

THE WEXNER FOUNDATION

WEXNER ISRAELI ALUMNI IN ACTION



As we learn about ever-emerging needs, we will add to this growing list of worthy initiatives seeking partnership and support. Please review what is happening among our Wexner Network and reach out to the Alumni using the contact links provided. Where there are no links, please contact TWF Program Coordinator, Sharon Zini directly at: szini@wexner.net to connect with those alumni and their initiatives.

DIALOGUE AND COMMUNICATION

The Hagar Association for Arab Jewish Education for Equality

The school's community lost a beloved teacher on October 7th. The initiative is focused on healing and strengthening the community through dialogue meetings and joint events.

<https://www.hajar.org.il/en>

Living Together in Mixed Organizations in Jerusalem

Accompanying non-institutional or governmental companies and organizations in Jerusalem that employ Arabs and Jews during and after the war.

Project Light House

Confront and counteract the long-term impact of widespread misinformation about the war with Hamas within the global community.

Rays of Hope- Uniting Against Hamas

Reach over 15 million European Muslims, isolate Hamas and its allies, and create a division between Muslims and Hamas.

The 10/7 Eternal Truth Vault- Fighting Antisemitism & Denial

Supporting volunteers to build the 10/7 truth vault. Realistically many volunteers will vanish soon, while antisemitism and 7/10 denial are here to stay and will only increase. Support a senior full time professional to lay the foundations for a lasting and sustainable truth vault and initiate a set of strategic partnerships to take this project to the next level.

USA For Israeli Democracy

Fighting disinformation in the US about the October 7th Massacre in Israel. USA for Israeli Democracy (US4IL.org) is a not-for-profit volunteer organization that provides comprehensive information in English to explain the risks to Israeli democracy during wartime, refute disinformation about the Oct. 7 Hamas attack, combat antisemitism, and help get the hostages released.

<https://ameinu.net/usa4israelidemocracy>

DIRECT HUMAN SERVICES

Aleh - The Society of Blind & Dyslexic Students in Israel

Offering immediate professional emotional support to blind and visually impaired persons all over Israel with special attention to their unique situation and needs and supplying practical help such as lending auxiliary equipment for those who were evacuated from their homes.
<https://www.alehblind.org.il/>

Emergency Relief

Supporting an Emergency Response for 60 foster families in the Gaza Envelope who were directly impacted by the terror attack.
<https://summit.org.il/en/>

ESNA – Emergency Special Needs Assistance

To enable a nationwide scale-up of this unique initiative in anticipation of the growing struggles of people with special needs who have been displaced, including necessary solutions in areas of security, care, living, accessibility and education.
<https://www.hackautism.org/esna>

Gvanim Association for the Development of Education, Community & Environment

Assisting 8 to 10 families with special needs children from Sderot with monthly support of NIS 2,000 for 6 months.
<https://www.gvanim.org.il/he>

War-Time City Aid

Combating food insecurity and teen crisis among Tel Aviv - Yafo residents affected by the war.
<https://telavivfoundation.org/>

Woman to Woman

Through professional therapeutic interventions, food shelter and practical assistance, this program seeks to minimize the impact of the war on women and children who have endured domestic violence and already suffer from PTSD.
<https://en.jerusalemshelter.org.il/html5/?id=12562&did=8500&G=12562>

ZAKA

ZAKA has been in the field since October 7 collecting the bodies and the remnants of the massacred victims. The magnitude of the event exceeds current funds and equipment from scrapers and spatulas, to body bags, dry field body shower wipers, helmets, and flashlights.
<https://zakaworld.org/>

EDUCATION

Building Resilience and Crisis Management MBA Program at the Ono Academic College

Scholarships for heads of authorities and officials in councils and municipalities in the area surrounding Gaza and the conflict line area in the north of the country.

<https://www.ono.ac.il/eng/curriculum/m-b-a-in-business-administration-specialization-in-risk-crisis-resilience/>

Children with a Chance - The Association for the Protected Child

Provide laptop computers for children without a family background who live in boarding schools. Due to the war, there is a need for remote learning, so these children have no way of participating in class without a device.

<https://yeladim.org.il/en/>

Mateh Asher Community Center

Helping local municipalities (Nahariya, Mateh Asher) to provide tablets to children/families who need them for the continuation of their home education through remote learning.

<https://www.matnasmatteasher.org.il/index.php>

Mikveh Israel

Providing 80 computers, for boarding school students who are unable to attend physical classes, with 40 allocated for general students and 40 specifically for computer science studies.

<https://www.mikveisrael.org.il/>

Mila Tova – A Nice Word

The new Mila Tova program is creating the content and accessible teaching tools, materials, and expert support both for Municipal Education Departments and the Hartman Institute's network of 1,000 educational leaders, so they are equipped to lead meaningful, constructive, and supportive, classroom conversations with their traumatized students, and infuse hope and encourage solidarity.

