

The
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Annual Report & Projects Summary
2018



The year 2018 was a record year of philanthropic investment by the Galila foundation, supporting a wide range of activities and all taking place in the northern Galilee region of Israel. The foundation partnered with new social initiatives and organizations, projects and multiple interventions that have directly impacted the daily lives of so many individuals and communities across our northern border region. Galila is always seeking to attract social/community initiatives that are being successfully operated by accountable non-profit organizations based in the center of the country, in order to expand their contribution and impact in our region.

Our comprehensive efforts in upgrading the life-quality in our region would not be possible without the dedication, support and partnership of our select group of donors, supporters and friends, who's faith in the Galila foundation's commitment to all of the northern Galilee's residents is inspiring. We are truly grateful and indeed blessed by their continued support of Galila - the Northern Galilee Development Foundation and we never take their generosity or their sincere interest for granted.

As we begin a new year and another cycle of implementing many more community projects and programs for the benefit of all residents living in the northern Galilee, we are respectfully presenting this comprehensive summary of all our activities for 2018, so that you can see for yourselves the ever-expanding breadth of our impact in the region and we hope to continue to respond to the needs of our multi-ethnic communities living together along Israel's hostile border with Lebanon.

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Social Entrepreneurship Programs - Galila Fellows

The “Galila Fellows” initiative was established 6 years ago as a joint social venture between the Galila and Beren Foundations, with the aim of nurturing, supporting and empowering social initiatives (community, welfare, education & health) focused on the residents living in the urban and rural Galilee communities in northern Israel.

The “Galila Fellows” include: Shaul Zohar – Tennis Academy; Vered Osman – Docu Village; Yossi Gimon – Erez College; Nili Gal-Yam – Gifted Children Education; Micha Simbalista – Nirim Association; Sarit Zehavi – ALMA Security Education & Research; Sharona Shalev-Mayer – Adrenalin Runners; Efrat Noy – Hukuk Organic Farm; Tamir Kasel, Young Ambassadors and the latest addition to this program – Keren Greenwald and her ‘We Grow’ initiative, a support network for businesswomen living and working in the Western Galilee region.

Galila also engaged in joint collaborations with countrywide organizations with the aim of expanding their activities in the Israel’s northern region. Together, we develop high-impact programs suited to the region’s communities: Our collaborations included the medical doctors of the “Choosing Galilee” program; ‘Joy to the Child’s hospital activities; The United Hatzalah Emergency Medical Response; ‘The New Guardians’ a pioneering/educational program in rural Israel.



Adam and Ellen Beren with some of our Galila Fellows

Adrenalin – a human mosaic of the Galilee

Sharona Shalev-Mayer founded the Adrenalin Running club 3 years ago, and her social-activist background coupled with her entrepreneurial spirit have, in a relatively short period, turned this sports club into a unique social platform, bringing together the diverse communities living together in the Western Galilee.

As soon as Sharona joined the 'Galila Fellows' program and thanks to this supportive platform, she created a regional/social program which brings together runners coming from the most varied communities in the Galilee - for social and communal activities, during which they informally engage and learn to recognize the similarities and differences with their neighboring communities including Jewish, Druze, Christians, Muslims, secular and religious - citizens of those rural villages, urban towns and pioneering Kibbutzim – all of whom together make up the human mosaic of the Galilee.

As part of Sharona's initiative, and in addition to the ongoing activities, she organizes several special events throughout the year, during which the public is exposed to the very special social fabric of the running club. One of these is the annual "Christmas Run", a community event held in the Christian village of Me'ilya in the Western Galilee. The fun-run, which takes place around the Holiday period of Christmas and Hanukkah, brings together thousands of neighbors-residents from across the Galilee region, together with runners from all over Israel. The race/run concludes with a 'merry' event in the village square. Thanks to Sharon's perseverance, she has transformed a small community fun-run into a recognized national event that brings thousands of people with different backgrounds together – creating a platform for future inter-communal engagements and activities.



