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Annual Summary Report **2021**
A Year of Initiatives & Projects

Dear Friends and Partners,

During the year 2021, we focused our efforts on forming new routines. Following a year of turmoil and upheavals that had a vast impact on us all, organizations and individuals alike, we have now entered a new frontier.

The Foundation's work ranged from aiding the weak and needy at the height of the Covid crisis to developing partnerships and initiatives that brought progress to the quality of life of residents of the north.

We are grateful for the opportunity to learn, to grow, to come together and cooperate with donors, supporters, volunteers, and dear friends who have continued to place their trust in our ability to seek out and carry out new initiatives that are making a tangible difference to so many lives.

We are pleased to present you with this summary of our activities during 2021.

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The Galila Foundation was established in 2005 by a group of volunteers, residents of the Galilee, who believed that regional changes must “come from within”. It falls to the residents who live their daily lives in this challenging area of northern Israel, to lead these changes with the aim of improving and advancing the quality of life.

The Foundation works to promote, lead, create and support projects in all areas of life with the overall goal of improving the lives for the residents of the northern periphery. We also work in cooperation with organizations and institutions with similar goals.

Areas of Activity:

Galila Fellows

This is Galila’s flagship program, through which the Foundation identifies social entrepreneurs and works with them from the idea stage through to implementation. The social initiatives cover all fields of life and together create a framework that advances the populations across the northern border communities.

Community

The Galilee is characterized by a variety of communities that together create a unique human mosaic in Israel. At Galila, we aid different communities in moving forward with initiatives and projects that are adapted to each community’s unique needs and character. To maximize their benefit, these projects and programs are run in cooperation with the relevant municipalities and social welfare agencies in all the communities.

Education and Welfare

The Foundation helps in advancing, operating and aiding projects in the field of education and welfare. The activity is conducted by working with the various educational institutions, in full cooperation with the local/municipal authorities. In addition, the Foundation operates a special emergency-aid funds for those in desperate and sudden need. This activity is also conducted together with the local authority’s social service departments. We believe that education builds community, builds a future, and aids in improving residents’ quality of life.

Diverse Population

The Foundation supports various projects and programs across the north that provide solutions and a response to the many particular needs of the region’s diverse population groups that have no response from any government ministry or agency. The programs the Foundation supports are many and varied, in line with the wide variety of populations in our region needing our support, and in accordance with the philanthropic resources that are granted to us each year, earmarked for this specific field of activity.

Holocaust Survivors

Holocaust survivors in the north have been supported by the Galila Foundation since we were founded in 2006. Since we believe it is our national responsibility to assist the Holocaust survivors who live among us for as long as and in whatever way they require, the Foundation runs a variety of aid and support programs aimed at easing many burdens in their lives.

This activity is conducted directly with the Holocaust survivors’ volunteer groups, and we seek to cooperate with all the relevant organizations in this arena.



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Galila Fellows – A Program for Social Entrepreneurism

The Galila Fellows program was established in 2012 as a social initiative of the Galila Foundation in partnership with the Beren Fund. Its aim is to support, empower, and assist social entrepreneurs whose center of life and activity is based in the Galilee region of northern Israel.

The program identifies and extends professional as well as economic support to social entrepreneurs and their projects, with the common denominator of their working on a project/program enhancing the northern Galilee residents in a variety of fields: community, society, sport, education, health, etc.:

- Sharona Shalev-Mayer, founder, and CEO of the Galilean Human Mosaic project, in cooperation with the Adrenalin Running Club.
- Shaul Zohar – founder of the Galilee Tennis Academy for special needs
- Yossi Gimon in Erez College's "Gateways to Industry" professional retraining program.
- Micah Simbalista, maintaining the Graduates' Home at the Nirim Youth Center.
- Sarit Zehavi, founder and CEO of the Alma Education & Research Center.
- Tira-El Cohen, in establishing the student's village at Kibbitz Misgav Am, in cooperation with her Kedma initiative.
- Efrat Noy at the Kaima Organic Farm on Kibbutz Hukuk.

Additionally, the Foundation continues to operate shared activities with United Hatzalah in developing programs that are suited to the special needs of the northern periphery.



