- During a demonstration in Tel Aviv against Operation Cast Lead, one demonstrator is filmed saying: "The massacre of 1,200 civilians in 3 weeks has nothing to do with the country's security ..."
- Dr. Yishai Menuhin threatens to have Israeli soldiers charged and tried under international law for war crimes: "In Lebanon and Gaza residential neighborhoods are wiped out in our name. In Lebanon and Gaza IDF soldiers are participating in war crimes. We call on IDF soldiers from here: Do not participate in war crimes! Anyone who does, will await trial, and if not in Israel, then abroad..."²⁷
- David Zonshein, an IDF reserves officer, calls on soldiers to refuse to participate in the fighting: "... I say to combat soldiers who are in Gaza today and the reserve soldiers who are surrounding Gaza and training to enter... I say to them to refuse. Say no!" 28
- During a demonstration in Tel Aviv against Operation Cast Lead, Gush Shalom Chairman Uri Avineri is filmed saying: "Israel Air Force pilots are being turned into machines, into robots, pushing the button indiscriminately... that's what the Nazis did..."²⁹

²⁶ From the social television website - www.tv.social.org.il/public-council.htm [23/12/09]

²⁷ From the social television website - www.tv.social.org.il/lebanon-war2/hafgana-22-7-06-web.htm [23/12/09]

²⁸ From the social television website - www.tv.social.orq.il/medini/stv-aza-refuseniks-8-1-09.htm [23/12/09]

²⁹ From the social television website - www.tv.social.org.il/medini/stv-aza-oferet-3-1-09.htm [23/12/09]

5. The sources of the NIF's money

The NIF's financial report³⁰ details its funding sources, from private individuals and foreign foundations. Two of these substantial donors are:

- The European Union in 2006 the EU transferred \$716,316 to the NIF.31
- The Ford Foundation an American foundation that is also one of the NIF's major partners. This foundation declared to the American tax authorities that it donated \$20 million to the NIF between 2003 and 2008.

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The Ford Foundation's influence on the NIF and the relations between the two organizations are evident from the websites of both organizations, which display identical texts describing the NIF as a major partner of the Ford Foundation, and the foundation as having "played a central role in the evolution and development of Israel's civil society sector..."³² the Ford Foundation's site also quotes NIF Chairman Peter Edelman as saying, "The New Israel Fund is intensely gratified by the renewal of our partnership with the Ford Foundation...Our combined expertise and shared commitment to the values of social justice has had a tremendous impact on Israeli civil society." ³³

The Ford Foundation also donates millions of dollars annually to anti-Israel organizations in Arab countries, in the Palestinian Authority and in Israel. For example, the Palestinian Center for Human Rights,³⁴ headquartered in Gaza, received \$1,765,000 from the Ford Foundation in 1996-2007.

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During Operation Cast Lead, the PCHR accused the IDF of deliberately harming civilians, alleging that "an Israeli decision was taken to cause maximum casualties in the climax of daily activities.³⁵ According to an article published in the German newspaper Der Spiegel, the PCHR recently prepared 936 suits against the IDF for war crimes.³⁶ The organization's website contains harsh accusations against Israel, which are quoted in the Goldstone Report.

³⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org/about/financial-information/2008-donors.html [23/12/09]

³¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org/about/financial-information/990-2006.pdf [12/07/09]

From the Ford Foundation's website - http://www.fordfound.org/about/partnerships; from the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org/programs-and-partners/ford-israel-fund/grant-making-history.html [07/01/10]

³³ From the Ford Foundation's website - http://www.fordfound.org/newsroom/pressreleases/208 [07/01/10]

³⁴ See the PCHR's website - http://www.pchrgaza.org [23/12/09]

From the Jews for Justice for Palestinians website - http://jfjfp.com/?page_id=1159 [07/01/10]

³⁶ From Der Spiegel's website - www.spiegel.de/international/world/0,1518,628773,00.html [07/01/10]

6. Judge Richard Goldstone's connections with organizations that have expressed anti-Israel sentiments.

In the document submitted to the Goldstone Delegation, seven New Israel Fund organizations – Adalah, ACRI, Gisha, HaMoked, PHRI, PCATI and Yesh Din – "commend the delegation on its appointment to the important task" of conducting a "credible, impartial inquiry" into the claims concerning violations of human rights.³⁷ This despite the fact that Goldstone served on the boards of a number of organizations funded by the Ford Foundation, and which have made harsh anti-Israel remarks. This fact seems to indicate a serious predisposed bias of the report's author and is incongruent with a "credible, impartial inquiry."

Board member of ICTJ

Goldstone is on the board of the International Center for Transitional Justice, an organization that accuses Israel of serious violations of humanitarian law, including "extrajudicial executions... torture,... property confiscation and destruction...and collective punishment." In the context of accusing Israel of war crimes, the organization quotes Goldstone as saying he "found it difficult to understand how Jews could participate in racial or other forms of discrimination." Goldstone and ICTJ Chairman Alex Boraine are signatories to a document written three months before the delegation's work, and which expresses outrage at the events in Gaza and the crimes against civilians. The Ford Foundation not only supports the ICTJ financially, it was actually the organization that initiated the founding of the ICTJ. The Ford Foundation allocated \$7.5 million to the ICTJ for the 12-month period from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

Board member of PHR

Goldstone is on the board of Physicians for Human Rights, 43 an organization that ousted Israel in the past for "violations of international humanitarian law," and accused IDF soldiers of "shooting to inflict harm rather than solely in self-defense." The Ford Foundation supports PHR financially and allocated \$660,000 to the organization for the 12-month period from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

³⁷ From the ACRI website www.acri.org.il/pdf/goldstone1.pdf [04/01/10]

³⁸ From the ICTJ website - http://www.ictj.org/en/where/region5/1727.html [04/01/10]

³⁹ From the ICTJ website - http://www.ictj.org/en/news/coverage/article/2498.html [04/01/10]

⁴⁰ From the Amnesty UK website - http://www.amnesty.org.uk/news_details.asp?NewsID=18109 [04/01/10]

⁴¹ From the ICTJ website - http://www.ictj.org/en/about/mission [04/01/10]

⁴² The Ford Foundation's complete tax return can be downloaded via the following link - http://dynamodata. fdncenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/131/131684331_131684331_200709_990PF.pdf [04/01/10]

From the organization's website – http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/about/board_bios/richard-goldstone. $html \left[04/01/10\right]$

⁴⁴ From the organization's website - http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/library/documents/reports/report-prelimassess-jenin.pdf [04/01/10]

From the organization's website – http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/library/documents/reports/report-useofforce-israel.pdf [04/01/10]

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Board member of HRW

Goldstone is on the board of Human Rights Watch. After NGO Monitor, headed by Prof. Gerald Steinberg, pointed out Goldstone's connections with HRW, Goldstone's name was removed from the site, but his name can still be seen in the Internet archive that displays the details of the organization as of July 2008.⁴⁷ In the Second Lebanon War an HRW report alleged that Israel "deliberately targeted civilians," HRW accused Israel of war crimes in the report published by the organization on March 22, 2009. HRW was lauded for its work in Gaza in an article published in May, 2009 on the Arab News website, which described the warm welcome HRW representatives received in Saudi Arabia for "providing the international community with evidence of Israel ... launching destructive attacks on civilian targets."

The Ford Foundation supports HRW financially and allocated \$400,000 to the organization for the 12-month period from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.⁵⁰

In May 2009 an HRW delegation visited Saudi Arabia in order to raise funds for its activities. In an event in honor of the organization, a documentary film was screened, ostensibly featuring the damage the IDF inflicted on the residents of the Gaza Strip in Operation Cast Lead.

HRW founder Robert Bernstein criticized the organization's activities in an October 2009 article in the New York Times. Bernstein said that HRW issues "reports on the Israeli-Arab conflict that are helping those who wish to turn Israel into a pariah state." He likewise accused HRW of "losing critical perspective on a conflict" and issuing reports that rely on witnesses whose stories cannot be verified."⁵¹

From the organization's website - http://web.archive.org/web/20080801203234/www.hrw.org/about/info/board.htm [04/01/10]

⁴⁸ From the organization's website - http://www.hrw.org/en/node/11265/section/2 [04/01/10]

⁴⁹ From the Arab News website - http://www.arabnews.com/?page=1§ion=0&article=122880&d=26&m=5&y= 2000 [04/01/10]

The Ford Foundation's complete tax return can be downloaded via the following link – http://dynamodata. fdncenter.org//990pf_pdf_archive/131/131684331/131684331_200809_990PF.pdf [04/01/10]

From the New York Times website -http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/20/opinion/20bernstein.html [29/01/10]

7. The New Israel Fund organizations' cooperation with foreign governments

In November 2009 the Institute for Zionist Strategy and NGO Monitor published a joint study on the scope of the support political organizations in Israel receive from foreign governments. The report revealed worrying data on the extent of the involvement of foreign governments in the democratic governing of Israel, by NGOs and social action organizations. Their activities are apparently being conducted without the proper transparency regarding the involvement of parties with foreign interests in Israel. The report's data show that most of the New Israel Fund organizations that supported the Goldstone Report also received funding from the European Union and foreign governments. The full report (in Hebrew) is available at NGO Monitor's website.⁵²

This is another example of a self-propelled process: foreign countries are financing Israeli organizations that denounce Israel. The accusations of these organizations help the financing countries to establish anti-Israel policy based on the accusations of the organizations that they finance.

From the organization's website - http://www.ngo-monitor.org/trojan_horse.pdf [04/01/10]

8. The organizations' connections with the New Israel Fund

The achievements of the 16 organizations that participated in the creation of the Goldstone Report are publicized on the New Israel Fund's website on a regular basis, and the organization likewise assists them in organizing various activities. Furthermore, an examination of the financial reports issued by the New Israel Fund for the years 2006–2008 reveals that these 16 organizations received a total of \$7,805,226, according to the following breakdown:

Organization	Sum approved by the fund in 2006	Sum approved by the fund in 2007	Sum approved by the fund in 2008	Total sum approved by the fund in 2006-2008
Adalah	\$ 429,746	\$105,396	\$510,150	\$1,045,292
Breaking the Silence	61,046	70,976	68,833	200,855
B'Tselem	288,073	139,643	357,120	784,836
ACRI	992,838	866,148	812,912	2,671,898
HaMoked	254,481	5,034	240,250	499,765
Public Committee against Torture	24,046	13,842	15,000	52,888
Yesh Din	57,182	63,123	73,643	193,948
Physicians for Human Rights	227,817	65,004	210,716	503,537
Gisha	14,929	900	19,796	35,625
Bimkom	239,500	349,150	334,571	923,221
Rabbis for Human Rights	184,295	28,171	37,448	249,914
ltach	134,200	85,838	137,900	357,938
Coalition of Women for Peace	243,194	22,233	20,082	285,509
Total	\$ 3,151,347	\$ 1,815,458	\$ 2,838,421	\$ 7,805,226

9. The NIF organizations' joint activities with Israeli government ministries and the Jewish Agency

Despite the participation of the NIF organizations in the Goldstone Report against IDF and Israeli government policies, the NIF has been awarded major joint projects by Israeli government ministries and the Jewish Agency."⁵³

- The NIF and the Education Ministry run Active Citizenship, a joint civics education
 program in Israeli high schools. The program's aim is to strengthen Israel's politicaldemocratic culture and to establish civics as a major, compulsory subject, like mathematics
 and English. The cooperation with the Education Ministry is manifest in the participation
 of NIF representatives in the ministry's committees and in the training of teachers to teach
 this subject.
- The NIF, the Sports Administration of the Culture and Sports Ministry, and the Metzila
 branch of the Internal Security Ministry are running a program for the prevention of
 violence in sports. The purpose of this project is to reduce violence and racism in sports.
- 3. **Fidel** has been operating within the framework of the NIF since 1998. The organization's goal is to promote the social integration of Ethiopian immigrants and to narrow the social and educational gaps. The **Jewish Agency** asked the organization to mentor groups of parents in immigrant absorption centers.
- 4. **Taglit-Birthright** and the NIF operate a unique tour that brings Jewish Diaspora youth to Israel: **Discover Israel: Peace, Pluralism and Social Justice**. Taglit-Birthright project is runjointly by the Israeli government, the **Jewish Agency**, the **United Jewish Communities** and Jewish philanthropists. The joint tour operated by Taglit-Birthright and the NIF "explores the country from a progressive perspective, focusing on both domestic social and political issues as well as larger questions of a just and lasting peace for Jews and Arabs both. The trip includes fascinating encounters with Israeli activists and non-government organizations working for minority rights, environmental justice, gender equality, religious pluralism, and peace in the region.⁵⁴

⁵³ For further details on each program, see Appendix I, Cooperation between the New Israel Fund and its Organizations and Israeli Government Bodies.