The Galilee 'Docu Leaders' Program

This is the 6th year of this film-making program, initiated and run by documentary film-maker Vered Osman, who lives in the Western Galilee's Kibbutz Eilon. This special program brings together 20 teens from communities across the Galilee and provides the instruction and guidance on the creation of documentary films that are dedicated to their vision of daily life in the border region. The aim of this project is to enable young, ambitious film makers with the ability to engage in documentary film making and to promote the concept that, given the same professional guidance, Israel's periphery region can produce leading Israeli film professionals.

The 'Docu-Leaders' productions are screened in schools and community centers all over the Galilee and some are submitted for participation in global documentary film festivals. This year, for the second time, one of the Docu-Leaders short films was screened at a prestigious film festival in New York.

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Tennis Academy in the Galilee

One of Israel's veteran tennis coaches, Shaul Zohar, a resident of Kiryat Shmona, initiated his Tennis Academy initiative last year and has continued to expand his outreach during 2018. His vision is to help special kids – living with mental and developmental challenges - overcome their 'disabilities', using the discipline and fun of tennis as an effective learning tool.

As an educator himself, Shaul uses his tennis sessions as a pedagogical model for teaching his students cognitive and social skills as well as building up their self-confidence and self-assurance.

Shaul has also progressed in the development of his 'Special Olympics' project at the 'Renanim' regional school for special needs children and teens, located in the border town of Kiryat Shmona, with the aim of training and then entering them in the qualifying stages for representing Israel at the International 'Special Olympics' tournament.

Shaul also continues to prepare the next generation of tennis coaches as part of his academic teaching program at the Ohelo College, in addition to managing the tennis empowerment training program for a group of teens in Kibbutz Kfar Giladi.

His passion and dedication to helping others is inspiring. Shaul's new Tennis Academy is beginning to grow roots in the Galilee and everyone involved in the Israeli tennis arena recognize that Shaul's special capacity for professionalism entwined with sensitivity and social values, will ensure his success in his work with the special kids and teens in the northern Galilee region.



"Gateway to Industry" program – Erez College

Yossi Gimon is the entrepreneurial Director of "Erez College" located in the border town of Shlomi. Among his many initiatives, he introduced the "Gateway to Industry" program and following the success of the pilot stage, he continues to run the program for the second consecutive year. This creative program was designed to introduce the many employment opportunities that exist for the non-academic residents of the North in factories and industrial companies, located across the Western Galilee.

The program is composed of: educational lectures, personalized mentoring, experiencing the industrial-production processes through practical workshops and tours to factories across the Galilee region. The introduction to the region's modern industrial world presents new employment opportunities for those who would not have previously considered working in industry due to the negative reputation or from a lack of knowledge about the modernization and sophistication in gaining a long-term career in an industrial setting.

We at the Galila Foundation regard this creative program as a change-agent for developing individuals and communities as well as promoting the northern region, by increasing available employment opportunities and attracting new populations to the periphery regions of northern Israel. For these important goals, Galila has chosen to sponsor Yossi's vision and the Erez College and will continue to support this venture for new groups over this coming year.



Programs of Excellence for Gifted Children, Shlomi

Dr. Nili Gal Yam, School Principal of the Science & Knowledge Center for Gifted Children in Shlomi, has been a member of the 'Galila fellows' program since its initiation. Within the framework of her social initiatives, Nili chose to promote specialized programs which will help to shape the next generation of Galilean leaders.

The first among these is the "Excellence program" for gifted students. Over 80 children from the vicinity of Shlomi, Ma'alot, Nahariya, and local Western Galilee villages and Kibbutzim have studied during this year at the Center for Excellence which is located at the Science and Enlightenment center in the border town of Shlomi.

The children arrive at the center during the afternoon hours and learn various group courses such as: ecology, science fiction writing, economics, logics, entrepreneurship, law and art. The advanced curriculum at this Center enriches the children's lives and expands their minds by introducing them to themes and fields they would not have been able to study in any other educational school framework.

The second initiative of Dr. Nili Gal-Yam, originated from the growing need for providing the graduates of the Excellence center with opportunities to enjoy academic, social and educational activities during their High school years, mainly due to the unfortunate fact that the Ministry of Education's Excellence program ends at the beginning of High school.