The Galilee Tennis Academy

Shaul Zohar, one of Israel's top tennis trainers and a Kiryat Shemona resident, is the founder of the Galilee Tennis Academy. Shaul's vision of making tennis accessible to residents of the periphery and sharing it, not only as a sport, but as a way of life that provides lessons for education and values, has achieved great success. This year, too, Shaul led highly successful programs for the special students at the Renanim Regional School in Kiryat Shemona.



While the Covid 19 period has been challenging for all of us, it has been especially so for Renanim's special-needs children. In his unique way, Shaul knew how to adapt the program and its content for Renanim's students and was able to occupy them even during the pandemic crisis. Shaul's work on behalf of the residents of the eastern Galilee has gained great appreciation many sources and he has earned great praise for the personality and activity that make him an example and role model.



The Kaima Farm in Hukuk – Organic Educational Farm

Efrat Noy moved from Jerusalem to Kibbutz Hukuk, on the banks of the Lake Kinneret and established the Kaima Organic Agricultural Farm on the kibbutz together with her friends. The Farm's organic produce is sold to residents of the region at prices that will, in the future, be able to financially sustain the Farm and its workers. The crops, which are seasonal, are picked from the field every week, packed at the local packing facility, and sold in baskets to area residents.



It seems like a healthy and simple initiative. However, the implementation of this idea is far more challenging. The Farm's educational goal is to employ young people aged 15-18 who have dropped out of all other educational frameworks and for whom this Farm is has become a home away from home. The young men and women who work on the Farm are all categorized as “youth at risk” and the hard, agricultural work is, for them, their last opportunity to enter normative life. The Farm's managers are also psych-therapists by training and the overall goal is to enable these young people to work at the Farm for a period, after which they will be able to find their way into a more normative life as productive and well-adjusted citizens.

The Covid 19 period has been extremely challenging to the program. The ability for these troubled teens to come and work on the Farm has helped the youths to deal with the Covid 19 crisis and all its accompanying uncertainties. The fledgling Farm is dealing with numerous challenges and Galila is working closely with Efrat and her staff to find the most suitable platform for its future activity.

This year, a professional training program for teenagers began, in addition to launching a mass funding campaign that has so far been very successful, thanks to which they donate to 15 low-income families (literally) a basket of vegetables every week!



Training Center for Industry – Erez College

The Training Center maintains a unique dialogue with industrial plants in the Galilee. Erez College has developed knowhow in diagnosing and characterizing gaps in knowledge and skills, and it has gained experience in providing, in cooperation with the plants and employers, professional training adapted for existing workers.



The College operates from the “bottom up”. One plant at a time. One training program at a time. One worker at a time. In this way, it formulates the paradigm of training workers at risk with the aim of bringing about top-down change – of inculcating a culture in which diagnosis, characterization and implementation of professional training is an integral part of working in industrial plants in Israel.

The College has seen constant growth in the past few years (except for 2020, the year of Covid) and the number of participants in its professional training programs has grown. Industry’s need for the unique solutions the College offers is immense. The College’s ability to train existing workers has grown, and significant collaborations have been established with regional Industry 4.0 organizations.

The work Erez College does in this field provides workers with employment security, professional development, and pride. For the plants, it provides the ability to remove barriers and enable innovations, employee retention, and increased productivity. In 2021, dozens of professional training courses opened for workers at various industrial plants, bringing employment security to hundreds of families in the north.



