October 7th was a shattering event for Israel and all who are connected to it. The horrors inflicted that day, and the war that continues in its wake, reshaped perceptions of Israel’s realities and future. In the months since, which have been so full of heartache, uncertainty, and fear, overwhelming public mobilization and solidarity on the ground have been sources of light.

These include profound expressions of shared humanity and interdependence between Jewish and Arab citizens, despite tensions being at an all-time high. It also includes the outreach of so many American Jewish communities to Arab citizens, ensuring their emergency needs are seen and their challenges heard in ways that help maintain hope and cohesion in such a difficult time.

IATF was created in 2006 out of a recognition that American Jews could be a source of strength for one of Israel’s most consequential intergroup challenges. Today, in the face of an unprecedented strain, the American Jewish community is acting on the awareness gained over these years. Over these months, funders, educators, federations, communal, and religious leaders are connecting with and supporting organizations and leaders preserving Jewish-Arab relations; acts that we believe will buttress Israel and the Jewish people in the days and years ahead.

The annual report below tells a story of impactful education. Entering 2023 amid socio-political challenges in Israel, IATF education remained focused on sustaining members’ and partners’ abilities to understand shared society developments and implications beyond the headlines, fostering the robust partnerships, innovative programs, and deeper engagement that fill the pages below.

Sincerely,

Brian Lurie, Co-Chair
Ariel Zwang, JDC CEO
IATF 2023 IN NUMBERS

71 IATF Professionals
91 Speakers
77 Active Members
27 Event & Program Partners

52 Programs
- 20 Foundation Forum Events
- 12 Public and Israel Education Programs
- 9 Stakeholders Briefings
- 7 Conference Sessions
- 6 Missions & Site Visits

16 Issue Posts
9 Newsletters
71 IATF Briefing Papers
6 Educational Resources
36 Publications

1st IATF Speakers Fellowship Launched

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IATF MISSION

IATF is a non-partisan resource center on Arab citizens of Israel that provides educational services to American Jewish organizations. Through programs, field visits, publications, and trainings, IATF helps make these issues a meaningful, informed, and enriching part of American Jewish engagement, philanthropy, and education about Israel.

2023 was as transformative a year for IATF as it was challenging and heartbreaking.

Prior to October 7th, IATF achieved milestones in our Israel education portfolio including launching a Speakers Fellowship, producing an educational video, and expanding our professional trainings. In parallel, we ran multiple, in-depth learning days and facilitated discussions for funders, exploring how political polarization in Israel might affect philanthropic priorities for Arab society.

By year end, however, the events of October 7th and the ensuing war shocked everyone concerned with Israel. These events nonetheless redoubled our sense of responsibility to bring forth the experiences of Arab citizens as part of the emergency response and Israel’s recovery. We know that despite the difficult road ahead, the professional field on the ground is pushing ahead, and our members’ commitment is strong. In 2024, we continue to ensure the connections between our networks in Israel and North America remain fruitful.

IATF TEAM

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Programs Associate
Funder interest in Arab citizens of Israel continues to grow. For over 10 years, Israeli government investments in Arab socio-economic development drove philanthropic learning and engagement. In 2023, political polarization and a new governing coalition spurred inquiries about future policies and budgets. Since October 7, concern for Arab citizens that was built over these years proved stronger than expectations and continues to deepen.

Along with our ongoing briefings, IATF facilitated four intensive funder convenings in partnership with the Social Venture Fund, exploring how political changes affect efforts to narrow gaps and foster shared society.

At the JFN conference in March, our efforts to bring diverse Arab voices into workshops, sessions, and meetings reached new heights, with unprecedented number of Arab speakers across the conference.

Finally, in the challenging days following October 7, funders from across the American Jewish community responded to Arab citizens’ emergency needs, with hundreds attending our briefings alone.

Above, a selection of Arab and Jewish speakers* from 2023 Foundation Forum events. Hailing from academia, government, civil sector organizations, and politics, they reflect the range of expertise in the field and the diversity of influential and professional voices represented in our programs and resources.
ISRAEL EDUCATION

In 2023, IATF expanded our programs and partnerships with Israel Education organizations. Through trainings, program support, and resources, we help educators turn best practices, complex insights, and connections with Arab citizens of Israel into impactful pedagogy, experiences, and discourse.