The program is a regional initiative for the graduates from several centers for gifted children located across the Galilee and targets the preservation of the unique social atmosphere of the gifted youths. Within the curriculum of the program, there are several seminars in various academic subjects which give the youth opportunities to associate, learn and discuss current relevant issues from their lives. These meetups enable the development of the teens' unique skills as they continue their path through the educational system.



The Nirim youth village

Another member of the 'Galila Fellows' program is Micha Simbalista, Director of the youth village "Nirim" located at Bustan Ha'Galil on the Western Galilee coastline. There are many youth villages in Israel and all are loyally devoted to the cause of helping endangered youth, but "Nirim" stands out amongst them. The vision of the village Director is what pushes the youth living at the village into a path of excellence and to the attainment of the high personal and academic goals which Micha sets for them.

The youths, who are directed to the village by a decree of the courts, engage with a devoted staff-team, who are all focused in successfully realizing the troubled teen's last chance for a normative life. During their years at the village, the youth complete their High school graduate diploma and then enlist for a 'meaningful service' in the IDF. As most of the "Nirim" teens come from impoverished and dysfunctional homes, Micha identified the need to provide the "Nirim" graduates, those serving in the IDF and also those who have completed their military service, with a home to come to.

The Galila Foundation chose to assist Micha in the fulfilment of his vision of creating a Graduates Home in the "Nirim" village building for the graduates a bridge for their complete integration in society as functioning citizens. The Graduates' Home is a last step in the graduate's long journey from a life of crime to a normative productive life as citizens.



Alma – Research & Education center, Israel's Security challenges on the Northern border

The ALMA Center has enjoyed a dramatic year. Since the Center was founded by Lt. Colonel (res.) Sarit Zehavi in 2015, Sarit has personally guided hundreds of tour groups, VIP delegations, politicians, journalists and individuals from around the globe in an experiential session of understanding the complexities of life across the northern border region and the security challenges facing Israel from the Lebanon and Syria northern borders.

The global exposure of ALMA has evolved dramatically over the past year and in 2018, Sarit was, once again, invited to brief US, Congressmen/women, Senators and foreign policy aides at the Capitol in Washington DC. Sarit Zehavi also presented a virtual tour of Israel's northern borders on central stage to an audience of 18,000 at the AIPAC Annual Conference.

The Galila foundation, via the 'Galila Fellows' program, is supporting Sarit and her ALMA non-profit entity by developing this evolving Center, in addition to providing her with the mentorship and professional supervision to ensure her organizations' long-term sustainability and expansion. By the end of 2018, Sarit Zehavi and her ALMA initiative has become a globally-recognized Research & Education Center, providing real-time data and updates on Israel's complex security issues on its northern borders with Lebanon and Syria.



The Organic 'Therapy' Farming on Kibbutz Hukuk

Kibbutz Hukuk member, Efrat Noy, along with her friends founded the sustainable agriculture farm located close to the shores of Sea of Galilee. 'Kaima' is an agriculture farm whose organic products are sold to the region's population. The crops are seasonal and organic which, on a weekly basis, are gathered from the fields, packed at the local packing house and sold in 'baskets' to the Galilee residents. Allegedly this is a wholesome, healthy and simple concept. In practice, it is more of a challenge, because the educational goal of the farm is to employ teens 15-18 years of age, who have dropped out from the formal education system and, replacing vagrancy and social isolation have found a 'home' that welcomes and provides them with an opportunity to re-engage with society. The teenage boys and girls working at the farm are high-risk category and the hard agriculture work at the farm is a way means for them to attain a normative life.

The farm managers are also trained therapists and the project's primary goal is to enable these teens to work at the farm for a period of time, during which they can find their way into a more normative life and eventually enlisting for a service in IDF. The work is intense physical agricultural labor, every day and in every kind of weather condition, and together with the teens – the support providers work and discuss the teens' challenges on an individual and on a group basis.

As a part of the 'Galila Fellows' program support we provide, we also work with Efrat on the farm's business plan and help her develop new markets for their produce as well as help their sustainability by advising them on resource development opportunities and strategies.