Graduates' House – Nirim Youth Village

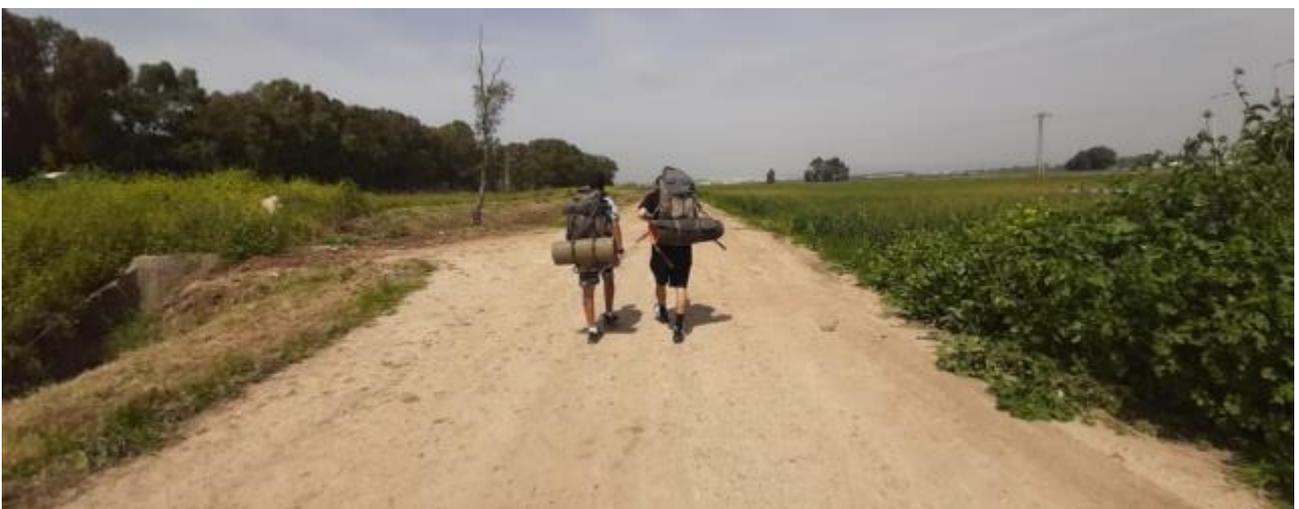
Micah Simbalista, director of the Nirim Youth Village in the coastal village of Bustan HaGalil, established the Graduates' House as part of the social initiative he is advancing.



The young people who arrive at Nirim as a last resort under court order meet the Village's dedicated staff, who are focused, together with the young people themselves, on taking advantage of this final opportunity to move on and live a normative life.

Over the years, many young people at Nirim have completed their studies with a matriculation certificate and have been drafted into meaningful roles in the IDF. As soon as they are conscripted, government funding for them ceases, and the young men and women become "independent". This led to a need to provide Nirim graduates -- soldiers who have been conscripted and those who have been discharged at the end of their military service – with a place where they can come 'home'.

The Galila Foundation supports the "Graduates' Home", which is a warm home for graduates of the village and a safe place to which they can return and that serves as a "bridge" for them until their full and normative integration in society as ordinary citizens. The Foundation's support for the activities of the Graduates' House enables dozens of graduates to complete their journey in the best way possible and to embark on life with a "toolbox" full of all they need to integrate normatively into society.



Alma Research & Education Center on Israel's Security Challenges in the North

Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi joined the Galila Fellows program in 2015 as a social entrepreneur working in the field of “hasbara” (advocacy) and promoting the Galilee to groups, individuals, and opinion leaders in Israel and overseas. In 2018, Sarit established Alma, an educational research institute that publishes articles, conducts research, participates in panels and lectures in Israel and globally, and is quoted by various people and bodies who require explanatory materials about Israel's stormy northern front.



The Covid 19 crisis brought an abrupt halt to visits from groups, delegations, and individuals, both Israeli and global. Sarit, a lieutenant colonel in the IDF reserves who served in the IDF Northern Command's Intelligence Corps. Research Department, was forced to deal with a new reality in which the updates relating to ongoing security challenges in the north had to be disseminated to the world solely through the media in order to achieve its goals. Together with the Center's researchers, Sarit developed an online lectures series, videos, and interactive simulations and panels which allow for real-time response to security incidents in the north.



The 'human mosaic' of the Galilee

The Galilean Human Mosaic is a social program that, through sport, brings the Galilee's various communities together for social, personal, and communal encounters. Participants in the program learn to recognize the similarities as well as the differences among Jews, Druze, Christians, Muslims, secular and religious, residents of villages, towns, moshavim and kibbutzim, who together make up the human mosaic that is the Galilee region. The past year of activity was one of change in Sharona Shalev-Mayer's work. Her initiative grew and expanded to become a non-profit association in order to broaden its sporting social activities.



