

THE NEW ISRAEL FUND OF CANADA

In 2011, New Israel Fund of Canada empowered and supported Israelis for whom solving Israel's internal problems is personal, dramatic and urgent. Here are some highlights.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Lack of access to information regarding social and economic entitlements hinders the successful integration of the Ethiopian community into Israeli society. Recent events such as an Ethiopian Israeli couple in Kiryat Malachi that was denied the right to purchase an apartment based on a formal agreement among several homeowners associations, have highlighted problems that still face the community. NIFC's agent SHATIL has worked with the NGO Tebeka, to optimize their ability to empower and ensure equal recognition of their community. **Tebeka responded quickly and effectively by educating and mobilizing the community to deal with such issues.**

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS

An 11 year-old boy—the son of a homeless, alcoholic illegal resident—had his temporary residence status revoked. A call to the NIFC-supported human rights hotline led to the involvement of The Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI). ACRI—Israel's leading civil rights NGO—intervened with the Ministry of Interior, which led to a renewal of his temporary status and will lead to permanent status. **More than 1300 people were helped by NIFC and ACRI when they called the human rights hotline in 2011.**

RELIGIOUS PLURALISM AND TOLERANCE

Reflecting the diverse and complex composition of Israeli society, **hundreds of Israelis participated in study and learning sessions** in honor of the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. The sessions explored a range of moral issues including the acceptance of disabled peoples, racism and the fragility of the environment. Ten NIFC-sponsored sessions were held by groups often not previously associated with NIFC and included secular, immigrant and inter-faith communities.

EDUCATION IN CANADA



New Israel Fund of Canada provides a unique space for Canadians to engage with Israel, celebrating its achievements and exploring the pressing challenges it faces as well as broadening the conversation about Israel. In October of 2011, NIFC hosted a groundbreaking four-hour event that focused on inequality and the state of democracy in Israel. Headlined in Toronto by NIF President Professor Naomi Chazan, **over 500 people attended, with remote participation in seven Canadian cities.** To watch, visit tinyurl.com/7brxda2.

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