"CATS" Seminar for Youth Leadership

The "Children as Actors for Transforming Society" program is aimed at young people coming together from all over the world, with the primary aim of changing the face of the younger members of society, by discussing shared values and other social volunteering initiatives. The program was created in 2013 as a joint venture of several foundations who work together with the purpose of benefiting children from around the world. The philosophy behind this program is to create an open forum shared by youths from around the world, on the premise of equality between them, for the empowerment of social involvement and creating common tools for activities in the community.

The seminar takes place every year at Lake Geneva, Switzerland. The Galila Foundation, which initiates empowerment programs for Galilean youth, joined this program, and funds a delegation comprised of a select group of young leaders' ages 15-16 coming from the Western Galilee, to represent Israel at this prestigious and important global seminar. The teens undergo a comprehensive training program before their departure and return very motivated to volunteer in the community and work to develop programs serving the younger generation living in the Galilee region of northern Israel.

This important leadership development project not only supports Israel's global efforts in 'hasbara' – explaining our position on many issues, but also provides an authentic platform for these young teens to 'make Israel's case' to hundreds of teens and future leaders coming from countries all over the world.



We Grow

The latest social start-up adopted by Galila assists women who are independently running a private business. The We Grow venture is a comprehensive, internet-based, networking platform for women growing their own businesses living across the urban and rural communities in the Western Galilee region. It provides the 700 plus women already registered and participating, a one-stop hub to address all of their economic and organizational challenges. The hub enables and encourages networking between the women, as well as providing guidance counselling, courses and enrichment sessions that will assist and encourage the economic independence of these women.

Galila decided to partner with the founders of this new venture, as it views this new initiative as a vital catalyst for engaging working women in the region, as well as providing them all with a professional and personal social-economic platform - that will go far in ensuring the economic and social development of independent businesses run by women of all ethnic backgrounds residing in the Western Galilee.



United Hatzalah of Israel

We engaged with the United Halvah organization last year and supported a medical emergency first-responders course for volunteers living in the rural communities in the Central Galilee region of Carmel/Misgave.

The important life-saving work of this award-winning NGO cannot be overstated – especially here in the peripheral corners of Israel, where the chances of an ambulance arriving at the scene in time is not always feasible, due to the distances involved, as well as the lack of ambulances covering the entire region. Everything depends of getting to the emergency scene quickly and to be able to provide initial life-saving attention until an ambulance can come and transport the patient to the nearest hospital.

With this goal in mind, Galila funded the purchase of a fully-equipped motorbike that will serve the emergency response teams already active in the region, but in need of this vehicle in order to get to the emergency scene as soon as possible.

A total of 16 resident-volunteers successfully completed the intensive 180-hours course and, together with the UH Medical Kit they received, they are already on-call to respond in any emergency situation in the Central Galilee.

Galila intends on continuing to support this critical contribution to all residents, by funding training courses that will cover the entire Galilee region.



Choosing the Galilee

Our 'Choosing the Galilee' program is based on the unfortunate fact that there are not enough qualified doctors serving the three hospitals – Nahariya, Safed and Pariah – that cover the entire northern Galilee and Golan Heights region in northern Israel.

The program provides scholarships to young medical students as part of a social-venture initiative that each recipient will initiate and activate in the region's communities during their time at the Bar Ilana Medical School based in Safed. The ultimate goal is that the young medical student who comes from the center of the country will get to know the community life in the northern region and, following his/her studies and qualification, will choose to settle in the Galilee region and gain employment in medical centers and hospitals in the Galilee.

These medical students/ social-entrepreneurs create an independent program, supported by the program's staff, which can be implemented in any community and any medically-related fields anywhere in the Galilee region. The success rate of the pilot stage of this program, carried out in the Negev region of southern Israel, showed that almost 70% of the graduating students who went through this program, decided to relocate and settle in the region.



The 'New Guardians': Work and Safeguard

An amazing total number of 219 groups comprising of 7,092 participants, from high schools across the region, engaged in a volunteer's program in the Galilee-based farms, designed by Galila and Haushofer Ha'chadash, during 2018.

The New Guardians "Ha'shomer Ha'chadash" organization represent the core values of Zionism, devoted to, and love of, the State of Israel and the land it inhabits. Ha'shomer actively attempts to disseminate these core values to the younger generation in Israel and overseas. The cooperative effort between Galila and Ha'shomer has helped to develop the "Northern Exposure" program, meant to present the philosophy and values of "Ha'shomer Ha'chadash" to the high school students living in the Galilee region. The students take a day away from the indoor classroom and experience a day of volunteering in a rural, isolated farm, while learning about the roots of Zionism and its devotion for to the land of Israel.