Sharona's work creates social bonds that use sport to connect the Galilee's magnificent human mosaic. In 2021, given the events that Israel experienced in May, a number of mixed Arab-Jewish races were created under the "Galilean Human Mosaic" brand that will culminate with the traditional Christmas Run, which has been adapted to Covid regulations. As part of this social initiative, project participants volunteered this year, too, for activities benefiting Holocaust survivors.



Student Village in Misgav Am, Cooperation with Kedma

'Kedma Settlement' is the social initiative of a young woman named Tira-El Cohen, who decided to restore relevance to the value of Zionist settlement in the 21st century.



The organization that Tira-El established deals with creating “fulfillment frameworks” for young people in the rural settlements of Israel’s frontier areas. The young people study and work in the periphery and there is great hope that they will choose to stay in the area after they complete their studies and strengthen its settlements.

Galila has joined with Kedma and is a partner in setting up a student village on Kibbutz Misgav Am in the Upper Galilee, in addition to the one set up in Metula. The student villages make a significant contribution to these isolated communities. By participating in community life, the students make a significant impact on its way of life and on the activity that takes place there, and by bringing a spirit of renewed activity.

The period of Covid 19 demonstrated the great need for young people in the mountain communities of the Upper Galilee. These students provided enormous assistance to the communities in which they lived and their contribution throughout the crisis proved again the project’s vital importance.



United Hatzalah

The Galila Foundation continues its cooperation with United Hatzalah with the aim of strengthening the organization's life-saving activity in the region.



Through this cooperation, the Galila Foundation funds a course for volunteer medics who have joined the organization and have joined the Galilees' life-saving medic team.

The medics' course extended its training period to 180 hours (about 1 week) and includes frontal training, field experience, experience in responding by phone, a first-aid course, internships in providing emergency medical responses until an ambulance and/or treatment team arrive. This is a course that makes the difference between life and death.

To increase the chances of saving lives United Hatzalah aims to reach a wounded or injured person within 90 seconds of receiving the emergency call. This is an extremely ambitious goal in a peripheral region, mostly due to the lack of professionally trained volunteers.

The courses that were opened this year in Misgav and Maalot take us another step closer to that goal. Course graduates who have successfully passed the rigorous selection process join the United Hatzalah's amazing team, which makes such a significant contribution to the quality of life of residents of the north.



In the Community

The Galilee is characterized by a diversity of communities that together make up a unique human mosaic. We at Galila support these communities to advance initiatives and projects that are adapted in the best feasible way to each community's needs and specific culture and character.

To maximize what they can achieve for the community's benefit, the projects are run in cooperation with the relevant agencies and non-profit organizations in the various communities.



Control Center in the Beit HaKerem Communities Cluster

As part of its work for the community, the Beit HaKerem Cluster established a regional control center this year to support environmental enforcement activity. The project is the result of an initiative by the "Maoz HaTsafon" program and the Beit HaKerem Communities Cluster.



The regional control center is intended to allow for use of advanced technology and a connection to field cameras that have analysis and identification capabilities. This enables the identification of problematic incidents on the one hand and to also serve as a call-center for residents.

With the Covid 19 crisis, some of the Cluster's local authorities found themselves without suitable infrastructure for responding to residents' calls during this crisis. Accelerating the center's activities and expanding its staff enabled better responding and provision of information -- in Arabic as well as in Hebrew -- regarding changing Covid 19 related issues, particularly for the region's businesses.

The Galila Foundation, working in close cooperation with the "Maoz HaTsafon" program, is pleased to support activities that serve the diverse communities in the north.

Association for the Rehabilitation and Rescue of Endangered Animals

Two years ago, a unique rehabilitation center for endangered dogs of restricted breeds was established in Moshav Peki'in, located at the heart of the Western Galilee. The center focuses on rescuing and rehabilitating dogs belonging to restricted breeds; Pit Bull Terrier, Rottweiler, Mastiff, etc. - many of them victims of abuse and neglect.



