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IATF MISSION

The Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues (IATF) is a non-partisan resource center on Arab citizens and Jewish-Arab relations in Israel that provides educational services tailored for American Jewish organizations. Through programs, publications, and partnerships, IATF promotes American Jewish discourse and engagement on these issues that are informed by the complex realities, trends, and developments on the ground.

In 2022, IATF continued to focus on strategic partnerships that integrate issues facing Arab citizens into the fabric of major American Jewish organizations. Since our founding in 2006, overall awareness of Arab minority issues has grown. Today, key organizations seek to promote Arab socio-economic development, fund shared society efforts, or to bring these issues into the field of Israel education. By providing resources, training, and learning opportunities, IATF helps these organizations model best practices for American Jewish engagement and expand our overall impact on American Jewish discourse.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

IATF was created by a leadership coalition in 2006 to raise American Jewish awareness about Arab citizens of Israel. Then, as it is now, our mission has been driven by a commitment to Jewish peoplehood, democratic values, and a vision of Israel that fulfills the promises of its Declaration of Independence.

Since its founding, IATF has been strengthening ties between two communities with many shared and overlapping values: American Jewish leaders, organizations, and funders, and the growing field of Israeli leaders, officials, and organizations working to reduce inequalities and foster more inclusive and resilient relations between Jewish and Arab citizens.

Over the years, enormous strides have been made in enhancing Arab citizens' access to higher education, to the labor market, and to new levels of prominence in national politics. But these successes are still only an indication of potential. Political tensions, fluctuations in Jewish-Arab relations, high crime rates in Arab society, and flashpoints in the wider Israeli-Palestinian conflict challenge the vision of a more shared and cohesive society.

American Jewish communities, who care so deeply about Israel, are also challenged by these issues. More than ever, American Jewish leaders deserve opportunities to share in longstanding efforts to foster stronger Jewish-Arab relations that contribute to a vision of a secure, diverse, and cohesive Israeli society.

IATF’s work of connecting American Jewish leaders with trusted, professional insights on the Arab minority and experts in the field could not be more important.

Brian Lurie  Ariel Zwang, JDC CEO
Co-Chair  Co-Chair
IATF 2022 IN NUMBERS

56 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
22 LAY & PROFESSIONALS PROGRAMS
15 PUBLIC-FACING EVENTS
11 FOUNDATION FORUM
8 MISSIONS AND SITE VISITS

29 Event & Program Partners
National and regional communal organizations, professional and constituent networks, educator and advocacy organizations

50 Israeli Speakers
First-person insights from Arab and Jewish leaders and changemakers

2000 People Reached
More than 2000 people attended IATF events in 2022 in-person and virtually

76 Active Members
American Jewish federations, foundations, communal, religious, and advocacy organizations
2022 was pivotal year for Jewish-Arab relations in Israel. It began with a government that included the first-ever Arab party (Ra'am) in a coalition and saw the advancement of multiple budgets for Arab socio-economic development. The year ended with new elections following that government’s dissolution. A new coalition was formed with far-right parties that were voted in following muscular, anti-Arab campaigns. The new reality cast uncertainty on budget implementation, Arab political participation, and on shared society trends moving into 2023.

**Budgets.** GR-550 (the NIS 30 billion socio-economic development plan approved in late 2021) began implementation in 2022, with advances felt in transportation, urban planning, employment, higher education, and education, to name a few. Also known as "Takadum", this plan is a framework for an array of budgets including a NIS 5.2 billion plan for Negev Bedouin and a first-ever plan for Arab residents of mixed cities. In addition, the government passed a NIS 2 billion budget in response to crisis-level crime rates in Arab society which combine a focus on prevention and on increased law enforcement.

**Shared Society.** In the wake of the violent events of May 2021, overall focus on advancing shared society in Israel grew on national, local, and civil society levels. In 2022, for example, the Ministry of Education established recommendations for advancing shared living in the public education streams. The Ministry of Negev Galil budgeted shared society projects to strengthen the social fabric in mixed cities. Major civil society organizations initiated or expanded efforts to develop shared living capacities among Israeli Jews and Arabs.

**Political Discourse.** The Bennett-Lapid government functioned across significant differences but was weakened as pressure mounted on both right-wing and Arab MKs against making concessions. The government fell after failing to renew legislation extending Israeli Law for Israeli settlers in the West Bank. Meanwhile, right-wing opposition to Jewish-Arab political partnerships grew and became a source of increased support for ultra-right-wing parties at the end of 2022.
AS GOVERNMENT investments in Arab socio-economic development grew over the last decade, so did the partnerships between government offices, NGOs and philanthropy. In 2022, IATF Foundation Forum met national and local government officials, civil sector experts, researchers, and thought-leaders to hear their insights into priorities and program developments in the field.