**MILESTONES**

**Navigating Complex Conversations: Spotlight on Arab/Palestinian Citizens of Israel**

**Taglit Birthright**

We created a digital module for Birthright’s Yesodot platform with IATF training for US-based trip staffers.

**Taglit Birthright**

**iCon**

We led the first workshops dedicated to learning about Arab citizens of Israel at iCON, iCenter’s biennial conference.

**JAFI Senior Educators Mission**

After October 7, we organized a meeting with Bedouin rescuers for a senior educator solidarity mission.

**JETA Workshop**

IATF presented best practices to dozens of trip organizations at an Israel Education Travel Alliance workshop.
RESOURCES

Along with a train-the-trainers focus, we prioritized on growing our suite of resources for professionals including a high-quality video Introduction to Citizens of Israel, a Resource Library related to October 7, Solidarity Missions Guide, and movie guides for community programs.

A Brief Introduction to Arab Citizens of Israel

FOLLOWING OCTOBER 07

-resource Library on the Impact of Oct 7th on Jewish-Arab Relations and Arab Citizens
- Brief: Jewish-Arab Relations in the Shadow of the War
- Solidarity Missions Opportunities

-Bar Bahar Movie Guide
-Oriented Movie Guide

Brief: New Government, Protest Movement, and Arab Citizens of Israel
-Brief: Crime and Violence in Arab Society
Throughout 2023, we continued bringing insights about major developments in Israel and their impact on Arab Citizens of Israel to dozens of organizations via speaker programs and site-visits. American Jewish organizations and audiences were eager for discussion of how political and governance changes in Israel affect Arab citizens. After October 7th, we provided meaningful opportunities to hear from, and learn about, the complex experience of Arab citizens in the aftermath.

Top photo: Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University Summer Institute on an IATF arranged visit to the Um Al Fahm municipality to for a discussion with the mayor and local officials about local challenges and priorities.
In 2023, IATF launched a Speakers Fellowship for next generation Arab changemakers. The Fellowship responds to growing desire of American Jewish educational and communal organizations for opportunities to engage with Arab citizens of Israel in ways that deepen authentic connections with Israel, while addressing the need for strong English-speaking Arab presenters and professionals in Israeli civil society.

Our diverse cohort of emerging leaders gain skills in telling their story, grow as public speakers, meet and learn about American Jewish leaders and young people. The fellowship thus builds professional capacities and awareness in the field while paving opportunities for the meaningful engagement sought by American Jewish organizations. Upon completion of their professional development and US Tour in June 2024, Fellows will become part of an IATF Speaker Bureau, available to present on future programs.

The IATF Speaker Fellowship is generously supported by the One8 Foundation, Crown Family Philanthropies, and Edmond de Rothschild Foundation (IL)
2023 FINANCIALS

FINANCIAL RESOURCES
Since 2006, annual dues from a coalition of American Jewish organizational members have been IATF’s main source of income and confirmation of broad support. New members and dues increases provide essential backing for our expanding portfolios.

Still, IATF’s activities are growing fast. To keep up with our capacity needs, we are thoughtfully diversifying our income model.

In 2023, we secured designated funding for our inaugural Speaker Fellowship. A fee-for-service model enables a wider range of partnerships and collaborations. Finally, in recognition of our growth and needs in times of crisis, members have made emergency and capacity building contributions.

A more diversified financial model enables IATF to plan more strategically, build an exceptional team, reach deeper into American Jewish professional networks, and produce resources that meet more of our constituencies’ needs.

Thank you to all our members and partners for making this work possible.

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* Speaker Fellowship funding received in 2023 will cover 2024 program expenses.
** Other includes fee-for-service, capacity-building grants, and emergency support received following Oct 7.
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2023 ACTIVITIES

Jan 8 | Russell Berrie Foundation | The Effect of the New Likud Coalition on Arab Society: Coalition Agreements, Five-Year Plans, and the State Budget

Jan 9 | Brown Bag Discussion on the New Government, Arab Citizens of Israel, and American Jewish Engagement

Jan 9 | Field Visit | Rayne Foundation East Jerusalem Field Visit

Jan 10 | Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation Professional Staff Visit to Northern Israel

Jan 11 | Closed Stakeholder Briefing | Rayne Foundation | GR-550 and the New Government

Jan 19 | Israel Foundation Forum | Opportunities for Philanthropy to work with GR-550.