This one-of-a-kind organization was established by Mr. Yuval Mendalovich, together with a team of dog trainers and volunteers, out of pure compassion and love for these sweet misunderstood canines. Today, the rehabilitation center is home to 150 dogs and 5 donkeys - granted a second chance to a happy life. This animal sanctuary is the only place in the country to openly welcome these unfortunate dogs, treating them like family, with love and care. The majority of these dogs come from violent and harsh backgrounds. During their stay at the center, the dogs receive professional training to advance their rehabilitation process, with the hope of finding a loving and permanent home, back in normative society.

Grants for Druze students - Beit Jann and Rameh

This year we continued our partnership with the “Together for The Soldier” organization, alongside a number of Druze communities from the Galilee region. Grants were awarded to 50 students, young men and women - combat veterans of the IDF and National Service volunteers. We are hopeful that in the future these young people decide to make their home in the Galilee and become valuable members of their communities, contributing from their expertise and education to Israeli society.

A flotilla in memory of the late On Barzilai

The Miluyot Commercial Center, together with the family of On Barzilai (who passed away from Covid 19), decided to commemorate On’s life with a sailing event that took place on Betzet beach, located in the Western Galilee. Over 150 sailors, aged 14-80, participated in the sailing event. The theme for this memorial event- water sports activities, was tailored to Or, an avid sailor and windsurfer, who very much loved Betzet beach. This event brought together sports and the protection of the environment, to benefit both the citizens of the region and the rest of Israeli society.

Lakhish Community Center - Music Center

The Lakhish Community Center is a part of the informal education system of Lakhish Regional Council, offering social and educational activities to children, youth and adults at-risk, residing in the 19 communities across the region. This year, we assisted in building a new music center that will be an epicenter for fostering new interests and promoting educational endeavors in the fields of science, mathematics and music. This music center will become a source of support for the social and educational needs of children and youth at-risk, helping them to advance in school and improve their grades. These youngsters will get the chance to experience self-fulfillment while acquiring knowledge and expertise, using advanced technological tools.



Bara Epic Project - Bicycle Race

Bara Epic Israel is a 4-day international bicycle race for teams of 2 riders. Designated for mountain bike riders who love the hours on the saddle, spectacular views of nature and are challenged by the lengthy routes.

The routes of this race change from year to year, offering the rider a challenging, versatile, and accessible route, usually ranging between 75 to 110 km per day. The challenge is to complete the route within the time limit and the maximum participant capacity for the three-day race is 300 cyclists.

This year the Bara Epic race took place in the Western Galilee region, and we were proud to take part in this event.

Rehaniya - Computer Center

In Israel, two villages belong to the Circassians community - Rehaniya and Kfar Kama, both located in the Northern region of the country. The citizens of these villages serve in the IDF and are an integral part of Israeli society, whilst maintaining their unique ethnic identity. This year, with a contribution of the Rothberg Family Foundation, we have comprehensively renovated the computer center in Rehaniya, providing school children and students alike with a modern, inviting space, enabling them to advance their studies during these challenging times of the Covid 19 pandemic.

My Israel

Galila Foundation continued its cooperation with the My Israel organization, whose vision and mission are to advance social projects – especially those that are welfare related – in the periphery regions of Israel.

The program is an initiative of new immigrants from the UK who decided to contribute to Israeli society by opening the door – via an array of media options – to British charitable donations. The organization uses various platforms to raise funds for projects in which Galila is a partner. The cooperation between the organizations enabled an increase in the funding available for various social projects that benefit residents of the north.





Education & Welfare

The Galila Foundation helps to promote, run, and assist projects in education and welfare, out of a belief that education builds community, builds the future, and enhances the quality of life for the residents. We work on these activities with various educational institutions and in cooperation with the local municipal authorities. The Foundation also operates assistance funds for those in need, working in full cooperation with municipal social welfare departments.



Amirim School

Amirim is a six-year high school in the Western Galilee community of Kfar Veradim.

This year we assisted by purchasing new computers for the computer room and English corner in the school. This contribution is a designated gift for the English Learning project that has been successfully operating in the school over the past few years.