From the organization's website – http://www.nif.org/get-involved/new-generations/new-generations-events. html [23/12/09]



PART 1

The Influence of the NIF Organizations on the Goldstone Report - Statistical Analysis

General

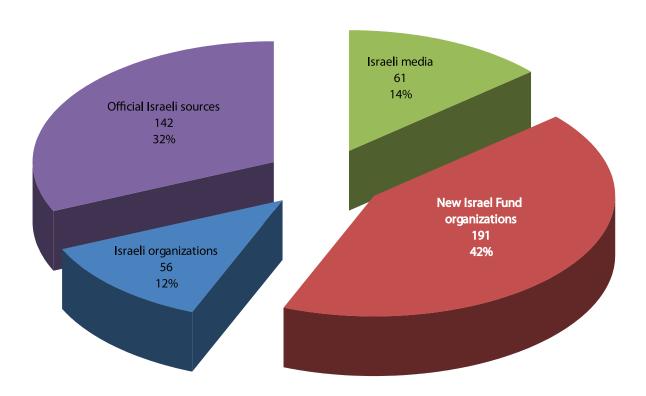
The Goldstone Report has 1,208 footnotes. An analysis of these footnotes shows that there are 1,377 references to various information sources (citations), and 110 footnotes by the authors of the report referring to other parts of the report. The surplus number of citations relative to the number of footnotes is due to the fact that some footnotes contain more than one reference.

This chapter will present a statistical analysis of the breakdown of the references to information sources cited in the Goldstone Report. The analysis of the references in the Goldstone Report reveals that the NIF organizations assumed a substantial role in providing the information on which the report's conclusions are based. The sources quoted in publications of NIF organizations are significant quantitatively, relative both to the Israeli information sources and the general information sources.

The New Israel Fund among all the Israeli sources

The total number of references to Israeli sources in the Goldstone Report is 450 out of 1,377. The classification "Israeli source" includes official Israeli sources (such as the Israel Defense Forces, government ministries and state authorities), Israeli media reports (printed and online) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Israeli media	New Israel Fund organizations	Other Israeli organizations	Official Israeli sources	Total
61	191	56	142	450

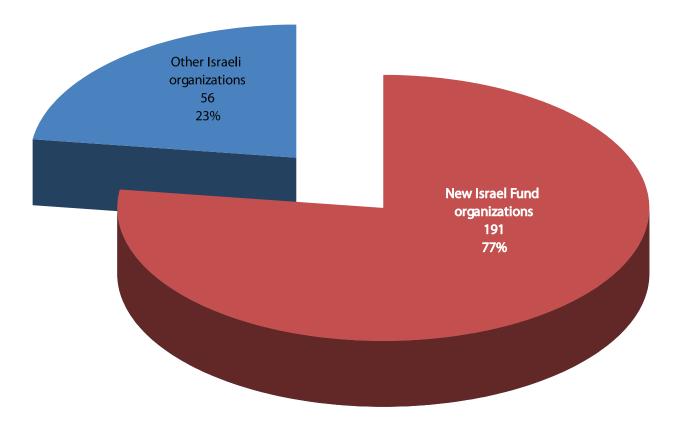


New Israel Fund organizations among all the Israeli organizations

The Goldstone Report has a total of 247 references to Israeli NGOs.

77% of these references (191) are to New Israel Fund organizations, while just 23% of the references are to other Israeli organizations that are not connected to the fund (56 references).

References to New Israel Fund organizations	References to other Israeli organizations	Total
191	56	247

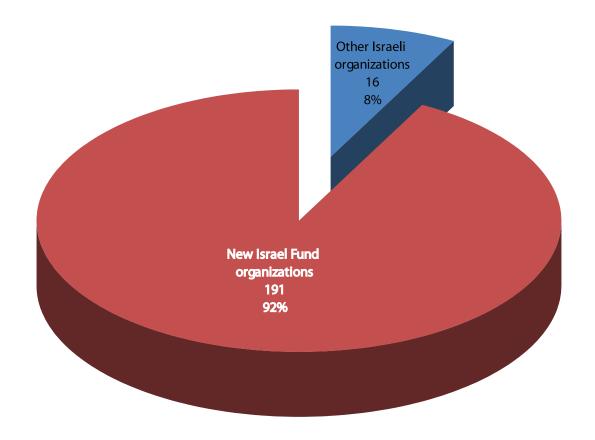


New Israel Fund organizations among the organizations that supported the Goldstone Report

As presented above, there are 56 references in the Goldstone Report to other organizations (with no connections to the New Israel Fund). Still, a more detailed analysis reveals that among these 56 references, there is a clear division between the organizations whose publications contain support for Israel's claims (such as the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs) or that have a neutral stance (such as Natal – Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War) and organizations whose publications form the basis for the anti–Israel claims (such as Yesh Gvul and Peace Now).

Thus if we disregard the references to organizations whose publications do not support the anti-Israel claims (40), we obtain the full picture concerning the place of New Israel Fund organizations among all the Israeli organizations that were cited by the Goldstone Committee as a foundation for the accusations against Israel.

References to New Israel Fund organizations	References to other Israeli organizations that support the report	References to other Israeli organizations that are neutral/oppose the report	Total
191	16	40	247



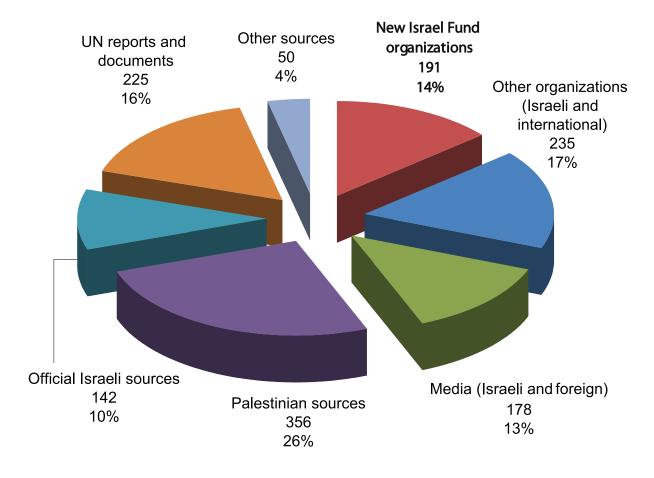
Breakdown of all the references in the Goldstone Report

An analysis of all the references in the Goldstone Report reveals that New Israel Fund organizations constitute a significant proportion even relative to all the information sources from all over the world, referred to in the report.

It should be noted that many of the general foreign sources quote extensively from the publications of NIF organizations in order to back up their accusations against Israel, and they are in turn quoted as a basis for the Goldstone Report's claims against Israel.

The following table and chart show a breakdown of only the direct quotes and do not take into account the citations based on NIF organization quotes.

New Israel Fund organiza- tions	Other organi- zations (Israeli and interna- tional	Media (Israeli and foreign)	Palesti- nian sources	Official Israeli sources	UN reports and docu- ments	Other sources	Total
191	235	178	356	142	225	50	1,377



This chart shows that the NIF organizations and the Palestinian organizations, as a group that has an ideological bias against the IDF and against Israel, account for 40% of the references in the Goldstone Report.



■ PART 2

The influence of the NIF Organizations on the Goldstone Report



1. Adalah

Ever since its establishment in 1996, Adalah, The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel, has stated that it has been striving "to achieve equal individual and collective rights for the Arab minority in Israel in different fields including land rights; civil and political rights; cultural, social, and economic rights; religious rights; women's rights; and prisoners' rights." ⁵⁵

During Operation Cast Lead, Adalah and other organizations acted together against IDF actions in the Gaza Strip and afterward even published a report stating that Israel's actions in Gaza were considered war crimes under international law.⁵⁶

Main activity against IDF policy: Lawsuits against IDF operations.

Examples:

2008 Petitioned the High Court of Justice to cancel the law preventing

Palestinians from suing Israeli security forces for damages.⁵⁷

December 2008 Accused the IDF of war crimes and crimes against humanity.⁵⁸

December 2008 During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the

GazaHeb⁵⁹ website, which accused the IDF of war crimes.

December 30, 2008 Adalah, in cooperation with Palestinian organizations, petitioned the UN to

force Israel to stop the fighting while accusing Israel of war crimes.⁶⁰

From the organizations website - http://www.adalah.org/eng/about.php [23/12/09]

From the organizations website - http://www.adalah.org/newsletter/heb/feb09/fathmeh_position_paper_18_2_2009_hebrew.doc [23/12/09]

⁵⁷ From the organization's website - http://www.adalah.org/heb/legaladvocacypop.php?file=legaladvocacyoccupi ed8276 [23/12/09]

⁵⁸ From the organization's website - www.adalah.org/features/gaza/NGO_Joint_Statement_to_HRC_08.01.09[1]. pdf [23/12/09]

⁵⁹ See website - www.GazaHeb.Blogspot.com [23/12/09]

See the organization's appeal to the UN -http://israel.indymedia.org/newswire/display_any/9929/index.php% 3Fsection%3D%26category%3D%26local%3D%26limit_start%3D390&ei=ASrVSYbsAoWNjAfArKWKDw&sig2= PbUY7sVZGriZ3NBA4GRPzg&usg=AFQjCNGVWdPKmLfdFTwDHWhHtwXvJz75fw [01/03/09]

Connection with the New Israel Fund

Adalah is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$1,045,292 to Adalah, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 429,746	\$ 105,396	\$ 510,150	\$ 1,045,292

Like many other organizations supported by the New Israel Fund, Adalah's profile appears on the fund's website, with details of the organization's goals, background information on its activities, operational strategy and main achievements.⁶¹

Adalah's founder and current director general, Hassan Jabareen, is an alumnus of the New Israel Fund's scholarship program. In an interview with Prof. Herman Schwartz, founder of the New Israel Fund's Symposium of Jurists on Human and Civil Rights, Schwartz says there are a few organizations of which he is particularly proud, with Adalah topping the list. "I believe this organization is one of the program's most outstanding achievements." 62

Adalah's activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates" and "Latest achievements." The organization's activities and achievements are also featured in the electronic newsletter sent to the New Israel Fund's subscribers. In many of the articles Adalah is described as an organization that "operates with the fund's assistance" and even as "a member of the New Israel Fund family."

Adalah's influence on the Goldstone Report

Adalah appears in Annex III of the report, as one of the organizations that replied to the committee's call for submissions and provided it with material and information, ⁶⁸ and in Annex I, which details the names of the organizations and people who met with the committee in order to submit information. ⁶⁹

In the body of the report, Adalah is mentioned many times in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, Adalah is mentioned in the following contexts:

- Material and documents sent by the organization to the committee: Footnote 547 (p. 233).
- The committee's correspondence with the organization: Footnote 789 (p. 312); footnote 792 (p. 312).
- References to the organization's reports: Footnote 1061 (p. 369).