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1. Negev Bedouin Workgroup (met 3 times and 1 field visit)

2. Government Plan Summaries

3. In-Depth Collaborations (JFN, SVF, UJA-Federation of NY)

Photos, L-R, T-B:
1. Professor Zvi Eckstein, Aaron Institute for Economic Policy
2. Gap Year for Arab Society, Eran Schwartz, Ministry of Social Equality
3. Negev Bedouin Workgroup Field Day
4. Maisam Jaljuli, Na'am, JFN 2022 International Conference
5. The Economic Plan for Socioeconomic Development in Arab Society (2022-2026), Hassan Towafra, Authority for Economic Development
6. Launch Meeting on Financial Inclusion

CRIME PREVENTION | MIXED CITIES | LOCAL AUTHORITY CAPACITIES | STEM PROMOTION
SHARED SOCIETY | EMPLOYMENT | GOVERNMENT BUDGETS
FINANCIAL INCLUSION | GAP YEAR PROGRAMS
PARTNERSHIPS

In recent years, IATF focused on strategic partnerships that anchor in-depth, data-rich learning within organizations that influence American Jewish discourse and engagement with Israel. In 2022, those flagship partnerships were with the iCenter and the Boston-Haifa Connection of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies.

**iCenter:** IATF worked closely with iCenter professionals to develop learning resources for educators.

- **Complex Identity seminar.** A module now part of the iCenter’s experiential education certificate program, including meeting and discussion with Arab presenters.

- **Companion resources:** A co-branded infographic fact sheet, residency chart, and source sheet are regularly distributed, updated, and used in a wide variety of educator trainings.

**CJP Boston-Haifa Connection:** sought a facilitated strategic learning and planning process on building shared society in Haifa:

- **Advisory Task Force meetings.** IATF developed and ran 7 joint and 3 unilateral meetings for 25 American Jewish, Arab, and Jewish Haifaiim; produced insights and recommendations report.

- **Preliminary outcomes.** Commitment to more shared processes that brings Jewish and Arab Haifaiim into the planning and CJPs shared society committee.

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**ISRAEL EDUCATION**

Young American Jews are at the forefront of divisiveness on Israel. Insights into day-to-day realities and professional developments related to Arab citizens provide new entry points for education.

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**WALKING THE WALK**

The Boston-Haifa Connection’s commitment to partnership and shared society brought local Jewish and Arab stakeholders deep into the planning process, fostering change on the ground and in the organization.
COMMUNAL PROGRAMS

In 2022, IATF continued to partner with dozens of communal organizations around programming that deepened knowledge and awareness of Arab citizens and Jewish-Arab relations in American Jewish communities. Through in-person, hybrid, and in-the-field programs, IATF introduced Jewish and Arab experts on shared society, mixed cities, political partnership, economic development, housing and planning, access to employment and the start-up nation, and more, to diverse American Jewish audiences.

Field Visits. JDC Entwine Alumni visit the Rossing Center Open House in Ramle to learn about Jewish-Arab relations in mixed cities.

Community Programs. MK Ghaida Rinawie Zoabi and The Abraham Initiatives Co-directors Dr. Thabet Abu Ras and Amnon Be’eri Sulitzeanu presented at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Professional Programs: Sikkuy Co-Directors discuss breakthroughs and fragility in Jewish-Arab relations in Israel.

Zoom Discussions. Gadeer Kamal Greh and Mohammad Wattad shed light on the status of Jewish-Arab relations in a 2-part program of the Washington DC JCRC.

A full list of programs, speakers, and partners are available at the end of the report.
IATF’s annual meetings brought together American Jewish leaders, funders, and professionals for two days of in-person learning about major priorities in the field and for ongoing IATF as an educator and convener. Just days before the new administration in Israel was inaugurated, our discussions delved into the headway that was made over two decades of socio-economic development efforts, priorities in light of changing government agenda, and the resilience, potential, and risk to the civil sector that grew in parallel.
PUBLICATIONS

IATF in-depth reports, issue updates, podcast, and professional toolkits bring field insights, data, and a range of perspectives into accessible formats.

Podcast

IATF Shorts
Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues

Toolkits

Resources for professionals and educators.

Newsletter and Media Updates

Weekly media review, periodic newsletters, and posts cover ongoing developments in the field and IATF activities.

Briefing Papers

Reports on political events, Jewish-Arab relations, and government budgets.
# 2022 Financials

## Income

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In 2021 IATF announced our intention to diversify income beyond our core membership dues to enhance our educational capacities. In 2022, 'other income' reflects fee-for-service work and capacity building grants.