Gvanim School

The Gvanim school is an elementary school - located on a campus in the Ein HaMifratz village, part of the Matte Asher Regional Council.

This year, with the generous support of benefactors, we funded two projects in the school - establishing an educational garden with a greenhouse and purchasing bicycles for the therapeutic bike riding team.



Galim - School for Children with Special Needs

Galim is the regional school for children with special needs aged 6 to 12. The school's success lies in the fact that many of its students go on to integrate into normative educational frameworks, something that would not be possible without the benefit of studying in Galim's unique program.

Various donations to the school enable Galim's educational director to create innovative programs. These are optimally adapted to the children's needs and that benefit both children and staff.

This year, the pupils of Galim School, who continued their studies throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, received a contribution for the purchase and installation of tens of new computers and learning-tablets.



Meitar School

Meitar is a regional elementary school for special education located in the village of Bustan Ha-Galil, on the coastline of the northern Galilee region. Meitar is a school for children with complex mental-health challenges and learning disabilities. The one-of-a-kind projects taking place in the school, facilitated by the school's staff, have an immensely positive effect on the children throughout the school year.



This year we assisted by expanding the therapeutic petting zoo, situated on school grounds.

Early Childhood Education - Maalot

The Ma'alot municipality created a partnership with an Israeli donor who understood the importance of investing in early-childhood education. Together with the local education department, an enrichment program was developed for children and staff that operates throughout the school year. There is no question that investing in early-childhood education is significant and leads to a better future for the young participants in this program.



The Korczak Education Center

The Korczak Center – established voluntarily by two educators, Batia Gilad and Dr. Avi Tsur – expanded its work this year and hosted groups and provided educational activities, all in the spirit of legendary educator Janusz Korczak. In addition, staff members run fascinating workshops for school staff and various educational teams, as well as educators who come from overseas, to train them in educating according to Korczak's philosophy.



Little Chicks Daycare Club - Ma'alot

The *Little Chicks* daycare club, for babies and toddlers at-risk, is managed by the welfare department in the town of Ma'alot - situated in the Western Galilee region. Infants and toddlers coming from families at-risk, spend most of their day at this daycare center in order to assist the struggling parents, who are finding it hard to support and care for their children. The daycare club is a warm home for these little ones. This year we assisted the *Little Chicks* Club by purchasing new indoor and outdoor equipment, to further improve the physical surroundings of the daycare, making it more pleasant and comfortable.

Imra - Sewing course for Young Women at-risk

Imra is a social and business entrepreneurship that teaches sewing and design to young women at-risk, also offering employment options to these women once they graduate the training. The young women at-risk study and work at Imra over a period of 3 years. Once they are confident and sufficiently experienced, these young women can easily secure work independently and establish their careers. The Galila Foundation is proud to partake in this wonderful project.



Assistance Funds for Families and Individuals

The Northern Assistance Fund

For several years, the Galila Foundation has been managing a regional assistance fund for residents of the western Galilee. Once a month, the local authorities' welfare departments send us requests for approval by the Fund's aid committee, whose members serve as volunteers. Every year, the Fund helps dozens of economically distressed families, children, youth, the elderly and single-parent families.

Hesed Fund

The vision of the Hesed Fund is to bring together 'good people' who can help other 'good people' who need assistance. The Fund was established voluntarily by a wonderful group of Ma'alot residents who manage the many requests that they receive for aid to those in need, including new immigrants, the elderly, Holocaust survivors – anybody who is in crisis and needs immediate help. For each request, the group tries to find donors to gift amounts that, while not large, often save families from economic collapse. Every donation to the Fund is directed to a specific request from a person in need and is handled with accountability and sensitivity. The Galila Foundation manages the Fund for the volunteers at no additional cost and without any compensation.



“Raising from the Heart” Assistance Funds

The Galila Foundation works in partnership with the non-profit organization “Raising from the Heart” to grant assistance funds to needy individuals. These joint projects include a crowd-funding social campaign to raise funds for needy families and individuals. The organization offers financial support to families plagued with life-threatening or chronic illnesses, which demand expensive medical care. The campaign will be carefully supervised and managed professionally, so as to ensure maximum financial support for these families and patients, suffering from ill health and a harsh reality.