⁶¹ From the NIF's Hebrew website - http://www.nif.org/issue-areas/grantees/adalah.html [23/12/09]

⁶² http://www.law.tau.ac.il/Heb/_Uploads/dbsAttachedFiles/ziv-schwartz-heb.pdf [23/12/09]

⁶³ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1606 [23/12/09]

For example, the success of a petition to the High Court of Justice against the disqualification of the Arab parties in the national elections. http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1664, and the petition demanding the High Court of Justice order the state to provide budgets to preserve and maintain mosques. http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1384 (From the NIF's Hebrew website) [23/12/09]

⁶⁵ From the NIF's Hebrew website - http://www.nif.org.il/preview.php?id=1649 [23/12/09]

⁶⁶ From the NIF's Hebrew website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1660 [23/12/09]

⁶⁷ From the NIF's Hebrew website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1639 [23/12/09]

⁶⁸ Page 451 of the Goldstone Report

⁶⁹ Page 432 of the report.

- References to position papers produced by the organization: Footnote 546 (p. 233); footnote 788 (p. 312); footnote 791 (p. 312); footnote 1136 (p. 383).
- References to the organization's newsletter: Footnote 781 (p. 310).
- References to the organization's press releases: Footnote 790 (p. 312).
- References to the news updates: Footnote 1068 (p. 370); footnote 1090 (p. 373).
- References to the organization's petitions to the High Court of Justice: Footnote 537 (p. 230); footnote 830 (p. 319); footnote 778 (p. 310).

Key quotes from the Goldstone Report:

- The organization undermines the legality of the Israeli government's actions: "The legality of some of the measures imposed by the Government of Israel (the reduction in the supply of electricity and fuel) was the subject of a petition to the Supreme Court of Israel." (Footnote 194, p. 85)
- The organization accuses Israel and the IDF of inhumane and degrading treatment: On 28 January 2009, seven Israeli human rights organizations appealed ...concerning the "appalling conditions in which Palestinians arrested during the fighting in Gaza were held, and the humiliating and inhuman treatment to which they were subjected" (Section 1109, p. 233)
- The organization accuses Israel of committing war crimes by paving roads in Jerusalem: "See ... the briefing paper by Adalah available at www.adalah.org/features/land/Briefing%20Paper%20on%20the%20Eastern%20Ring%20Road.doc" This briefing paper states: "...the extensive destruction and appropriation of property constitute a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention, according to Article 147 and as such a war crime". (Section 894, p. 333)
- The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General did not reply". The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)



2. Breaking the Silence

Breaking the Silence, founded in 2004, has stated that it is an "organization of veteran soldiers that gathers testimonies from soldiers who have served in the various IDF units during the second intifada. The organization gathers testimonies from soldiers who have fought in the IDF in recent years (during the second intifada, the Second Lebanon War and Operation Cast Lead) in order to expose "abuse towards Palestinians, looting, and destruction of property have been the norm for years, but are still excused as military necessities, or explained as extreme and unique cases." The organization claims that the testimonies portray a "grim picture of questionable orders in many areas regarding Palestinian civilians. These demonstrate the depth of corruption which is spreading in the Israeli military."

Main activity against IDF policy: Publishing information that tarnishes IDF operational activities inside Israel and abroad.

Examples:

Ongoing activity	Gathering, documenting and publishing testimonies of alleged abuse of Palestinians by soldiers on active duty.
Ongoing activity	Maintaining a website that includes articles, photos and video clips that tarnish IDF operations in Judea and Samaria.
2009	Accused the IDF of war crimes during Operation Cast Lead.73
2009	Member of GazaWar ⁷⁴ website, which published a movie and testimonies accusing the IDF of committing war crimes.

Connection with the New Israel Fund

Breaking the Silence is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$1,045,292 to Breaking the Silence, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$61,046	\$70,976	\$68,833	\$200,855

Like many other organizations supported by the New Israel Fund, Breaking the Silence's profile appears on the fund's website, with details of the organization's goals, background information on its activities, operational strategy and main achievements.⁷⁵

⁷⁰ From the organization's website – http://www.shovrimshtika.org/about_e.asp [23/12/09]

⁷¹ Ibid.

⁷² Ibid

⁷³ From the organization's website - http://www.shovrimshtika.org/news_item.asp?id=30 [23/12/09]

⁷⁴ See website - www.gazawar.co.il/page/2 [23/12/09]

⁷⁵ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/index.php?dfn=org_page&id=741&org_id=58 [23/12/09]

Breaking the Silence is described as an organization that "operates with the fund's assistance." Furthermore, on July 19, 2009, New Israel Fund General Manager Eliezer Yaari sent a letter to the commander of Army Radio, Yitzhak Tunic, the Chief of Staff's bureau, the head of the IDF's manpower branch and to the press, protesting the "incitement" against Breaking the Silence on the "Last Word" radio program. In this letter he noted that "the organization I head supported the founding of Breaking the Silence." ⁷⁷

On April 23, 2009 the New Israel Fund held an evening get-together between young business entrepreneurs and young social entrepreneurs. The event was held in the fund's offices in Yafo, and of the hundreds of social entrepreneurs in attendance, the fund spotlighted just three, including Michael Mankin, the founder of Breaking the Silence.⁷⁸

Breaking the Silence's influence on the Goldstone Report

In June 2009 the organization published a booklet of testimonies from soldiers who had participated in Operation Cast Lead. They cast doubts on the IDF's investigations, in light of the claims of the human rights organizations allegations' of war crimes. ⁷⁹ The testimonies in the booklet were given anonymously.

In the body of the Goldstone Report Breaking the Silence is mentioned many times as the source of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, Breaking the Silence is mentioned in the following contexts:

- References to anonymous soldiers' testimonies in the organizations' booklet: Footnote 206 (p. 88); footnote 207 (p. 88); footnote 314 (p. 115); footnote 318 (p. 116); footnote 361 (p. 129); footnote 396 (p. 160); footnote 410 (p. 164); footnote 419 (p. 169); footnote 443-447 (p. 180); footnote 450 (p. 181); footnote 501 (p. 213); footnote 513 (p. 213); footnote 514 (p. 213).
- References to the organizations website: Footnote 1098 (p. 374).

Key quotes from the Goldstone Report:

- The organization accuses IDF soldiers of abuse: "BBC News, 'Israeli troops accused of abuse', 5 August 2009, available at http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/8186522. stm. The person interviewed, Eran Efrati is a member of Breaking the Silence. See Appendix 6." (Footnote 803, 804, p. 315)
- Accusing the IDF of harming the civilian population without cause: "The Mission found in the above incidents that the Israeli armed forces repeatedly opened fire on civilians who were not taking part in the hostilities and who posed no threat to them. These incidents indicate that the instructions given to the Israeli armed forces moving into Gaza provided for a low threshold for the use of lethal fire against the civilian population. The Mission found strong corroboration of this trend emerging from its fact-finding in the testimonies of Israeli soldiers collected by the Israeli NGO Breaking the Silence." (Section 802 p. 180)

⁷⁶ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1670. [23/12/09]

⁷⁷ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1876. [23/12/09]

⁷⁸ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1775. [23/12/09]

⁷⁹ From the organization's Hebrew website - http://www.shovrimshtika.org/oferet/Hebrew_oferet.pdf. [23/12/09]



3. B'Tselem

B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories⁸⁰ was founded in 1989. It has stated that its main goals are to "document and educate the Israeli public and policymakers about human rights violations in the Occupied Territories, combat the phenomenon of denial prevalent among the Israeli public, and help create a human rights culture in Israel.⁸¹

Main activity against IDF policy: Promoting the delegitimization of IDF operations by sullying the IDF's and the State of Israel's image in Israel and abroad via documentation and publicity.

Examples:

December 2008 During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the

GazaHeb website,82 which accused the IDF of war crimes.

December 2008 Website published war crimes accusations against the IDF. 83

November 16, 2009 Launched campaign accusing IDF soldiers of violence against

Palestinians.84

Research treatment of B'Tselem's data

B'Tselem frequently accuses Israel of injuring innocent people.

The researcher Jonathan Dahoah–Halevi investigated and refuted many of these accusations. His articles on the subject were published on the websites of The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs⁸⁵ and News 1.⁸⁶

Example:

B'Tselem's account of an incident: Hamdan Mohamad Hamdan Barhom, age 20, resident of Khan Yunis, District of Khan Yunis, shot on 13.12.2006 in Rafiah, and died on 21.12.2006. Was not participating in the fighting at the time he was killed. Additional details: killed while returning to the shore with two other fishermen, who were also injured in the shooting.

B'Tselem's wording gives the impression that Barhom was an innocent fisherman, or was accompanying two other innocent fishermen, and that the three were engaged in fishing to earn a living or for pleasure. From the investigation by Jonathan Dahoah-Halevi is evident that Barhom was an activist of the Iz-a-Din-al-Kasam Brigades and that one of his jobs was to lie in

⁸⁰ From the organization's website - http://www.btselem.org/Hebrew/About_BTselem/Index.asp [23/12/09]

⁸¹ From the organization's website - http://www.btselem.org/english/about_btselem/index.asp [23/12/09]

⁸² See website - www.GazaHeb.Blogspot.com [23/12/09]

⁸³ From the organization's website - www.btselem.org/english/firearms/20051228_blue_sky_operation.asp [23/12/09]

⁸⁴ From the organization's website - http://www.btselem.org/Hebrew/Press_Releases/20091116.asp [23/12/09]

⁸⁵ See the website of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs http://www.jcpa.org.il/JCPAHeb/index.asp?LNGID=2 [23/12/09]

⁸⁶ From NEWS1 website - http://www.news1.co.il [23/12/09]

wait for Israeli Navy boats, and that the three people were in an area known for arms smuggling by terrorist groups.⁸⁷

Connection with the New Israel Fund

B'Tselem is one of the more veteran organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$784,836 to B'Tselem, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 288,073	\$ 139,643	\$ 357,120	\$ 784,836

B'Tselem's activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates,"88 "Stories from the field,"89 "Press releases,"90 "NIF in the press,"91 and "Latest achievements."92 The New Israel Fund's news items describe B'Tselem as a "veteran grantee of the fund,"93 and even as "a member of the New Israel Fund family."94 B'Tselem and its activities often also appear on Shatil's website.95

B'Tselem's attitude toward the New Israel Fund is evident in the description in the report published by B'Tselem in September 2006. ⁹⁶ The introductory remarks to the report note that "the production of this report was made possible thanks to the generous support of **our partner**, **the New Israel Fund...**"

B'Tselem's influence on the Goldstone Report

B'Tselem appears in Annex I of the report, which details the names of the organizations and people who met with the committee in order to submit information.⁹⁷

In the body of the report, B'Tselem is mentioned many times in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, B'Tselem is mentioned in the following contexts:

- References to the organization's reports: Footnote 11 (p. 47); footnote 17 (p. 48); footnote 231 (p. 92); footnote 480 (p. 193); footnote 704 (p. 293); footnote 746 (p. 300); footnote 748 (p. 301); footnote 755 (p. 302); footnote 832 (p. 319); footnote 850 (p. 325); footnote 857 (p. 326); footnote 858 (p. 326); footnote 897 (p. 334); footnote 1148 (p. 238713); footnote 1159 (p. 391); footnote 1165 (p. 392).
- References to position papers published by the organization: Footnote 52 (p. 57).