This informal, experiential education platform is a perfect launch-pad for Israeli high-school students to re-connect with core Israeli and Jewish values, in their formative years. Galila also supported the establishment of a Young Adults program in Kibbutz Manara, a veteran border-lying community, sorely lacking in young workers who can cultivate the agricultural fields surrounding this Kibbutz.

Our partnership here in the Galilee is vital and we at Galila are especially grateful to the Ha'shomer Ha'chadash movement for their unique contribution to the safety and development of the hundreds of isolated farms across Israel.



"Simcha La'yeled (Joy for the Child) at the Western Galilee and Safed Hospitals

The "Shimcha La'yeled" organization operates in hospitals around Israel for the benefit of long-term hospitalized children, with the goal of easing their suffering as much as possible. Eli Kelerman, the CEO of the organization approved our request for a joint venture, under which "Shimcha La'yeled's work and activities now reach hospitals in northern Israel.

"Shimcha La'yeled" 's activities at the Western Galilee Medical Center and "Ziv" hospitals consist of staff and volunteers who care for long-term hospitalized children, several times each week. In addition, there are various events for the benefit of the young patients and their families, such as holiday parties, organized field-trips, and activities that enliven their stay at the hospital, by providing an abundance of captivating events to distract their minds and uplift their spirits to happier prospects. The slogan of "Shimcha La'yeled" is: together we will replace pain with a smile.

The Galila Foundation will happily continue to support this cause for the benefit of the hospitalized children and their families living in the Galilee region of northern Israel.



Community & Education

Amirim High School

The Amirim High school in Kfar Veradim opened a new, English Corner in the school. This quiet corner is filled with English books and the school students can visit and read there at any time during school hours.

The refurbishment of this educational venture was funded by an anonymous US donor to Galila.



Matte Asher region Student Scholarships

Scholarships for students coming from the rural communities in the Matte Asher region of the Western Galilee were donated by a US donor. At the awards ceremony, held at the Young Adults Center, the donor stressed that his motivation to contribute came as a result of a previous visit when they met with young, motivated students who also contribute in the social activities of their individual community.



'Galim' regional school for Special Needs kids

The Regional School for Kids with Special Needs ages 6-12 is quite special as it is a model for the integration and acceptance of these special kids as part of the 'regular' school system – after spending time at this educational facility Galila has been supporting this school for a number of years and this year, we purchased and distributed computer tablets to the kids, which will help them to develop their cognitive and learning skills. All of the new initiatives we support at the 'Galim' school contribute to the added value of teaching these special kids and helping them to learn as well as be able to 'fit in' with kids at a regular school in the region.



Renovation of After-School Centers for at-risk kids

The 'moadonit' after-school clubs for children and teens coming from impoverished home environments is a program that Galila has been involved with for almost a decade. Our foundation is committed to supporting these critical facilities through renovation and refurbishment of the many clubs spread across the north of Israel. The condition of these facilities are often run-down and it is so important to give these unfortunate kids a 'home away from home' in a clean, safe environment, equipped with furniture and equipment they need for their educational and enrichment activities – five afternoons every week, throughout the year. Over the years, Galila has renovated and refurbished a total of 16 clubs and will continue with this project, covering all of the 'moadonit' clubs across the Galilee region.



Matte Asher



Shlomi



Kiryat Bialik



Ma'alot



In the Community

Distribution of Nike sports shoes to at-risk children

A Bar-Mitzvah initiative by Jamie Frank from El Paso in Texas warmed our hearts. He decided that with the gifts he received for his coming-of-age celebration, he would contribute to impoverished kids in Israel. As he loves wearing Nike footwear, he used the gifts received to purchase Nike sports shoes and personally distribute them to kids in Israel. One of our 'Galila Fellows', Sharon Shalev-Mayer, together with participants of her running groups, volunteered to distribute the shoes to kids in boarding schools and after-school 'moadonit' clubs across the Galilee region.