Supporting People with Special Needs

The Galila Foundation supports various projects that provide aid or otherwise respond to the many needs among the diverse populations across the north. The Foundation supports many projects that are varied, in keeping with the diversity of the populations who need support and based on the annual budget raised from philanthropic sources for this purpose.



Ozen LaLev – The Attentive Hearts Project

Ozen LaLev is a social project that was initiated and run by Dr. Sharon Lubasz. The Galila Foundation formed a collaboration with Ozen LaLev, aimed at expanding the activities this moving program offers to include people with special needs, part of the process to empower both them and the wider community.



Ozen LaLev's activity is unique in Israel. The project trains volunteers from populations that are considered “disadvantaged” (people with limited mobility, blind people and those who are vision or hearing impaired, those who are chronically ill, and elderly people, among others). This project trains these volunteers to provide emotional support and works with them as they go out and ensure that every person in the community has a supportive shoulder and an attentive and accessible ear, as well as providing social and emotional tools, including rousing lectures that change people's thinking and their direction in life.

Ziv School for Special Education, Safed

Ziv is a unique school for teenage patients in the psychiatric ward at Ziv Hospital in Safed. The teenagers originate from diverse social-economical, cultural and religious backgrounds, communicating in varied mother-tongue languages (Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, Amharic etc.) and in some cases not speaking Hebrew at all. The school makes an effort to cater to the specific educational needs and mental abilities of the pupils, in accordance with their age and personal capabilities.



The atmosphere in the school is engaging and filled with learning and creativity, which contributes positively to the wellbeing of these teenagers, in the midst of their suffering and illness. Being part of this school is an empowering experience for both pupils and their teachers, strengthening their coping skills, optimism and hope for the future. Since this special school is situated within a closed psychiatric ward, there are certain rules that are applied there. The school is focused on the medical and therapeutic needs of these unfortunate teenagers, and their physical and mental wellbeing will always receive preference. This year, the Galila Foundation provided equipment to the school, in order to enrich and improve the surroundings - for the benefit of these young patients.

Love Thy Neighbor, Kfar Veradim

The community center in Kfar Veradim facilitated a fun day for children with special needs, accompanied by teenage volunteers. The day included a variety of fun activities - such as soap bubbles, clay, chocolate, animals, reflexology, arts and crafts, drumming and more. Breakfast and lunch were also provided, together with a respite space enabling the children to take breaks during this special day. The Galila Foundation contributed to the funding of this exciting program.



The “My Piece of the Puzzle” Summer Camp

The ‘My Piece of the Puzzle’ project operates a summer camp for children with special needs, together with youth-at-risk with the goal of creating a meeting between two populations who have been marginalized.

The summer program was held in the village of Nahar HaYarden. Combining the youth-at-risk and youth with special needs – and using the educational model developed by “My Piece of the Puzzle” that fosters a sense of capability, acceptance, and self-confidence, alongside fun and a break from routine – together created an exceptional experience for these groups.

The Galila Foundation was pleased to have the opportunity to support such a values-based and important project, taking place in the Galilee.



“Yes and No” Riding Group

This year we continued our collaboration with the Galnaim North organization to encourage volunteering in the community and to help in running a sports activity program for people with special needs.

The activity of “Yes and No” includes operating and managing a riding group for blind and sighted people. At the Galila Foundation, we purchase the special equipment needed for the project, and enable the volunteers to work on behalf of the vision-impaired population who live in the area.



Disabled, Not Half a Human Being

Disabled, Not Half a Human Being is a non-profit organization that advocates for raising the disability pension, together with defending other human rights of disabled people in Israel.

This year, Galila Foundation supported this organization, assisting disabled individuals in Israel.



Wings Summer Camp, Merom HaGalil

During this past summer, 35 children with special needs, ranging in severity and types of disabilities, participated in the Wings Summer Camp, which has been operating for the past three years in the northern Galilee's Merom HaGalil Regional Council. The summer camp was facilitated and managed by the regional Community Center, granting children with special needs the chance to participate in a fun and liberating outdoor experience, while also providing a much-needed break for their families, especially during the long summer days. The camp, operated primarily by teenagers and volunteers, included a special "traveling camp" activity with visits to a variety of exciting locations across the northern region.