⁸⁷ From NEWS1 website - http://www.news1.co.il/articleprintversion.aspx/?docld=33450&subjectID=3 [23/12/09]

⁸⁸ From the NIF's website – http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1746. [23/12/09]

⁸⁹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=888. [23/12/09]

⁹⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1351. [23/12/09]

⁹¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=851. [23/12/09]

⁹² From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1869. [23/12/09]

⁹³ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=888. [23/12/09]

⁹⁴ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1639. [23/12/09]

⁹⁵ From the organization's Hebrew website http://www.shatil.org.il/. [23/12/09]

⁹⁶ From the organization's website - http://www.btselem.org/Download/200609_Act_of_Vengeance_Heb.doc [23/12/09]

⁹⁷ Page 432 of the Goldstone Report .

- References to projects produced by the organization: Footnote 713 (p. 294).
- References to petitions and letters from the organization: Footnote 546 (p. 233); footnote 736 (p. 299); footnote 1136 (p. 383).
- References to the organization's press releases: Footnote 216 (p. 90); footnote 753 (p. 301); footnote 827 (p. 318); footnote 1128 (p. 378).

- The organization accuses Israel and the IDF of inhumane and degrading treatment: "On 28 January 2009, seven Israeli human rights organizations appealed ...concerning the "appalling conditions in which Palestinians arrested during the fighting in Gaza were held, and the humiliating and inhuman treatment to which they were subjected..."" (Section 1108, p. 233)
- The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General did not reply". The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "...the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)
- The organization accuses IDF policy of war crimes, crimes against humanity: "Israeli international law Professor Orna Ben-Naftali stated that 'the decision (was) indicative of a policy of tolerance towards violence against non-violent civilian protests against the construction of the Separation Wall'. She added that 'the implication of such a policy is twofold: first, it might transform 'conduct unbecoming' which as a matter of law is a war crime into a crime against humanity; second, it may well be construed as an invitation to the international community to intervene through the exercise of universal jurisdiction...' B'Tselem press release, 1 July 2009." (Section 1409, footnote 756, p. 302)
- In a statement issued in support of this report, UNICEF, WHO, OHCHR and local and international child protection agencies (together with the 1612 Working Group on Grave Violations against Children) stated that, "Israeli military courts violate many basic fair trial rights according to international humanitarian and human rights law..."

 This statement is available online at http://www.unicef.org/oPt/1612_STATEMENT_JUNE__9.pdf (Footnote 802, p. 314)
- The organization accuses the IDF of humiliation and abuse, and Israel of lack of response: "B'Tselem stated that condemnations by Ministers and other officials remain solely declarative. Security forces, meanwhile, misusing their power, continue to abuse and beat Palestinians, among them, minors (...). If a message is sent to security forces, it is that even if the establishment does not accept acts of violence, it will not take measures against those who commit them. The effect of such a message is that the lives and dignity of Palestinians are meaningless and that security forces can continue, pursuant to the function they serve, to abuse, humiliate, and beat Palestinians with whom they come into contact." (Footnote 1405, p. 301)



4. Association for Civil Rights in Israel

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel, founded in 1972, has stated that its aim is "to ensure Israel's accountability and respect for human rights, by addressing violations committed by the Israeli authorities in Israel, the Occupied Territories, or elsewhere." ⁹⁸

During and after Operation Cast Lead ACRI initiated many activities in conjunction with other organizations, opposing the actions of the IDF and the State of Israel in the Gaza Strip.

Main activity against IDF policy: Publications accusing the IDF of harming innocent civilians during warfare.

Examples:

December 2008	At the beginning of Operation Cast Lead, ACRI protested the harm suffered	
	by the civilian population in the Gaza Strip. ACRI also published a notice in	
	Haaretz newspaper denouncing the IDF's killing of children in Gaza. ⁹⁹	
December 2008	During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the	
	GazaHeb ¹⁰⁰ website, which accused the IDF of war crimes.	
December 2009	Publicized an exhibition accusing the IDF of war crimes. 101	

Connection with the New Israel Fund

ACRI is the fund's flagship organization, both historically and in terms of monetary support, to the point that the fund's website notes that ACRI is "**one of the New Israel Fund's main organizations**" and receives 25% of its budget from the New Israel Fund.¹⁰² In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$2,671,898 to ACRI, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 992,838	\$ 866,148	\$812,912	\$ 2,671,898

Accordingly, ACRI's activities and achievements are often highlighted on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates," 103 "Stories from the field," 104 "Press releases," 105 "NIF in the press," 106 and "Latest achievements." 107 The organization's activities and achievements are featured in the electronic newsletter sent to the New Israel Fund's subscribers 108 and in the reports published from time to time by ACRI on the fund's website, under

 $^{98 \}quad \text{From the organization's website: http://www.acri.org.il/eng/Story.aspx?id=15} \ [23/12/09]$

⁹⁹ From the organization's website - http://www.acri.org.il/images/gazaad2008.pdf [23/12/09]

¹⁰⁰ See website - www.GazaHeb.Blogspot.com [23/12/09]

¹⁰¹ From the organization's website - http://www.acri.org.il/story.aspx?id=2222 [23/12/09]

¹⁰² From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1346. [23/12/09]

¹⁰³ From the NIF's website – http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1806. [23/12/09]

¹⁰⁴ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1536. [23/12/09]

¹⁰⁵ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1351. [23/12/09]

¹⁰⁶ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/index.php?id=1381. [23/12/09]

¹⁰⁷ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1969. [23/12/09]

¹⁰⁸ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=967. [23/12/09]

"Organizations' reports." 109

The New Israel Fund's site describes ACRI as a "one of the oldest organizations assisted by the fund," 110 and even as "a member of the New Israel Fund family" 111 and even as "the flagship organization among the New Israel Fund's grantees." 112

ACRI's influence on the Goldstone Report

ACRI appears in Annex III of the report, as one of the organizations that replied to the committee's call for submissions and provided it with material and information. 113

In the body of the report, ACRI is mentioned many times in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, ACRI is mentioned in the following contexts:

- The committee's interviews with the organization's activists: Footnote 749 (p. 301); footnote 754 (p. 302); footnote 1081 (p. 371).
- References to the organization's reports: Footnote 875 (p. 329); footnote 886 (p. 332).
- References to petitions and letters from the organization: Footnote 546 (p. 233); footnote 736 (p. 299); footnote 1136 (p. 383).
- References to the organization's press releases: Footnote 741 (p. 299); footnote 751 (p. 301); footnote 779 (p. 310); footnote 780 (p. 310); footnote 891 (p. 333).
- References to the organization's petitions to the High Court of Justice: Footnote 765 (p. 308); footnote 778 (p. 310).

- The organization accuses Israel and the IDF of inhumane and degrading treatment: "On 28 January 2009, seven Israeli human rights organizations appealed ...concerning the "appalling conditions in which Palestinians arrested during the fighting in Gaza were held, and the humiliating and inhuman treatment to which they were subjected..."" (Section 1108, p. 233)
- The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General did not reply". The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "...the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)
- The organization accuses the Supreme Court of allowing the country to destroy all of the houses in an entire village, except one: "On 26 January 2009, the High Court of Justice of Israel rejected a petition submitted by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and Rabbis for Human Rights on behalf of the Palestinian residents of Khirbet Tana, "effectively allowing the State to destroy all of the village's houses but one, despite the lack of viable planning alternatives for the area's Palestinian residents" (Section 1539, p. 333)

¹⁰⁹ Such as the report on the violation of tenants' rights, at the fund's Hebrew website – http://www.nif.org. il/?id=1524. [23/12/09]

¹¹⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1639. [23/12/09]

¹¹¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1639/ [23/12/09]

¹¹² From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1615. [23/12/09]

¹¹³ Page 451 of the Goldstone Report.



5. HaMoked: Center for the Defense of the Individual

HaMoked: Center for the Defense of the Individual has stated that it is a "human rights organization that assists Palestinian residents of the Occupied Territories whose rights have been violated by Israel." 114

Main activity against IDF policy: Petitions to the High Court of Justice against IDF actions and the separation fence.

Examples:

May 2008	Petitioned the High Court of Justice for the transfer of inquiry material to Palestinians hurt by Israeli security forces. ¹¹⁵
December 2008	Petitioned the High Court of Justice against the demolition of the home of the family of a terrorist who murdered 8 high school students at Mercaz Harav yeshiva in March 2008. ¹¹⁶
December 2008	During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the GazaHeb ¹¹⁷ website, which accused the IDF of war crimes.

Connection with the New Israel Fund

HaMoked is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$499,765 to HaMoked, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 254,481	\$ 5,034	\$ 240,250	\$ 499,765

HaMoked is described on the fund's website as an organization that "operates with the fund's assistance." ¹¹⁸ HaMoked's activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates," ¹¹⁹ "Press releases," ¹²⁰ and "The NIF in the press." ¹²¹

¹¹⁴ From the organization's website - http://www.hamoked.org.il/default.asp [23/12/09]

¹¹⁵ From the organization's website - http://www.hamoked.org.il/items/110400.pdf [23/12/09]

¹¹⁶ From the organization's website - http://elyon1.court.gov.il/files/08/530/093/c05/08093530.c05.htm [23/12/09]

¹¹⁷ See website - www.GazaHeb.Blogspot.com [23/12/09]

¹¹⁸ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1199. [23/12/09]

¹¹⁹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1746. [23/12/09]

¹²⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1351. [23/12/09]

¹²¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=851. [23/12/09]

HaMoked's influence on the Goldstone Report

HaMoked appears in Annex III of the report, as one of the organizations that replied to the committee's call for submissions and provided it with material and information. 122

In the body of the report, HaMoked is mentioned many times in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, HaMoked is mentioned in the following contexts:

- The committee's correspondence with the organization: Footnote 544 (p. 232); footnote 782 (p. 310).
- References to position papers produced by the organization: Footnote 52 (p. 57); footnote 840 (p. 320); footnote 877 (p. 330).
- References to petitions and letters from the organization: Footnote 546 (p. 233); footnote 1136 (p. 383).
- References to other publications produced by the organization: Footnote 876 (p. 329).
- References to the organization's website: Footnote 765 (p. 308); footnote 771 (p. 309); footnote 1200 (p. 402).
- References to the organization's petitions to the High Court of Justice: Footnote 765 (p. 308).

- The organization accuses Israel of attacking an innocent civilian despite the ruling of the Magistrate's Court: "In a recent decision concerning a claim on behalf of a Palestinian killed by helicopter fire the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court held that an air strike is clearly an act of war "that the legislator intended to make immune to prosecution" even when the plaintiffs showed that the victim was a civilian standing on the roof of his house." (Footnote 1203, p. 402)
- The organization undermines the legality of the Israeli government's actions: "The legality of some of the measures imposed by the Government of Israel (the reduction in the supply of electricity and fuel) was the subject of a petition to the Supreme Court of Israel." (Footnote 194, p. 85)
- The organization accuses Israel and the IDF of inhumane and degrading treatment: "On 28 January 2009, seven Israeli human rights organizations appealed ...concerning the "appalling conditions in which Palestinians arrested during the fighting in Gaza were held, and the humiliating and inhuman treatment to which they were subjected..."" (Section 1108, p. 233)
- The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General did not reply". The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "...the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)
- The organization accuses Israel of arresting women and children: "According to information that the Mission received, hundreds of Gazans, including women and

¹²² Page 451 of the Goldstone Report.

children, were detained by the Israeli armed forces during the military operations. Their exact number is not known. Some were held for hours or days in homes, other buildings or sandpits in the Gaza Strip; others were taken into detention in Israel, either immediately or after an initial period of detention in the Gaza Strip. A number of people were held in army bases (e.g. Sde Teiman Correspondence with HaMoked, 22 July 2009)." (Footnote 544, p. 232)



6. Public Committee against Torture in Israel

The Public Committee against Torture in Israel was founded in 1990 and has stated that it "advocates for all persons – Israelis, Palestinians, labor immigrants and other foreigners in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) – in order to protect them from torture and ill treatment by the Israeli interrogation and law enforcement authorities. These include the Israel Police, the General Security Service (GSS), the Israel Prison Service and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). PCATI acts in accordance with moral and democratic values, and the standards set in Israeli and International law."123

Main activity against IDF policy: Petitions to the High Court of Justice against alleged torture by Israeli security forces during the interrogation of Palestinian suspects.