This wonderful gesture by Jamie and his family gave hundreds of kids a special gift they would never had received and we at Galila were honored to be able to partner with the Frank family to implement the purchase and distribution of these Nike sports shoes for kids who need and appreciate the gift.



EvroNet

The women's netball team of the Matte Asher rural communities in the Western Galilee was supported by Galila, as part of our goal to strengthen the communities.

The participants are all mothers and girls who come together from the Kibbutzim and Moshavim (rural villages) in the region. Thanks to the funds raised, this netball team – commonly known as “EvroNet” – was able to participate in local and national tournaments.



Hanita Play ground

Kibbutz Hanita, a veteran settlement located (literally) on the border fence with Lebanon, celebrated 80 years since it was founded in 1938. This pioneering community, living in an isolated corner of the Galilee and coping with security and economic challenges, has, over the past decade, absorbed dozens of new, young families, who chose to relocate to this isolated Kibbutz.

Galila found a donor from the US who funded the purchase and installation of a new, children's playground in the Kibbutz. They also connected the Kibbutz with their home community of Jackson Hole in Wyoming and since then, the community raised funds for the children to enjoy the summer activities with new sports and swimming pool equipment.

A wonderful connection has since developed between the communities and Galila was honored to have made this connection happen and will ensure its continued development over the coming year.



Projects for children with special needs

Krembo Wings ("Knafayim shel Krembo")

This year, once again, the Galila Foundation partnered with "Knafayim Shel Krembo" (Krembo Wings) a nationwide youth movement for children with special needs.

Galila's funded this program courtesy of a US foundation and the activities held for 30 physically and mentally challenged teens and young adults in the Matte Asher region. These special youngsters coming from the rural villages in the region all enjoy the multi-level, year-long activities run by this award-winning organization and dramatically enhancing the daily lives of these challenged children and their families.



The 'Knafayim' Summer Activity

This program is aimed at 30 kids with special needs and/or physically and/or mentally-challenged situation, coming from the rural Eastern Galilee communities in the Merom Hagalil region. Initiated by the regional community center social workers, this summer activity ensures that these children will be able to participate in specially-designed program including, run by a dedicated group of staff and counsellors – all on a voluntary basis.

The activities for these special children included hikes in the Galilee, art workshops, day trips to museums and many other fun-orientated events during the month of August. Galila has proudly supported this meaningful program since it began three years ago.



Summer Camp – My Piece of the Puzzle

A summer camp adventure for children with special needs who study in special educational systems in the Galilee, in which at-risk youths are also integrated, is a special project of "My Piece of the Puzzle". The summer camp is a unique project in which youths who come from different worlds are integrated with the common goal of achieving the potential within each girl and boy. The enthralling week takes place at the Jordan River Village, contributed to an extraordinary experience for these challenged populations who feel "they don't belong".

The integration of at-risk students together with youths with special needs has developed an educational model, together with a sense of self-acceptance and confidence, alongside enjoyment and freedom from the routine of daily life.

The Galila Foundation is delighted with the opportunity to continue its support of such an important venture taking place here in the Galilee.



The Golden Age

Day Center for the elderly residents of Kibbutz Hanita

A family from Holland funded the activities at the Day Center for the elderly residents of Kibbutz Hanita. Galila was delighted to facilitate this process and be involved in ensuring that the veteran pioneers of the Galilee region are cared for in the most appropriate manner through activities and equipment they need for their daily routines at the Day Care Center.



Renovation of the geriatric dep. in the Poriya Hospital

As part of our support of the 'Choosing Galilee' program for young medical students, Galila also supported some of the individual social initiatives of these students. One of these initiatives took place at the geriatric department in the Poriya Hospital, located near the town of Tiberius. The young social entrepreneur decided to renovate the department and, together with other medical students, they painted and refurbished the department – much to the delight of the patients there. If you ever get to Poriya Hospital (as a visitor), be sure to visit the geriatric department and witness the bright change in the physical environment, thank to one medical student who decided to make a difference.



Assistant Funds

The Galilee Emergency Fund

The Galila Foundation initiates and manages a regional fund for supporting those Western Galilee residents with specific financial challenges they are unable to resolve in any other way possible.