Jan 19 | IATF Foundation Forum | GR-550, A Five-Year Plan for Arab Society - Opportunities for Philanthropy


Jan 30 | IATF Foundation Forum | Negev Bedouin Workgroup: Promoting a Shared Society in the Negev in the Academy and Local Community.

Feb 1 | iCenter | IATF X iCenter Shared Society Learning Process

Feb 8 | Brown Bag Discussion on the New Government, Arab Citizens, and American Jewish Engagement

Feb 13 | UJA Israel | UJA Israel Staff Meeting Panel on New Government and Arab Society.

Feb 16 | JFNA | New Research and Mapping on the Field of Shared Society between Jewish and Arab Citizens of Israel.

Feb 26 | Closed Stakeholder Briefing | Jewish Federations of North America | Call with IATF Representative.

Feb 27 | Israel's Judicial Reform and the Arab Minority

Mar 1 | Jewish Federations of North America | Shared Society Presentation for JFNA Israel and Overseas Professionals.

Mar 2 | IATF Foundation Forum | Mixed Cities Tour in Ramle and Lod.

Mar 6 | IATF Foundation Forum | Hura: Planning for Growth and Development.


Mar 13 | ICON | The 21%: An Intro To Arab Citizens of Israel For Educators

Mar 14 | ICON | Can I Ask That?: Bringing Arab Citizens into American Jewish Educational Programs.

Mar 15 | iCON | These are the People in our Neighborhoods.

Mar 20 | Jewish Funders Network International Conference | Israel's Jewish and Arab Citizens: Paths Toward Shared Society.

Mar 20 | Jewish Funders Network 2023 International Conference | Commissioner Marlam Kabaha: Reflections from Israel's Top Arab Official.

Mar 20 | Jewish Funders Network 2023 International Conference | Israeli Democracy and Arab Citizens: Roundtable Discussion

Mar 21 | Jewish Funders Network 2023 International Conference | Social Mobility Session

March 26 | Temple Emanuel | Future of Bedouin Society in Israel: Challenges and Opportunities


Apr 23 | Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston | Roundtable Discussion on Arab Society in Israel

Apr 27 | JCF of San Francisco | Organizations Involved in Shared Society and Arab Society in Israel.

May 10-11 | The Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society X IATF Foundation Forum

May 17 | DC/JCC Film Festival | The 21%: The Lives of Arab Citizens of Israel screening of Shadya.

May 23 | Israel Center for Educational Innovation | Arab Public Elementary Schools: New Approaches to Narrowing Gaps.

May 24 | Schwartz/Reisman Centre | Schwartz/Reisman Canada-Israel Exchange Program Mixed Cities Tour.

Jun 14 | IATF Foundation Forum | GR-550: Socio-Economic Development Budgets for Arab Society - Opportunities, Challenges and Advancements.

Jun 20 | Israel Policy Forum and the Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli-Arab Issues | Governance Changes and Arab Citizens of Israel.

Jun 20 | Closed Stakeholder Briefing | AJECC-NISPED Recent Developments and Challenges.


Jul 3 | Jewish Funders Network | Field Visit | Cultural Visit to Haifa.

Jul 12 | Schusterman Center for Israel Studies | Summer Institute for Israel Studies Field Days on Arab Citizens and Shared Society.

Jul 13 | Schusterman Center for Israel Studies | Summer Institute for Israel Studies Field Days on Arab Citizens and Shared Society.


Sept 6 | Israel Educational Travel Alliance | The Why’s and How’s of Learning Experiences with Arab Society in Israel.

Sept 7-12 | Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society | SVF Strategic Planning Meeting.


Nov 20 | Jewish Agency for Israel | JAFI Senior Educators Delegation: Solidarity Visit with Survivors & Rescuers.

Nov 27 | IATF Foundation Forum | Jewish-Arab Relations in the Shadow of War: Data, Research, and Insights.

Nov 28 | Grief and Resilience in the Negev: Bedouin-Jewish Emergency Responses.


Dec 11 | Emergency Response in the Negev: Spotlight on Bedouin Communities.