Examples:

December 2008	During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the GazaHeb $^{\rm 124}$ website, which accused the IDF of war crimes.
December 2009	Published a report accusing the IDF of changing the warfare doctrine, resulting in the deliberate damaging of civilian infrastructure on a massive scale and the death of hundreds of civilians who were not involved in the fighting. ¹²⁵
2009	Member of GazaWar 126 website, which published a movie and testimonies accusing the IDF of committing war crimes.

Connection with the New Israel Fund

PCATI is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006-2008 the fund transferred \$52,888 to PCATI, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 24,046	\$ 13,842	\$ 15,000	\$ 52,888

Like many other organizations supported by the New Israel Fund, PCATI's profile appears on the fund's website, with details of the organization's goals, background information on its activities, operational strategy and main achievements. 127

¹²³ From the organizations website – http://www.stoptorture.org.il/en/odot [23/12/09]

¹²⁴ See website - www.GazaHeb.Blogspot.com [23/12/09]

¹²⁵ From the organization's website - http://www.stoptorture.org.il/files/lelo_Hisoos_HEB_WEB.pdf [23/12/09]

¹²⁶ See website - www.gazawar.co.il/page/2 [23/12/09]

¹²⁷ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/index.php?dfn=org_page&id=741&org_id=101. [23/12/09]

PCATI's activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Stories from the field," 128 "Press releases" 129 and "Latest achievements." 130 The organization's activities and achievements are also featured in the electronic newsletter sent to the New Israel Fund's subscribers. 131 PCATI is described on the fund's website as an organization that "operates with the fund's assistance." 132

PCATI's influence on the Goldstone Report

PCATI appears in Annex III of the report, as one of the organizations that replied to the committee's call for submissions and provided it with material and information. ¹³³

In the body of the report, PCATI is mentioned many times in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, PCATI is mentioned in the following contexts:

- The citation of documents the organization sent to the committee: Footnote 545 (p. 233); footnote 547 (p. 253).
- Testimonies of the organization's activists before the committee: Footnote 772 (p. 309); footnote 551 (p. 234).
- References to the organization's reports: Footnote 773 (p. 309); footnote 820 (p. 317); footnote 821 (p. 317).
- References to testimonies and affidavits gathered by the organization: Footnote 552 (p. 234); footnote 554 (p. 235).
- References to petitions and letters from the organization: Footnote 546 (p. 233); footnote 1136 (p. 383).
- References to the organization's petitions to the High Court of Justice: Footnote 167 (p. 75); footnote 778 (p. 310).

- The organization undermines the legality of the Israeli government's actions: "The legality of some of the measures imposed by the Government of Israel (the reduction in the supply of electricity and fuel) was the subject of a petition to the Supreme Court of Israel." (Footnote 194, p. 85)
- The organization accuses Israel and the IDF of inhumane and degrading treatment: "On 28 January 2009, seven Israeli human rights organizations appealed ...concerning the "appalling conditions in which Palestinians arrested during the fighting in Gaza were held, and the humiliating and inhuman treatment to which they were subjected..."" (Section 1108, p. 233)
- The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General did not reply". The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "...the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from

¹²⁸ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1363. [23/12/09]

¹²⁹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1351. [23/12/09]

¹³⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1869. [23/12/09]

¹³¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/preview.php?id=1649. [23/12/09]

¹³² From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1851. [23/12/09]

¹³³ Page 451 of the Goldstone Report.

- whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)
- The organization accuses Israel of torture: "Accusations of torture and other ill-treatment during arrest, interrogation and detention are common. See.... examples of torture practised in the briefing by PCATI and the World Organisation against Torture to the Committee (April 2009);" (Section 1446; footnote 772, p. 309)



7. Yesh Din

Yesh Din was founded in 1990 and has stated that it was organized "to oppose the continuing violation of Palestinian human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory." The purpose of the organization is "to achieve a long-term structural improvement in the human rights situation in the OPT. We work for an immediate and meaningful change in the Israeli authorities' practices by documenting and disseminating accurate and up-to-date information about the systematic violation of human rights in the OPT, by raising public awareness of such violations, and by applying public and legal pressures on government agencies to end them. 135

Main activities against IDF policy:

- Lawsuits against IDF soldiers, alleging crimes against Palestinians and their property.
- Providing legal aid to Palestinians who claim they were hurt by the IDF or Israel Police.

Examples:

Ongoing activity	Lawsuits against military court rulings concerning terrorists and the				
	investigation and the handling of their cases.				
2006	Petitioned the High Court of Justice against the IDF directive banning				
	Palestinians from traveling in Israeli cars. 136				
2008	Publication of data on an increase in Palestinian suits against the IDF. These				
	suits, many of which were bogus, were made possible by support from				
	"human rights organizations."				
December 2008	During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the				
	GazaHeb ¹³⁷ website, which represents a number of organizations and				
	accused the IDF of war crimes.				

Connection with the New Israel Fund

Yesh Din is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$193,948 to Yesh Din, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 57,182	\$ 63,123	\$ 73,643	\$ 193,948

Like many other organizations supported by the New Israel Fund, Yesh Din's profile appears on the fund's website, with details of the organization's goals, background information on its activities, operational strategy and main achievements. 138

¹³⁴ From the organization's website - http://www.yesh-din.org/site/index.php?page=about.us&lang=en [23/12/09]

¹³⁵ Ibid.

¹³⁶ From the organization's website - http://www.yesh-din.org/site/index.php?page=presscoverage&id=20&lang=he [23/12/09]

¹³⁷ See website - www.GazaHeb.Blogspot.com [23/12/09]

¹³⁸ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/index.php?dfn=org_page&id=741&org_id=72. [23/12/09]

Yesh Din's activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates"¹³⁹ and "Press releases." ¹⁴⁰ The organization's activities and achievements are featured in the electronic newsletter sent to the New Israel Fund's subscribers¹⁴¹ and in the reports published from time to time by the organization on the fund's website, under "Organizations' reports." ¹⁴² Yesh Din is described on the fund's website as an organization that "operates with the fund's assistance," ¹⁴³ and even as "part of the New Israel Fund family. ¹⁴⁴

Yesh Din's influence on the Goldstone Report

Yesh Din appears in Annex III of the report, as one of the organizations that replied to the committee's call for submissions and provided it with material and information.¹⁴⁵

In the body of the report, PCATI is mentioned many times in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, PCATI is mentioned in the following contexts:

- References to the organization's reports: Footnote 81 (p. 61); footnote 752 (p. 301); footnote 771 (p. 309); footnote 773 (p. 309); footnote 1164 (p. 392) footnote 1169 (p. 393).
- References to position papers produced by the organization: Footnote 1159 (p. 391).
- References to petitions and letters from the organization: Footnote 546 (p. 233); footnote 1136 (p. 383).
- References to other publications produced by the organization: Footnote 740 (p. 299).
- References to the organization's petitions to the High Court of Justice: Footnote 765 (p. 308).

- The organization accuses Israel and the IDF of inhumane and degrading treatment: "On 28 January 2009, seven Israeli human rights organizations appealed ...concerning the "appalling conditions in which Palestinians arrested during the fighting in Gaza were held, and the humiliating and inhuman treatment to which they were subjected..."" (Section 1108, p. 233)
- The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General did not reply". The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "...the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)

¹³⁹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1855. [23/12/09]

¹⁴⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1351. [23/12/09]

¹⁴¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/preview.php?id=1649. [23/12/09]

¹⁴² For example, the report on the indictments against IDF soldiers during and following the second intifada. From the NIF's website – http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1616 and a report on the handling of Palestinian complaints against settlers – http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1110. [23/12/09]

¹⁴³ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1670. [23/12/09]

¹⁴⁴ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/preview.php?id=1649. [23/12/09]

¹⁴⁵ Page 451 of the Goldstone Report.



8. Physicians for Human Rights - Israel

Physicians for Human Rights-Israel was founded in 1988 with the declared goal of "struggling for human rights, in particular the right to health, in Israel and the Occupied Territories" and is an association that "opposes the occupation and acts to end it, and views it as a source and reason for human rights violations." ¹⁴⁶

Main activities against IDF policy: Petitions to the High Court of Justice alleging the IDF and the State of Israel are depriving Palestinians of their basic human rights to health, by imposing security restrictions in the territories.

Examples:

Ongoing activity	Regular publication of reports against the IDF, alleging the extortion of patients waiting for medical treatment and alleging the consistent violation of the medical rights of residents of the West Bank and Gaza.
December 2008	During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the GazaHeb website, 147 which represents a number of organizations and accused the IDF of war crimes.
October 2009	Complaint filed with the defense minister alleging IDF interference in the organization's humanitarian aid and preventing the organization's members from entering the Gaza Strip.

Connection with the New Israel Fund

Physicians for Human Rights–Israel is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$505,537 to PHRI, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 227,817	\$ 65,004	\$ 210,716	\$ 503,537

Physicians for Human Rights–Israel appears on the New Israel Fund website as a "graduate of the fund's assistance program" and as an organization that "operated in the past with the fund's assistance." 149

Even so, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel's activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates" and

¹⁴⁶ From the organization's website- http://www.phr.org.il/default.asp?PageID=79 . The latter half of the organization's description is translated from the Hebrew "About" page and is absent in the English version. [23/12/09]

¹⁴⁷ www.GazaHeb.Blogspot.com [23/12/09]

¹⁴⁸ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1639. [23/12/09]

¹⁴⁹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1867/ [23/12/09]

¹⁵⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1646. [23/12/09]

"Press releases," ¹⁵¹ as well as in the electronic newsletter sent to the New Israel Fund's subscribers. ¹⁵² In addition, the reports published from time to time by Physicians for Human Rights-Israel also appear on the fund's website, under "Organizations' reports." ¹⁵³

Physicians for Human Rights-Israel's influence on the Goldstone Report

Physicians for Human Rights–Israel appears in Annex III of the report, as one of the organizations that replied to the committee's call for submissions and provided it with material and information ¹⁵⁴and in Annex I, which details the names of the organizations and people who met with the committee in order to submit information. ¹⁵⁵

In the body of the report, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel is mentioned many times in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel is mentioned in the following contexts:

- The committee's interviews with the organization's activists: Footnote 1037 (p. 362).
- References to the organization's reports: Footnote 436 (p. 177); footnote 481 (p. 194); footnote 601 (p. 260); footnote 630 (p. 263); footnote 834 (p. 320).
- References to petitions and letters from the organization: Footnote 546 (p. 233); footnote 1136 (p. 383).
- References to the organization's petitions to the High Court of Justice: Footnote 668 (p. 280).

- The organization accuses Israel of attacking ambulances and medical personnel: "Two petitions were filed with the Supreme ... to order the Government to ensure that the Israeli armed forces did not attack ambulances and medical personnel and that sufficient electricity and fuel were supplied to enable hospitals, water and sanitation systems to function during the conflict... On 19 January, as military operations ended, the Supreme Court ruled denying both petitions." (Footnote 668, p. 280)
- The organization undermines the legality of the Israeli government's actions: "The legality of some of the measures imposed by the Government of Israel (the reduction in the supply of electricity and fuel) was the subject of a petition to the Supreme Court of Israel." (Footnote 194, p. 85)
- The organization accuses Israel and the IDF of inhumane and degrading treatment: "On 28 January 2009, seven Israeli human rights organizations appealed ...concerning the "appalling conditions in which Palestinians arrested during the fighting in Gaza were held, and the humiliating and inhuman treatment to which they were subjected..."" (Section 1108, p. 233)
- The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General

¹⁵¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1351. [23/12/09]

¹⁵² From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/preview.php?id=1374. [23/12/09]

¹⁵³ For example, A report on a visit to the Gaza Strip by a delegation of PHR doctors, From the NIF's website – http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1523. [23/12/09]

¹⁵⁴ Page 432 of the report.