All applications for support are processed once a month by the Regional Council and Municipalities welfare departments for approval by the fund's allocations committee which is made up of volunteers from the region.

The fund is specifically directed at impoverished families facing financial difficulties, children, teens, seniors and single parent families.

The Sloviter Assistance Fund for Matte Asher

With the longstanding support of a dedicated US donor who wished to direct his donations for the benefit of the Matte Asher regional council's residents, Galila, in collaboration with Matte Asher's welfare department staff operate this special fund for the benefit of the community living in the rural villages across the Western Galilee.

Following a lengthy due diligence process of the best way to respond to emergency health and welfare incidents among the residents, a committee of Matte Asher professionals including social workers and health workers was established and they developed the criteria by which the council's residents would be able to receive the required assistance, under the supervision of Matte Asher's Social Welfare Department.



Projects for the welfare of Holocaust Survivors

Housing Renovations for Holocaust Survivors

A joint-project between the Galila Foundation and the "Siyua La'chaim" (aid for life) program of "Latet" organization, over 300 apartments housed by holocaust and WW2 ghetto survivors have been renovated and equipped this year.

As part of this project, Galila staff and volunteers visited and recorded the living conditions of hundreds of holocaust & WW2 ghetto survivors residing at the northern towns of: Carmiel, Safed, Acre, Kiryat Bialik, Kiryat Haim, Kiryat Ata, Kiryat Yam and Shlomi.

Thanks to a three-year commitment by two US based foundations, Galila repaired leaks and electrical faults, installed safety equipment, bought and installed air-conditioning units and refrigerators, heaters, beds, chairs, and all that was necessary to make the survivors' apartments a place where they can live safely and in dignity.



Aiding Holocaust Survivors over the Jewish Holidays

This year, as in every year over the past nine years, at Rosh Ha'Shana (Jewish New Year) and Pesach (Passover), the Galila Foundation provides financial support to 320 holocaust and WW2 ghetto survivors from northern Israel towns including Carmiel, Safed, Acre, Shlomi, Nahariya, Ma'alot and Hatzor.

On the eve of the Jewish Holidays, we hold festive gatherings for all of our survivor-heroes - organized by groups of volunteers in the various cities. At the end of the joyous event we give each survivor, a holiday gift in the form of a gift-card.

Receiving this assistance of several hundred shekels, enables these elderly and frail holocaust survivors to get through the holiday season with dignity and knowing there are those who think about them and care for them all year round, and especially during the holidays.

The Holocaust and WW2 ghetto survivors support projects are the flagship of the Galila Foundations work in the northern Galilee region of Israel. We are proud and honored to be able to support these heroes of the Jewish nation and to help improve their life quality, to the best of our ability.



Emergency Fund for the northern Galilee Holocaust Survivors

During the past eight years, the Galila Foundation has managed an exclusive trust-fund for holocaust and WW2 ghetto survivors living in urban and rural communities across the Galilee region of northern Israel. The trust-fund was created for aiding the holocaust and WW2 ghetto survivors in buying basic necessities they cannot afford including: uninsured medication and treatments, safety equipment for their homes, electric appliances, etc.

The applicants' requests are processed by the municipality welfare departments' and/or other volunteer organizations caring for these holocaust survivors, and are referred to the trust-fund's allocations committee, whose members are all volunteers. The grants are paid directly to the recipient or to the supplier, in an effort to ease the burden of those in need with a minimum of fuss and bureaucracy.





The Galila foundation is dedicated to providing assistance to individuals and communities in need. Furthermore, we are always seeking new programs and projects that will improve the life quality of all residents who live in the urban and rural border communities spread across the northern Galilee region of Israel.

This is our life mission and we all those involved with the Galila foundation feel blessed for being able to reach out and provide help to others who are in need.

We look to expand those programs and projects that are a source of pride to the residents of the Galilee region and help to shed the light of optimism and solidarity among us. Galila works in collaboration with many wonderful organizations whose contributions make such a difference in the lives of so many. We look forward to continuing with our philanthropic intervention next year and for many years to come. It is our responsibility. It is our passion and it is our blessing.

Yael Barlev – Director

Ofra Karasanti – Chair



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