<https://heb.hartman.org.il/good-word-beeri-shorts/>

Mind the Gap

Provide academic and practical tools to support Tel Aviv University law students impacted by the war, including peer mentorship, small group tutorials, development of accessible materials, career plan re-adjustment and supporting students who were drafted for reserve duty, evacuated from their homes in the south or the north of the country, and other adversely impacted students, such as those whose close relatives were murdered, wounded, captive or missing.

EVACUEES

Alon & Ella “Iron Swords” Emergency Aid

Alon and Ella is now operating 5 operation rooms to respond immediately to evacuated residents, who are staying in shelters, families of the injured victims in 7 hospitals across Israel and IDF soldiers on the front line and staging areas. With over 6000 active volunteers who are ready to respond and process any need from the field.
<https://www.alonandella.com/english>

Community Village for Evacuees - Har Hanegev Search & Rescue Team

Providing equipment to shelter evacuees from the Gaza border and the northern border for an extended period.
<https://www.negev.org/donate/>

HAMAL- PETACH TIKVA (Operations Room)

Funds the city of Petach Tikva Operations Room- accommodations and operational expenses.

Reviving Resilience Activities by Nir Oz Student Village

Miraculously, all members of the student village survived. Currently, these students and the members of Nir Oz are refugees in Eilat with other evacuated survivors. The initiative aims to revive the activity of the members of the student village as part of their own resilience as well as the resilience of the other survivors.
https://kedma-hityashvut.org/en/student_villages/nir-oz/

Respite Activities in National Parks for Evacuated Communities

Support children and their families that have been struck during the war and evacuated from their homes on the conflict line, with the goal of providing them with some respite in national parks and nature reserves in the areas to which they have been evacuated.

Rose Colored Glasses

Evacuating Holocaust survivors from the war zones (south and north), using our network of contacts at the HMOs and hospitals to ensure they continue to receive prompt & professional medical care while away from their homes and local health clinics, including transfer to medical appointments countrywide. Expanding operation hours to meet all needs, war-related and ongoing.
<https://mvrudot.org/>

HOSPITALS

ADI Negev Rehab Village

ADI Negev Rehab village for brain damaged residents, is the only rehab hospital in the south, right in the attacked area of Ofakim. Open a new rehab dept for treatment of dozens of wounded from current conflict, keeping the facility operational with full staff.

<https://adi-il.org/adi-negev/>

Alyn Hospital - Pediatric & Adolescent Rehab Center

ALYN Hospital currently has "safe spaces" and shelters, but they are small. Should the entire Hospital need to enter protected spaces all at once and for a prolonged period of time, the hospital will need to use all of its underground space, which is not up to the highest safety standards at this moment.

<https://www.alyn.org/>

Friends of the Carmel Haifa Medical Center Association

Procuring orthopedic bone saws that are heavily used in trauma surgery.

<https://hospitals.clalit.co.il/carmel/en/Departments-and-Outpatient-Clinics-main/Pages/Contribution-from-the-heart.aspx>

Friends of The Rambam Medical Center

Providing medical equipment which will be needed in case of missile attack on the northern region.

<https://aforam.org>

Friends of Soroka Association

Israeli hospitals are facing demands of many of injuries, most notably gunshot wounds. To effectively treat these gunshot wounds and aid in the healing process, there is a need for VAC (Vacuum-Assisted Closure) devices which are indispensable for removing secretions and facilitating wound healing.

<https://www.soroka.org/>

Hadassah Israel

Extend greater patient care without delay to both soldiers and civilians in light of the horrific attacks on Israel and given the unprecedented demand for rehabilitation services equipping the newly constructed Rehabilitation Center at Hadassah Hospital, Mount Scopus.

<https://www.hadassah.org/how-we-help/our-hospitals>

Lev Hasharon Mental Health Medical Center Integrative Psychedelic Clinic

Provide personalized psychedelic oriented treatments to patients suffering acute trauma as a result of the terror attacks on Saturday 7th October 2023, especially participants in the Nova Party in Re'im.

https://www.lev-hasharon.co.il/?page_id=2125

Rehab of Youngsters & Soldiers – Reut Hospital

Conversion of treatment rooms into hospitalization rooms for the rehabilitation of young people and soldiers.

<https://www.reuth-mc.org.il/en/>

INFANT CARE, CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

Aid For War Orphans – Big Brothers/Sisters Of Israel

We work with the Ministry of Defense to pair war orphans with big brothers/sisters, and seek to expand the program for children who suffered a loss in the current war. In addition, many children in both the north and south require tablets or laptops to connect with their big brothers/sisters and their friends to whom we have connected them.

<https://www.israelgives.org//amuta/580411395>

Amit Association -Amitim Lemada Program

Amit – the association of IDF technologic unit alumni operate scientific educational programs for youth. The association now focuses efforts extensively on children in the southern region and supports them with inspiring activities during these times of crisis.