¹⁵⁵ Page 432 of the report.

- did not reply". The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "...the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)
- "The underlying meaning of the attack on the Gaza Strip... appears to be one of creating terror without mercy to anyone..." quote from the referenced PHR-I report: "Physicians for Human Rights-Israel and Palestinian Medical Relief Society, "Final report: Independent fact-finding mission into violations of human rights in the Gaza Strip during the period 27.12.08-18.01.09", pp. 51-55 available at: http://www.phr.org.il/phr/files/articlefile_1241949935203.pdf. (Footnote 436, p. 177)



9. Gisha Legal Center for Freedom of Movement

Gisha Legal Center for Freedom of Movement was founded in 2005 and has stated that it aims to protect the freedom of movement of Palestinians, especially Gaza residents. Gisha promotes rights guaranteed by international and Israeli law.¹⁵⁶

Main activities against IDF policy: Public and legal activity against the IDF, alleging the violation of the basic human right of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza by restricting their movement.

Examples:

2005	Partnered with the organization for the academic boycott against Israel. The British Union of Universities and Colleges adopted a decision calling for an academic boycott of Israeli institutions of higher education, in protest of the treatment of the Palestinians.
December 2008	During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the GazaHeb ¹⁵⁷ website, which represents a number of organizations and accused the IDF of war crimes.
2009	Petitioned the High Court of Justice on behalf of 9 Israeli human rights organizations, demanding the supply of fuel and electricity to prevent the collapse of essential infrastructure services in Gaza. ¹⁵⁸
2009	Appealed to the defense minister (along with 9 other Israeli human rights organizations) regarding the continued prevention of the transfer of fuel, cooking gas and goods to the Gaza Strip. ¹⁵⁹

Connection with the New Israel Fund

Gisha is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$35,625 to Gisha, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 14,929	\$ 900	\$ 19,796	\$ 35,625

¹⁵⁶ From the organization's website - http://www.gisha.org/index.php?intLanguage=2&intSiteSN=137&intItemId=10 7 [23/12/09]

¹⁵⁷ See website - www.GazaHeb.Blogspot.com [23/12/09]

¹⁵⁸ From the organization's website - http://www.gisha.org/UserFiles/File/Legal%20Documents%20/Gaza%20 Infrastructures%202009/fuel%20petition-final-7_1_09.pdf [23/12/09]

¹⁵⁹ From the organization's website - http://www.gisha.org/UserFiles/File/Legal%20Documents%20/Gaza%20 Infrastructures%202009/fuel%20petition-final-7_1_09.pdf [23/12/09]

Gisha's activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates" and "Press releases." 161

Gisha's influence on the Goldstone Report

Gisha appears in Annex III of the report, as one of the organizations that replied to the committee's call for submissions and provided it with material and information ¹⁶²and in Annex I, which details the names of the organizations and people who met with the committee in order to submit information. ¹⁶³

In the body of the report, Gisha is mentioned many times in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, Gisha is mentioned in the following contexts:

- References to the organization's reports: Footnote 601 (p. 260).
- References to position papers produced by the organization: Footnote 877 (p. 330).
- References to the organization's petitions to the High Court of Justice: Footnote 668 (p. 280).
- References to petitions and letters from the organization: Footnote 546 (p. 233); footnote 1136 (p. 383).
- References to other publications produced by the organization: Footnote 876 (p. 329).

- The organization accuses Israel of denying food from the civilian population and challenging the court ruling: "At the height of the military operations, several NGOs appealed to the Government of Israel to... allow for the functioning of vital services....
 On 19 January, as military operations ended, the Supreme Court ruled denying both petitions (Footnote 667, p. 280).
- The organization undermines the legality of the Israeli government's actions: "The legality of some of the measures imposed by the Government of Israel (the reduction in the supply of electricity and fuel) was the subject of a petition to the Supreme Court of Israel." (Footnote 194, p. 85)
- The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General did not reply". The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "...the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)

¹⁶⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1746. [23/12/09]

¹⁶¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1351. [23/12/09]

¹⁶² Page 432 of the report.

¹⁶³ Page 432 of the report.



10. Bimkom - Planners for Planning Rights

Bimkom – Planners for Planning Rights has stated that it was founded in 1999 " by a group of planners and architects, in order to strengthen democracy and human rights in the field of planning in the State of Israel." seek to affect system–wide change by encouraging the development of new planning policies and procedures that are more equitable and responsive to the needs of the various communities." ¹⁶⁴

Main activity against IDF policy: Alleges that the IDF damaged civilian infrastructure during security operations

Examples:.

Ongoing activities:	Petitions against the demolition of terrorists' homes
	Petitions against damaging civilian infrastructure during IDF activity
December 2008	During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the GazaHeb ¹⁶⁵ website, which represents a number of organizations and accused the IDF of war crimes.
2009	Sample petition: "Architects and planners, we call on you to join this petition, which appeals to the Israeli government, demanding a halt to the continuing damage to civilian infrastructure, services and access of the Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip." 166
2009	Press conference on January 14, with 8 other human rights organizations, calling for urgent humanitarian aid to Gaza and warning of the clear and imminent threat to the lives and welfare of tens of thousands of civilians.

Connection with the New Israel Fund

Bimkom is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$923,221 to Bimkom, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 239,500	\$ 349,150	\$ 334,571	\$ 923,221

Like many other organizations supported by the New Israel Fund, Bimkom's profile appears on the fund's website, with details of the organization's goals, background information on its activities, operational strategy and main achievements. 167

¹⁶⁴ From the organization's website - http://eng.bimkom.org/Index.asp?ArticleID=106&CategoryID=134&Page=1. [23/12/09]

¹⁶⁵ See website - www.GazaHeb.Blogspot.com [23/12/09]

¹⁶⁶ From the organization's website - http://www.bimkom.org/petitionView.asp?petitionId=16 [23/12/09]

¹⁶⁷ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/index.php?dfn=org_page&id=741&org_id=23. [23/12/09]

Bimkom's activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates," 168 "NIF in the press" 169 and "Latest achievements." 170 The organization's activities and achievements are also featured in the electronic newsletter sent to the New Israel Fund's subscribers. 171 Bimkom is described on the fund's website as an organization that "operates with the New Israel Fund's assistance," 172 and even as "part of the New Israel Fund family." 173

Bimkom's influence on the Goldstone Report

In the body of the report, Bimkom is mentioned a number of times in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, Bimkom is mentioned in the following contexts:

- References to the organization's reports: Footnote 858 (p. 326); footnote 873 (p. 328); footnote 892 (p. 333).
- References to petitions and letters from the organization: Footnote 1136 (p. 383).

- The organization undermines with the legality of the Israeli government's actions: "The legality of some of the measures imposed by the Government of Israel (the reduction in the supply of electricity and fuel) was the subject of a petition to the Supreme Court of Israel." (Footnote 194, p. 85)
- The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General did not reply." The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "...the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)

¹⁶⁸ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1460. [23/12/09]

¹⁶⁹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1222. [23/12/09]

¹⁷⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1547. [23/12/09]

¹⁷¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/preview.php?id=1649. [23/12/09]

¹⁷² From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1409/ [23/12/09]

 $^{173 \ \} From the \ NIF's \ website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1639.\left[23/12/09\right]$



11. Shomrei Mishpat - Rabbis for Human Rights

Shomrei Mishpat – Rabbis for Human Rights was founded in 1988 with the declared aim to "give voice to a Jewish and Zionist tradition of concern for Human Rights. 174

Main activity against IDF policy: Joint activities with other organizations to prevent the demolition of terrorists' homes and against the security policies in the West Bank.

Examples:

December 2004	Rabbi Eric Asherman was indicted for standing in front of a bulldozer in order to delay the demolition of Palestinian terrorist's' home. 175
December 2008	During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the GazaHeb 176 website, which represents a number of organizations and accused the IDF of war crimes.
2009	Member of the GazaWar ¹⁷⁷ website, which published a video clip and testimonies accusing the IDF of war crimes.

Connection with the New Israel Fund

Rabbis for Human Rights is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$249,914 to Rabbis for Human Rights, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 184,295	\$ 28,171	\$ 37,448	\$ 249,914

Rabbis for Human Rights' activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates," Stories from the field," Press releases." Rabbis for Human Rights is described on the fund's website as an organization that "operates with the fund's assistance" and as a "veteran organization that operates with the fund's assistance."

¹⁷⁴ From the organization's website - http://www.rhr.org.il/page.php?name=about&language=he [23/12/09]

¹⁷⁵ From the Rabbis for Human Rights website - http://www.rhr-na.org/stop_home_demolitions [23/12/09]

¹⁷⁶ See website - www.GazaHeb.Blogspot.com [23/12/09]

¹⁷⁷ See website - www.gazawar.co.il/page/2 [23/12/09]

¹⁷⁸ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1622. [23/12/09]

¹⁷⁹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=888. [23/12/09]

¹⁸⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1351. [23/12/09]

¹⁸¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1867. [23/12/09]

¹⁸² From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=888. [23/12/09]

Rabbis for Human Rights' influence on the Goldstone Report

In the body of the report, Rabbis for Human Rights is mentioned a number of times in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, Rabbis for Human Rights is mentioned in the following contexts:

- References to petitions and letters from the organization: Footnote 1136 (p. 383).
- References to the organization's petitions to the High Court of Justice: Footnote 891 (p. 333).

- The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General did not reply". The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "...the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)
- The organization accuses the Supreme Court of allowing the country to destroy all of the houses in an entire village, except one: "On 26 January 2009, the High Court of Justice of Israel rejected a petition submitted by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and Rabbis for Human Rights on behalf of the Palestinian residents of Khirbet Tana, "effectively allowing the State to destroy all of the village's houses but one, despite the lack of viable planning alternatives for the area's Palestinian residents."" (Section 1539, p. 333)



12. Itach – Women Lawyers for Social Justice

Itach — Women Lawyers for Social Justice was founded in 2001 with the declared aim to "promote social justice for women." 183

Connection with the New Israel Fund

Itach is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$357,938 to Itach, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 134,200	\$ 85,838	\$ 137,900	\$ 357,938

Like many other organizations supported by the New Israel Fund, Itach's profile appears on the fund's website, with details of the organization's goals, background information on its activities, operational strategy and main achievements.¹⁸⁴

Itach's activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates" ¹⁸⁵ and "Latest achievements." ¹⁸⁶ Itach is described on the fund's website as an organization that "**operates with the fund's assistance**." ¹⁸⁷

Itach's influence on the Goldstone Report

In the body of the report, Itach is mentioned in support of the committee's claims and findings in the following context:

References to petitions and letters from the organization: Footnote 1136 (p. 383).