The Galila Foundation is proud to be partners in this valuable social initiative. We would like to thank the H.O.T Fund in the US, who has made this special summer camp possible- since 2018.



Life-Line Summer Camp

The Galila Foundation is proud to have donated, again this year, to this moving social and community project, initiated by Koby and Miriam Darchi from the town of Kfar Veradim. The Life-Line summer camp for people with disabilities and special needs is entirely a donation to the community and an example of human kindness.

The Dark hi family open their home for a week to some 40 people with disabilities, together with their caregivers. During the week, the participants enjoy a wide variety of activities, lectures, workshops, and guided activities, all of which are donated by members of the community. In addition, the participants enjoy joint meals and meetings with community members of Kfar Veradim and the surrounding region. The camp gives the participants' families a week of respite, during which they know that their loved ones are looked after, busy and surrounded by a loving community that cares for them.





Projects for the Wellbeing of Holocaust Survivors

The Galila Foundation has been supporting Holocaust survivors in the north since its inception. Believing that we have a national duty to aid Holocaust survivors who live among us for as long as they need us, the Galila Foundation operates a range of aid and support projects that are designed to make life easier, safer, and healthier for the survivors - in any way we can. This work is done directly with the survivors, as well as in cooperation with the relevant organizations in the field.



LATET Project for Holocaust Survivors in the North

More than 800 apartments of Holocaust survivors have been renovated and refurbished through a joint project of Galila and the Latet organization's 'Aid for Life' program. As part of this project, we visited hundreds of homes of Holocaust survivors who live in the most impoverished neighborhoods in northern cities and towns: Carmiel, Safed, Akko, Kiryat Bialik, Kiryat Haim, Kiryat Ata, Kiryat Yam and Shlomi.



Where necessary, we carried out repairs, made adaptations, installed safety equipment, purchase air conditioners, refrigerators, ovens, beds, and shower seats – anything that is needed to make the survivors' apartments places where they can live safely and with dignity.

We will continue with this project in the coming years as well and will endeavor to assist any survivor who needs our help.

Distributing Holiday Gifts to Holocaust Survivors in the North

As we do every year at the eve of the Rosh Hashana and Passover Jewish holidays, the Galila Foundation provided financial assistance to hundreds of Holocaust survivors in the northern communities of Akko, Nahariya, Shlomi, Carmiel, Maalot, Hazor and Safed.

As part of our activity on behalf of Holocaust survivors, volunteer-organized festive events were held in these cities. At the end of the events, each survivor received a holiday gift in the form of a gift card.

This assistance of several hundred shekels per person enabled the survivors to spend the holidays in relative comfort and in the knowledge that there are those who think about them and their welfare throughout the year and especially around the holidays.

Aid Fund for Holocaust Survivors in the North

For several years, the Galila Foundation has managed a regional aid fund for Holocaust survivors who live in the north. The Fund is intended to help the survivors to purchase items that they could not otherwise afford, such as medicines that are not covered by their health-care provider, treatments, safety equipment for the home and electrical appliances, among others.

Requests for assistance are sent to the Fund's aid committee by the local authorities' welfare departments or by other bodies that work with Holocaust survivors. The aid committee operates on a voluntary basis.

Grants are paid directly to the survivors and/or to suppliers to make the survivors' lives as comfortable as possible, by keeping bureaucracy to a minimum.



The Galila Foundation is committed to advancing and supporting projects that help to improve the quality of life of all residents of the north, whether they live in villages, moshavim or kibbutzim, or in the towns and cities that are scattered across this region of Israel.

*Our work at Galila is a privilege!
We feel blessed to have the ability to support, to encourage, to create, and to work in cooperation with all the entrepreneurs, organizations, people, and programs that together are building an ethical and high-quality human and social mosaic that contributes to the challenging lives of those who make their home in the north.*

Yael Barlev - Executive Director

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