<https://81amit.org.il/>

Olal Help & Love – Babies Aid Campaign

Delivering essential milk replacement baby formulas such as Materna and Similac, along with necessary baby bottles and related supplies to support the surge of mothers unable to financially support their babies nutrition, in the areas affected in the south of Israel.

<https://en.checkid.co.il/company/YemvK28-580224855>

REBUILDING COMMUNITIES

Rebuilding Communities by Alumot Organization

Working closely with representatives from 7 Kibbutzim that were displaced due to the terror attack, mapping long term needs and raising funds to resettle them and aid in their recovery.

Rehabilitation of Kibbutz Nir Oz

Help Kibbutz Nir Oz to rehabilitate itself after the brutal terrorist attack on 7 of October.

SECURITY

City of Ashdod Security Corp and Units
Purchase of immediate equipment for the security volunteer and security standby units.

Hof Ashkelon & Eshkol On-Call Units

Equipping the Operation Rooms in Hof Ashkelon and Eshkol Regional Councils with technological communication in order to solve the critical disconnection problem between the Operation Rooms (located in a bullet-proof structure with no reception) and the on-call units.

Protecting Moshav Talmei Yosef on the Border of Gaza

Talmei Yosef has a perimeter fence that needs security cameras to protect the village from incursions.

The Kiryat Gat Foundation

The cost of renovating a single shelter ranges between a few hundred Shekels and 7,000 Shekels. There are many dozens of shelters across the city in need of renovation.

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES IN THE SOUTH

Iron Business Platform

Iron Business Platform will support the expansion of an initiative created by a survivor from Nachal Oz who has established a digital platform to connect businesses in hard-hit areas in the south and north with consumers worldwide, saving the livelihoods of hundreds of small business owners in Israel.

<https://kedma-hityashvut.org/en/>

Organic Israel (RA) for the Gaza Envelope Agricultural Farms

Organic Israel is a volunteer non-profit consisting of experienced farmers and agri-tech specialists. Our main goal right now is to support the Gaza Envelope agricultural communities - organic and non-organic - which were dealt a severe blow during the current war. Since this geographical area is a critical agricultural region of the country (known as Israel's Barn), it is imperative to work rapidly to restore these farmlands and guard our national food security. After mapping the needs of these farms, we are ready to provide immediate First Aid, such as repair and purchase of critical agricultural infrastructure, replacement of stolen equipment, technical and professional support, etc. We are sure that our assistance has a vital impact on these farms, which strive to return - even under constant fire - to being productive again.

<https://www.israelorganit.org/>

Legacy Forward-

In memoriam of the Kedem-Siman Tov family z"l

The initiative aims to preserve the enduring legacy of this remarkable family and provide support to the survivors of the Nir-Oz community through a one-on-one, long-term mentoring program for affected families and assistance for emerging leaders within the Nir-Oz community. While the majority of the work will be carried out by dedicated volunteers, funding will be required in two months for a part-time project manager, necessary professionals, and operational costs.

Additionally, community events and activities will be organized, and funding will be necessary to address any future needs of the community that may arise.

Social Finance Israel

As the war in Israel continues, many businesses in the south are closed and continue to be affected by the ongoing conflict. While the government will distribute grants and aid funds, the process can take several months. We are launching a zero-interest bridge loan fund that will get funds to businesses fast and will be repaid as soon as government funds are received.

<https://www.social-finance.org.il/>

TRAUMA AND MENTAL HEALTH

Dugri – “Real Talk”

Deploying a digital platform – app in Israel to address the huge need for combating PTSD and to fill the gap in existing therapeutic resources.

Association of Friends of the Jerusalem Center For Mental Health Kfar Shaul - Itanim

Establishment of a multi sensory relaxation room in an in-patient mental health ward to treat post trauma war victims.

<https://www.jgive.co.il/new/en/gbp/charity-organizations/1620>

Building Resilience in Bedouin Unincorporated Villages in the Negev

During the horrific events of October 7th, dozens of Bedouins were killed or taken hostage to Gaza. The resilience centers in southern Israel are not equipped to work with the unincorporated villages. Therefore basic therapeutic and emotional care (“first aid”) training is needed for the education, welfare, and healthcare professionals in these villages in order to treat the ongoing trauma and work to minimize post-trauma.

For Tomorrow / “Bishvil Hamachar”

Assistance for IDF veterans including current reservists, in dealing with combat-related trauma through facilitated outdoor group activity.

<https://www.bshvil.org/>

IMFA - Integrative Medicine for All

The resilience center for trauma injury is an urgent need and provides for a huge number of those suffering from trauma and a large population with PTSD evacuated to Bat Yam Hotels.

<https://www.imfa.co.il/en/imfa-integrative-medicine-for-all/>