Key quotes from the Goldstone Report:

The organization is a signatory of the letter sent to the attorney general, accusing the IDF of war crimes: "The NGOs sent another letter, but this time the Attorney General did not reply." The letter includes allegations of war crimes: "...the armed forces of the State are suspected of involvement in grave violations of international law (from whence arises the suspicion of responsibility for engaging in war crimes)." (Footnote 1136, p. 383)

 $^{183 \ \} From the organization's website - http://www.itach.org.il/about/about.html [23/12/09]$

¹⁸⁴ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/index.php?dfn=org_page&id=741&org_id=113/ [23/12/09]

¹⁸⁵ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1800. [23/12/09]

¹⁸⁶ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1842. [23/12/09]

¹⁸⁷ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1804. [23/12/09]



13. Other Voice

Other Voice – A group for a civil solution in the Sderot–Gaza region, has stated that it is "a grassroots group that has no political aspirations. We are citizens of the Sderot region and the Gaza region. We are interested in finding creative ways of hearing a new voice from the region and for promoting hope and non-violent actions for the benefit of the locals who live here in Sderot and in the Gaza Strip." ¹⁸⁸

Connection with the New Israel Fund

Other Voice received a special grant from the New Israel Fund for one of the events it held (a bicycle trip from Sderot to Gaza). 189

Other Voice's activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section and under "Latest updates." Other Voice is described on the fund's website as an organization that "**received the fund's assistance in the past.**" Other Voice's profile appears on Shatil's website, with details of the organization's goals and background information. Shatil's website likewise publicizes news of activities organized by Other Voice.

Other Voice's influence on the Goldstone Report

In the body of the report, Other Voice is mentioned in support of the committee's claims and findings in the following context:

• The committee's interviews with the organization's activists: Footnote 1006 (p. 355); footnote 1034 (p. 361).

¹⁸⁸ From the organization's website - http://www.othervoice.org/welcome-eng.htm [23/12/09]

¹⁸⁹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org/issue-areas/stories/hello-gaza-sderot-calling.html. [23/12/09]

¹⁹⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1531. [23/12/09]

¹⁹¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1646. [23/12/09]

¹⁹² From the organization's website - http://www.shatil.org.il/organization/17403. [23/12/09]

¹⁹³ From the organization's website - http://www.shatil.org.il/event/17405. [23/12/09]



14. Coalition of Women for Peace organizations:

Coalition of Women for Peace was founded after the outbreak of the second intifada and is an umbrella organization for ten feminist peace movements. The organization also holds activities independently. The Coalition has stated that its goals are: "A commitment to ending the occupation; to the full involvement of women in peace negotiations; reducing the militarism in Israeli society; and economic and social equality and justice for all Israeli citizens and residents." The movements that are members in the Coalition collaborate with one another in their various activities and receive logistic and financial support from the umbrella organization — the Coalition. The ten organizations that operate within the Coalition include Women in Black, Machsom Watch, the Fifth Mother and New Profile. 195

Main activities against IDF policy: The coalition serves as an umbrella organization for 10 other organizations, including Machsom Watch and New Profile. The coalition encourages draft evasion and backs organizations that operate against IDF policies.

Examples:

2002	Public screening of banned film "Jenin Jenin." 136
2004	Supported the release of terror activist Tali Fahima from jail. 197

2006 Supported the refusal of pilot (res.) Yonatan Shapira to report for reserve

duty.198

2008 Provided financing and organization for New Profile's campaign supporting

draft evasion. 199

December 2008 During Operation Cast Lead the Coalition was a member of the website

GazaNow, which accused Israel of war crimes.

For example, a letter signed by the Women's Coalition for Peace was sent to the Prime Minister of Canada accusing Israel of committing war crimes. 200

December 2008 Publication of a notice on New Profile's Internet forum 199: Notice 2538

calls for Women's Coalition for Peace to publicize descriptions of Israeli war crimes internationally: "Gaza needs your voice. While men and women are being slaughtered, the big communications networks in America have instigated a communications blackout in Gaza. They refuse to show the

death, killings and humanitarian crisis."

¹⁹⁴ From the Coalition's website - http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/hebrew/about/general_info/ [23/12/09]

¹⁹⁵ From the Coalition's website - http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/hebrew [23/12/09]

¹⁹⁶ From the Coalition's website - http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/english/events/public_screening_banned_film [18/01/10]

¹⁹⁷ From the Coalition's website - http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/hebrew/events/190105_tali%20Fahima/ [23/12/09]

¹⁹⁸ From the Coalition's website - http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/english/articles/yonatan_shapira_1006 [23/12/09]

¹⁹⁹ From the Coalition's website - http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/hebrew/events/sarvaniot_181208/

²⁰⁰ From the Gazanow website - www.gazanow.wordpress.com/category/calls-for-action [23/12/09]

Coalition of Women for Peace demands the prosecution of senior Israeli officials in Britain

On December 22, 2009, nearly 100 leftist feminist organizations, including Israeli and Palestinian organizations, sent a letter to British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and to British Foreign Secretary David Miliband, demanding that they not restrict the principle of universal jurisdiction on Britain. The organizations want Brown and Miliband to allow British to try Israeli officials, including former prime minister Ehud Olmert, Defense Minister Ehud Barak and Knesset opposition leader Tzipi Livni, who the organizations claim share the responsibility for the alleged war crimes perpetrated in Operation Cast Lead in January 2008.

This letter was initiated by Coalition of Women for Peace and was signed by 99 organizations from 25 countries. The letter was sent following Gordon and Miliband's recent declarations that they will restrict universal jurisdiction in the UK after an arrest warrant issued last week by a London court against Livni.

"We reach out to the international community aiming to protect the people of our region, Palestinians and Israelis alike, from war criminals that still walk freely among us," said Eilat Maoz, CWP General Coordinator. "As Israelis, we have an important role in supporting the international pressure on Israel. The vast response to our call demonstrates that the international community has lost its patience to the Israeli occupation."²⁰¹

The involvement of Coalition of Women for Peace organizations in the Goldstone Report

1. Machsom Watch: Machsom Watch was founded in 2001 and states that it has three goals: "to monitor the behavior of soldiers and police at checkpoints; to ensure that the human and civil rights of Palestinians attempting to enter Israel are protected; and to record and report the results of our observations to the widest possible audience, from the decision-making level to that of the general public."²⁰²

Main activity against IDF policy: Hinders IDF activities at road blocks.

Examples:

- Promoting the delegitimization of IDF searches at road blocks.
- Tendentious publications around the world, tarnishing IDF operations against the Palestinian population at road blocks.

2. New Profile: New Profile – Movement for the Civilization of Israeli Society, was founded in 1998. The organization defines itself as "a group of feminist women and men" who "are convinced that they need not live in a soldiers' state." They therefore "are no longer willing to take part in such choices; will not go on enabling them by obediently, uncritically supplying soldiers to the military which implements them; will not go on being mobilized, raising children for mobilization, supporting mobilized partners, brothers, fathers, while those in charge of the country go on deploying the army easily, rather than building other solutions."²⁰⁴

²⁰¹ See http://www.codepink4peace.org/article.php?id=5245 for the text of the CWP's press release, the letter and a list of the signatories. [23/12/09]

²⁰² From the website of Coalition of Women for Peace, the umbrella organization of which Machsom Watch is a member: http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/english/organizations/machsom_watch [23/12/09]

²⁰³ From the organization's website - http://www.newprofile.org/english/?p=21 [23/12/09]

²⁰⁴ Ibid.

In keeping with these goals, New Profile operates openly against IDF service and preaches draft evasion and refusal to serve. The organization disemminates information on service and non-service in the IDF and operates a "Counseling Network for those who choose to refuse or avoid military service."

Main activity against IDF policy: Radical feminist-pacifist struggle against IDF draft and reserve duty.

Examples:

Coordinating activities encouraging draft evasion and refusal to serve.

Ongoing activities Petitions and demonstrations against motivational lectures by IDF officers

in high schools. 205

December 2008 During Operation Cast Lead, the organization was a member of the

Gazanow²⁰⁶ website, which represents a number of organizations and

accused the IDF of war crimes.

January 7, 2009 A number of organizations, including organizations from the Women's

Coalition for Peace (New Profile and Women in Black) signed a notice published in Israel and abroad. A quotation from the announcement: "...We refuse to remain silent while Israeli leaders force Israeli soldiers to commit war crimes: crimes against humanity for which they will one day be called to account. Israeli soldiers of conscience can, and must, stop this dangerous, illegal, and immoral war... Therefore, we call on you to use all measures possible to stop these atrocities against the Palestinian people. Flagrantly illegal orders must not simply be disobeyed, but actively and effectively

opposed."207

3. Who Profits from the Occupation? In addition to the organizations that operate under its auspices, the Coalition has a separate project called Who Profits from the Occupation? This project's declared aim is to "research the Occupation industry" in order to "raise this issue to the public agenda in Israel and around the world."²⁰⁸ The project calls for an economic boycott of Israeli defense industries. As a result of this call for a boycott, Norway has reduced its investment in Israeli defense industries including Elbit. ²⁰⁹

 $^{205 \ \} From the \ Hebrew \ Ynet \ website - http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340, L-3523799, 00.html \\ [23/12/09]$

²⁰⁶ From the Gazanow website - www.Gazanow.wordpress.com [23/12/09]

²⁰⁷ From the American Jews for a Just Peace website - http://www.ajjp.org/campaigns/signStatement.php?cid=15 [18/01/09]

²⁰⁸ From the project site - http://www.whoprofits.org/About%20Hebrew.php. [23/12/09]

²⁰⁹ From the Global BDS Movement website - http://bdsmovement.net/?q=node/497 [23/12/09]

Connection with the New Israel Fund

Coalition of Women for Peace is one of the organizations supported by the New Israel Fund. In 2006–2008 the fund transferred \$285,509 to the Coalition, as follows:

2006	2007	2008	Total NIF donations to the organization in 2006-2008
\$ 243,194	\$ 22,233	\$ 20,082	\$ 285,509

Nabila Espanioly, a member of the New Israel Fund's board of directors, was one of the Coalition's founders. ²¹⁰

The Coalition's activities are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section and under "Latest updates" and "Press releases." ²¹²

No exact figures are available regarding the sums received by Coalition organizations from the New Israel Fund, but the Coalition does provide some of their budgets. New Profile, for example, notes on its website that the Coalition is one of its financial backers. ²¹³

Machsom Watch recruits funding directly from the New Israel Fund, as noted on the organization's website. ²¹⁴ Like many of the other organizations supported by the New Israel Fund, Machsom Watch's profile appears on the fund's website, with details of the organization's goals, background information on its activities, operational strategy and main achievements. ²¹⁵

In addition, Machsom Watch's' activities and achievements are regularly publicized on the New Israel Fund's website in the New Israel Fund News section, under "Latest updates," ²¹⁶ "Stories from the field," ²¹⁷ "Press releases", ²¹⁸ and "NIF in the press." ²¹⁹ Letters published by the organization also appear under "Organizations' reports." ²²⁰ Machsom Watch is described on the fund's website as an organization that "**operates with the fund's assistance**" and as a "veteran organization that operates with the New Israel Fund's assistance." ²²¹

²¹⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1867. [23/12/09]

²¹¹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1836. [23/12/09]

²¹² From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1835. [23/12/09]

²¹³ Eg. on page 23 of the organization's annual report for 2007 http://www.newprofile.org/data/uploads/ NewProfile2007Report.pdf. [23/12/09]

²¹⁴ From the organization's website - http://www.machsomwatch.org/en/contact_us. [23/12/09]

²¹⁵ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/index.php?dfn=org_page&id=741&org_id=61. [23/12/09]

²¹⁶ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1880. [23/12/09]

²¹⁷ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1181. [23/12/09]

²¹⁸ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1195. [23/12/09]

²¹⁹ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1198. [23/12/09]

²²⁰ From the NIF's website - http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1200. [23/12/09]

²²¹ From the NIF's website – http://www.nif.org.il/?id=1195. [23/12/09]

Coalition of Women for Peace organizations' influence on the Goldstone Report

In the body of the report, Women's Coalition for Peace organizations are mentioned in support of the committee's claims and findings. Among others, Women's Coalition for Peace organizations are mentioned in the following contexts:

- 1. **Machsom Watch**: References to the organization's report: Footnote 850 (p. 325). The committee's interviews with the organization's activists: Footnote 1052 (p. 367); footnote 1060 (p. 368); footnote 1081 (p. 371).
- 2. **New Profile**: References to letters from the organization: Footnote 1052 (p. 367); footnote 1060 (p. 368).
 - The committee's interviews with the organization's activists: Footnote 1054 (p. 367); footnote 1059 (p. 368); footnote 1081 (p. 371); footnote 1088 (p. 372).
- 3. **Who Profits from the Occupation**: References to the project's website: Footnote 883 (p. 331).