In 2023, IATF will continue fostering strategic partnerships while resuming full production of publications and programs for our wide member coalition. This includes increasing our communications capacities, updating our website, and launching new initiatives to enable more experiential programs and relationships with Arab citizens of Israel. While dues remain the heart of our coalition model, in 2023, IATF will continue diversifying our income streams.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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 Executive Director

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 Educational Programs Manager

TOVA REZNICEK  
 Writer and Program Associate
IATF MEMBERS

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Alisa Doctoroff
Ameinu
American Friends of Hand in Hand
American Friends of Hebrew University
American Friends of Kiddum / SAE
American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
American Society of the University of Haifa
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anti-Defamation League
Arrow Family Fund
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Central Conference of American Rabbis
Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston
Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations
Crown Family Foundation
Diane and Guilford Glazer Philanthropies
Fohs Foundation
Friends of the Daniel Centers for Progressive Judaism
Gilbert Foundation
Gimprich Family Foundation
Givat Haviva Educational Foundation
Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Hadassah
Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life
Jacob & Hilda Blausenstein Foundation
Jewish Agency for Israel
Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund of San Francisco
Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest New Jersey
Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh
Jewish Federation of Greater Washington
Jewish Federation of San Antonio
Jewish Federation of St. Louis
Jewish Federation of the Berkshires
Jewish Federations of North America
Jewish Funders Network
Jewish United Fund of Chicago
Jonathan Russo and Deborah Grayson
Joseph and Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds
Klarman Family Foundation
Marcia’s Light Foundation
Mimi and Peter Haas Fund
Morningstar Foundation
Naomi & Nehemiah Cohen Foundation
National Council of Jewish Women
New Israel Fund
One8 Foundation
Robert Kuchner & Phyllis Bernstein Philanthropic Fund (in memoriam)
Roni Rubenstein and Barry Berson Charitable Fund
Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society
The Abraham Initiatives
The Charles H. Revson Foundation
The CRB Family Foundation
The Hadassah Foundation
The Karev Foundation
The Lucius N. Littauer Foundation
The LunArt Fund
The Rayne Trust
The Russell Berrie Foundation
The Schocken Foundation
T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
UJA Federation of Greater Toronto
UJA-Federation of New York
Union for Reform Judaism
United Jewish Federation of San Diego County
Wils Family Foundation
Youngstown Area Jewish Federation
2022 ACTIVITIES


Jan 27 | Closed Stakeholder Briefing | JUF Chicago | Introduction to Druze Society with Sami Lahian. With Sami Lahiani, Director, Department for Economic Development in the Authority for Economic Development for Arab Society, Ministry of Social Equality, Ofer Bavly, Israel Director JUF Chicago and Maya Abarbanel, Program Director, Israel Office, JUF Chicago.

Feb 3 | Hillel Temeh | Peace and Understanding. With Erica Shaps, Educational Programs Manager, Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli-Arab Issues.

Feb 7 | IATF Foundation Forum | Collaborative Action on Crime Prevention in Arab Communities. With Prof. Badi Hasisi, Director of the Institute of Criminology, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Adv. Erez Padan, Deputy Director, Jerusalem District Attorney, Ministry of Justice and, Dr. Daniella Beinisch, Area Head at JDC-Ashalim.

Feb 14 | UJA Federation of New York | Discussion of GR 550. With Ilan Amit, Content Expert and Israel Representative & Summer Jaber-Massarwa, Content Specialist, Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues.

Feb 15 | Developments in Arab Society In Israel Part 2 | Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington. With Mudar Yunis, Mayor of Arara-Ara Chair, Israel's National Council of Arab Mayors, and Yael Mevorach, Former Director General Israel's Ministry for Social Equality.

Feb 22 | DC JCRC | Lawyers lunch. With Prof. Mohammed Wattad, Dean of Law, Zefat Academic College.


Feb 24 | Conference of Presidents Delegation | The Advancement of Women in Israeli Society. With Ms. Rivka Ravitz, former Chief of Staff to former President of Israel Reuven Rivlin, Dr. Dalia Fadilla, Provost, Al-Qasemi Academy and Tziona Koenig Yair moderator.


March 9 | IATF Foundation Forum | Negev Bedouin Work Group: Introduction, Presentation of 2398, Discussion of Interest and Focus Areas. With Ilan Amit, Israel Representative and Content Expert, Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues, and Brenda Zlatin, Senior Programs Officer, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation.
2022 ACTIVITIES

March 10 | Howard County Federation | Introductory Program. With Yasmeen Abu Fraiha, Director of Yasmin, and Dr. Anwar Mhajne, Assistant Professor, Stonehill College.

March 19 | JCC Cincinnati | Film Screening: A Common Goal. With Erica Shaps, Educational Programs Manager, Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues.

March 24 | Jewish Agency for Israel | Senior Shlichim Conference. With Summer Jaber-Massarwa, Content Specialist, and Erica Shaps, Educational Programs Manager, Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues.

March 24 | The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore. With Mohammad Darawshe, Director of Strategy, Givat Haviva Educational Center.