Key quotes from the Goldstone Report:

New Profile accuses Israel of restricting freedom of speech following the opening of
a criminal investigation against the organization by the State Prosecutor's Office
"According to a letter written by the lawyer for New Profile to the Attorney General, the
meaning of the scope of activity of the court order is that investigators can also search
within legally privileged material" (Section 1726, p. 374)

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APPENDIX I

Cooperation between the New Israel Fund and its Organizations and Israeli Government Bodies and the Jewish Agency

1. Active Citizenship is a civics education program run jointly in Israeli high schools by the NIF and the Education Ministry. The program's aim is to strengthen Israel's political-democratic culture and to establish civics as a major, compulsory subject, like mathematics and English. The program will introduce Israeli students to a rich civic language and offer them the opportunity to be personally involved in their communities. The cooperation with the Education Ministry is manifest in the participation of NIF representatives in the ministry's committees and in the training of teachers to teach this subject. In addition, the students are encouraged to participate in various campaigns in their cities.

http://www.nif.org.il/?id=990

- 2. The Fans for the Prevention of Violence in Sports is a joint project between the NIF, the Sports Administration of the Culture and Sports Ministry, the Metzila branch of the Internal Security Ministry and the Israeli Football Association, in cooperation with fans at Saturday soccer games. The goal of this project is to reduce violence and racism at soccer games.
 - http://www.mcs.gov.il/Units/Sport/Violence/Projects/ohadim.htm
- 3. **Fidel** was founded in 1996 and has been operating with the assistance of the NIF since 1998. The organization's goal is to promote the social integration of Ethiopian immigrants and to narrow the social and educational gaps. The **Jewish Agency** asked the organization to lead groups of parents in immigrant absorption centers.
 - http://www.nif.org.il/index.php?dfn=org_page&id=741&org_id=53
- 4. Taglit-Birthright is a joint project between the Israeli government, the Jewish Agency, the United Jewish Communities and Jewish philanthropists. Each year Taglit-Birthright tours bring thousands of Jewish youth from around the world to Israel for their first visit, to learn about the country and increase their awareness of and interest in Jewish matters. Taglit-Birthright and the NIF operate a unique tour: Discover Israel: Peace, Pluralism and Social Justice. The joint tour "explores the country from a progressive perspective, focusing on both domestic social and political issues as well as larger questions of a just and lasting peace for Jews and Arabs both. The trip includes fascinating encounters with Israeli activists and non-government organizations working for minority rights, environmental justice, gender equality, religious pluralism, and peace in the region."

http://www.nif.org/get-involved/niftrip/upz-birthright.html

1. Active Citizenship – a joint project between the NIF, the Israel Venture Network and the Education Ministry



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איך אני יכול לתרום ולהשפיע

תוכנית אזרחות פעילה

58 שנים לאחר הקמת מדינת ישראל, החברה הישראלית טרם אימצה באופן מלא את העקרונות והערכים המצויים

• 50% בלבד מתנגדים ל"דרישה שהממשלה תעודד אזרחים ערבים להגר מישראל."

• רק 53% מאמינים כי "יש להתיר השמעת ביקורת ציבורית חריפה על מדינת ישראל.

• בבחירות 2006 נרשם שיעור ההצבעה הנמוך ביותר בהיסטוריה של ישראל.

• ממוצע ציוני הבגרות באזרחות ב-2006 היה, כמדי שנה, הנמוך ביותר.

כמשטר הרצוי בישראל, כפי שעולה מהנתונים:

מספרים אלו אינם מפתיעים לאור העובדה שיותר ממחצית מתלמידי ישראל אינם לומדים אזרחות כלל. מקצוע האזרחות נלמד בצורה לא סדירה וברמה בסיסית ביותר בתיכונים, ורק ב-30% מחטיבות הביניים הוא נלמד כמקצוע בחירה. רוב המורים בישראל לא עברו הכשרה בהוראת אזרחות, ורק לאחרונה, בסיוע הקרן החדשה לישראל, נפתחו מסלולים להשתלמות בתחום. כמו-כן, ישנו מחסור חמור בחומרי לימוד איכותיים.

בבסיסה של כל חברה דמוקרטית – שוויון זכויות, מעורבות אזרחית, בחירות. מחקרים שנתיים שעורך המכון הישראלי

לדמוקרטיה מצביעים על מגמה מתמשכת ומדאיגה, בעיקר בקרב בני נוער, של העדר הבנה ותמיכה בדמוקרטיה

כחלק מהמחויבות לדמוקרטיה, צדק חברתי והחברה האזרחית, יצרה הקרן החדשה לישראל, בשיתוף עם רשת הון סיכוי לישראל ומשרד החינוך, את התוכנית "<mark>אזרחות פעילה</mark>" הפועלת לחיזוק התרבות הפוליטית הדמוקרטית בישראל. מטרת התוכנית היא לאפשר לכל תלמידי ישראל לרכוש שפה אזרחית עשירה ולחוות, באופן אישי, מעורבות בקהילה. התוכנית שואפת למסד את מקצוע האזרחות כמקצוע חובה בבתי-הספר, לצד אוריינות, מתמטיקה, מדעים/מחשבים ואנגלית.

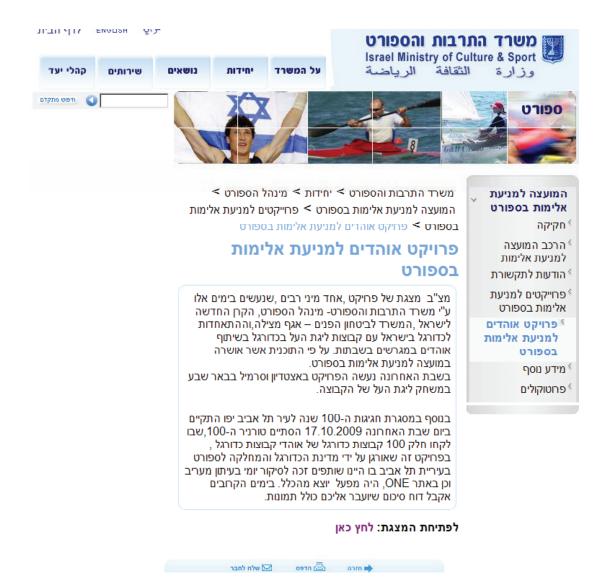
האסטרטגיות של הקרו

- פרויקט ניסויי בשדרות מיושם מאז 2005 וכולל ארבעה מרכיבים:הכשרת מורים בתחום האזרחות; פיתוח תוכניות לימוד; הוראת אזרחות כמקצוע חובה בכל שכבות הגיל; התנסות בפרויקט בקהילה. יישום הפרויקט יימשך בכל עשרת בתי הספר בשדרות (דתיים וחילוניים) גם בשנת הלימודים 2006/7 וכן יורחב למספר ערים נוספות. הפרויקט מוכיח כי ניתן ליישם תוכנית לימודים באזרחות ודמוקרטיה מא' עד יב'. הפרויקט משמש גם כמעבדה לפיתוח חומר לימוד המשלבים דרכי הוראה חדשניות בכיתה עם פרויקטים בקהילה ומאפשרים לתלמידים לחוות אזרחות פעילה. דוגמאות לפרויקטים כאלו הם:
 - 0 *קמפיין בטיחות בדרכים וניקיון* קבוצות של תלמידים מבתי-ספר יסודיים זיהו מעברי חציה מסוכנים ואזורים הדורשים ניקיון ברחבי העיר וארגנו קמפיין של משלוח מכתבים למועצה.
- 0 קידום זכויות לאנשים עם מוגבלויות תלמידי חטיבות הביניים איתרו בניינים ואתרים אשר אינם נגישים ועיצבו כרדות
 - 0 אזרחות לעולים חדשים תלמידי תיכון לימדו עולים חדשים על החברה הישראלית ועל המערכת הפוליטית. 0 יישוב סכסוכים – תלמידי תיכון למדו טכניקות של גישור ויישמו אותן בבתי הספר כחלק מהמאבק באלימות. 0 אזרחים מעודכנים – תלמידי תיכון מבקרים ומנתחים שידורי חדשות ברדיו ובטלוויזיה, דנים בנושא ויוצרים קליפ
 - סנגור וקידום ברמה ארצית של הנושא, במטרה לעודד ולסייע למשרד החינוך במחויבות שלקח על עצמו לממן, לפתח וליישם תוכנית ליבה באזרחות, המשלבת בין תיאוריה ומעשה. פעילות זו כוללת, בין השאר, מפגשים עם מעצבי מדיניות ופקידים בכירים, השתתפות בועדה לפיתוח תוכניות לימוד של משרד החינוך, הפצת חומרים וגיוס תמיכה ציבורית רחבה לשיפור החינוך האזרחי.

- מסע הסברה מוצלח הניב המלצות ממשלתיות ורפורמות לניסוח תוכנית ליבה באזרחות בכיתות א'-יב' המשלבת בין תיאוריה ומעשה; להעלאת הדרישות עבור בחינת הבגרות; לחובת השתתפות בקורס באזרחות לכל הסטודנטים במסלולים של הכשרת מורים ולהרחבת רשיון ההוראה כדי להכשיר מורים נוספים.
 - הכשרה של למעלה מ-700 מורים בחינוך אזרחי, ייסוד תוכניות לימוד למורים באוניברסיטאות, פיתוח ואישור של תוכניות הכשרה עבור מורים, בשיתוף עם משרד החינוך.
 - מיפוי מקיף של חומרי הלימוד והארגונים הפועלים בתחום וגיבוש ראשוני של חומרי קריאה, חומרי לימוד אינטר אקטיביים ומדריכים למורה בנושא.

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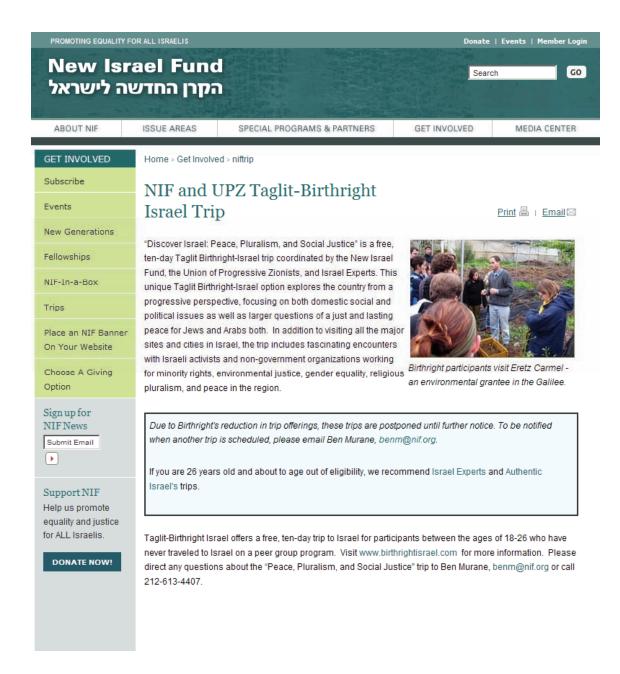
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