March 27-29 | Jewish Funders Network | Jewish Funders Network 2022 International Conference. With Maisam Jaljuli, Co-Chair Sikkuy-Aufoq and Itay Tsachar, CEO Jaljulye Local Council, and Summer Jaber-Massarwa, Content Specialist, Inter-Agency Task force on Israeli Arab Issues.

March 28 | iCenter | Birthright certificate program. With Baraa Sharif, Social Change Organizer, Shatil and Rabea Zioud, Co-Founder and CEO Hasoub.


March 29 | Closed Stakeholder Briefing | UJA-NY | Marginalized Populations Committee Learning Session on Financial Inclusion. With Rasool Sa’ada, Director of Business Development Programs, MAOZ.


April 5 | Park Avenue and Central Synagogues | Jewish-Arab Partnerships: Building a New Future for Israeli Society. With the incoming Israeli Consul General in Shanghai and Member of Knesset, Ghaida Rinawie Zoabi, and co-directors of the shared society NGO The Abraham Initiatives, Dr. Thabet Abu Ras and Amnon Be’eri Sulitzeanu.


May 10 | New Israel Fund | Breakthroughs and Fragility: Jewish-Arab Relations in Israel. With the Co-Directors of Sikkuy Aufoq Amjad Shbita and Ofer Dagan.

2022 ACTIVITIES


May 15 | Yale Hillel Israel Birthright Trip program at Haifa University. With Erica Shaps, Educational Programs Manager, Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues.

May 15 | DCJCC Film Festival | The 21%: The Lives of Arab Citizens of Israel. With Director Orit Fouks Rotem, lead actor Joanna Said and founder of Na’am AWC "Arab Women in the Center, Samah Salaime.


June 13 | IATF Foundation Forum | Foundation Forum Meeting with AJEEC-NISPEP. With AJEEC-NISPEP's Ariel Dloomy, Co-CEO and Kher Elbaz, Chairman.


July 12 | Schusterman Center for Israel Studies | Summer Institute for Israel Studies Field Days on Arab Citizens and Shared Society. With Hammudi Said, Director of Community Social Work, Haifa Municipality, Dr. Rolly Rosen, Author, Shared Society Expert, Former Head of Haifa Shared City Project, Shatil, and Naim Obeid, Director, Akko Center of Art and Technology.


2022 ACTIVITIES


Aug 3 | iCenter | IATF X iCenter Shared Society Learning Process. With Kamal Aggbriyah, Head of Arab Teacher Integration, Merchavim.

Aug 4 | Urban Planning and Housing as Community Priorities in Arab Society. With Enaya Bana, Director of ACAP.

Sep 8 | The Arab Electorate and Israel’s 2022 General Elections. With Dr. Ameer Fakhoury, Co-Director of the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute ‘Nisan’ project.


Oct 22 | iCenter | IATF X iCenter Shared Society Learning Process. With Shahira Shalabi, IATF Content Expert and Field Representative.


Nov 3 | JCC Manhattan | Other Israel Film Festival Screening of Razzouk Tattoo. Q&A with Orit Ofir Ronell, director moderated by Erica Shaps, IATF Educational Programs Manager

Nov 8 | Social Venture Fund | Nazareth Day. With Liron Shoham, IATF Executive Director, and Ilan Amit, IATF Israel Representative and Content Expert.


Nov 15 | How is the Next Generation of Arab Citizens Doing? With Nasreen Hadad Haj’Yahya, Portland Trust.
2022 ACTIVITIES

Nov 20 | Social Justice Roundtable and New Israel Fund | Power sharing in mixed cities – Arab Representatives in Mixed Municipalities. With Abed Abu Shahada, Member, Tel Aviv Municipality Council, and Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues' Shahira Shalabi, Content Expert and Field Representative, and Ilan Amit, Israel Representative and Content Expert.

Nov 30 | Jewish Agency for Israel-Partnership2Gether | Creating Multicultural Space in Haifa. With IATF's Shahira Shalabi, Content Expert and Field Representative, on panel with Jafar Farah, Director, Adalah, and Asaf Ron, CEO, Beit Hagefen.

Dec 12 | IATF Foundation Forum | Financial Inclusion for Israel's Arab Citizens Launch Meeting. With Ilan Amit, IATF Israel Representative and Content Expert and Ruth Salzman, UJA-Federation of New York


Dec 12 | IATF 2022 Annual Meeting.
**Keynotes:** Shireen Natour Hafi (Director of Arab Education at the Ministry of Education), Nasreen Haddad Haj’ Yahya (Researcher, Co-founder of NAS Consulting, Partner at The Portland Trust), Dr. Einat Ronen (Director of Multi-Sectoral Collaboration, Prime Minister’s Office). **Partner Case Study Panel:** Aliza Goodman (iCenter), Ariel Libhaber (Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston), and Rana Fahoum (The Shalom Hartman Institute).