



NEW ISRAEL FUND

GUARDIAN OF DEMOCRACY

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

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Four Seasons Hotel, San Francisco

ABOUT US

The New Israel Fund (NIF) helps Israel live up to its founders' vision of a society that ensures complete equality to all its inhabitants. Our aim is to advance liberal democracy, including freedom of speech and minority rights, and to fight the inequality, injustice and extremism that diminish Israel.

NIF has provided over \$300 million to more than 900 Israeli organizations since our inception in 1979. Through our work, we have changed the consensus on some of Israel's most contentious issues. From Israel's first rape crisis centers to the first accessibility law to the passage of the law banning torture in civilian interrogations, NIF-funded organizations have driven positive social change and furthered justice and equality.

And we are more than a funder. NIF is at philanthropy's cutting edge—thanks in large part to our action arm, Shatil, the New Israel Fund Initiative for Social Change. Today, NIF is a leading advocate for democratic values, building the coalitions and empowering the activists that drive meaningful social change in Israel.



EVENING PROGRAM

WELCOME & HAMOTZI

Daniel Handler, *Guest Speaker*
Orli Bein, *NIF Senior regional Director*

NEW GENERATIONS AWARD

Laura Saunders
New Generations Award Recipient
Introduction by Adar Grayevsky,
New Generations Director

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ruth Messinger

GALLANTER PRIZE PRESENTATION

Maisam Jaljuli
Gallanter Prize Recipient

Introduction by David N. Myers,
NIF Board President

GUARDIAN OF DEMOCRACY AWARD

Daniel Sokatch, *NIF CEO*
Guardian of Democracy Award Recipient

Introduction by Dinner Co-Chairs,
Serra Falk Goldman and George Goldman

GOOD NIGHT!

Daniel Handler

NEW GENERATIONS POST-EVENT CELEBRATION!





KEYNOTE SPEAKER

RUTH MESSINGER

It is our great pleasure to host Ruth Messinger as this year's keynote speaker. An icon of Jewish activism for social justice and human rights around the globe, Ruth serves as Global Ambassador for the American Jewish World Service (AJWS) and an expert consultant for a variety of other social justice organizations. She was President of AJWS for 18 years after a 20-year career in public service in New York City as a City Council Member and Manhattan Borough President. Ruth continues to mobilize rabbis and faith-based communities throughout the U.S. to promote human rights.

Ruth is a graduate of Radcliffe College and the University of Oklahoma School of Social Work; sits on numerous boards; is married to an educator and has three children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A tireless advocate and social change visionary, Ruth is an inspiration to so many, a longtime supporter of NIF, and a personal friend and mentor to our honoree, Daniel Sokatch.



SPECIAL GUEST

DANIEL HANDLER

Daniel Handler is the author of seven novels, including *Why We Broke Up*, *All The Dirty Parts* and *Bottle Grove*. As Lemony Snicket, he is the author of many books for children, including *A Series of Unfortunate Events* and *All The Wrong Questions*. His play *Imaginary Comforts* was produced last year at Berkeley Repertory Theater, and his work on the television adaptation of *A Series of Unfortunate Events* was awarded both the Peabody and Writers Guild of America Awards. He lives in San Francisco with the illustrator Lisa Brown, to whom he is married, and their child.



GUARDIAN OF DEMOCRACY HONOREE

DANIEL SOKATCH, NIF CEO

This year, we are delighted to honor NIF's inspirational leader and CEO, Daniel Sokatch, in recognition of his tenth year at the helm of NIF. During the past decade of extraordinary challenges, NIF has risen to new heights as the defender of justice, democracy, and equality in Israel, in no small part thanks to Daniel's leadership.

Before joining NIF, Daniel served as the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties. Prior to his tenure at the Federation, he was founding Executive Director of the Progressive Jewish Alliance (now Bend the Arc). In recognition of his leadership, Daniel has been named four times to the *Forward* newspaper's "Forward 50," an annual list of the 50 leading Jewish decision-makers and opinion-shapers. He has contributed articles to leading newspapers and magazines, including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, the *Forward* and *Haaretz*. Daniel holds an M.A. from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, a J.D. from Boston College Law School, and a B.A. from Brandeis University. He is married, is father to two daughters, and resides in San Francisco.



NEW GENERATIONS HONOREE

LAURA SAUNDERS

We are thrilled to honor Laura Saunders as our New Generations honoree. Laura is a scientist, social justice activist, and philanthropist. Her commitment to creating a just and equitable future for both Israelis and Palestinians has fueled her involvement with the New Israel Fund since she attended a 2008 NIF New Generations summer series exploring social change and activism in Israel. Since that time Laura has participated in countless NIF events, including hosting several herself. Laura also serves on the steering committee of the Center for Jewish Nonviolence (CJNV), which seeks to end the occupation and dismantle systems of oppression on both sides of the Green Line. She has participated in three CJNV delegations since 2016, spending several weeks in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, to strengthen nonviolent resistance together with Palestinians and Israelis.

Laura earned her Ph.D. in Genetics and Molecular Biology from Emory University and is currently the Vice President of Research at Everest Detection, a San Francisco-based biotechnology startup focused on developing diagnostics for early detection of cancer.



2019 RECIPIENT OF THE GALLANTER PRIZE FOR EMERGING ISRAELI SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERS MAISAM JALJULI

We are fortunate to present this year's Gallanter Prize to Maisam Jaljuli, a feminist activist and political organizer in Israel. Her long record of activism spans a broad range of public campaigns: for workers' and women's rights, against the occupation, and advancing a shared and equal society in Israel.

Maisam works closely with several NIF grantees. She is a member of the national leadership team of *Omdim Beyachad* (Standing Together), a grassroots Israeli movement that organizes Arabs and Jews in Israel around campaigns for peace, equality, and social justice to help transform Israeli society. She also sits on the boards of *Sikkuy*, an organization that advocates for equal treatment and equal presence in public spaces for Arabs and Jews, and *Itach-Ma'aki: Women Lawyers for Social Justice*.

Maisam holds a B.A. in criminology and sociology and an M.A. in educational leadership from Bar-Ilan University. She lives with her family in the Arab-Israeli town of Tira.



The Gallanter Prize was created to help NIF invest in trailblazing new leaders in Israel and to shine a spotlight on their work. It is the innovation of two esteemed NIF leaders—Linda and Sanford (Sandy) Gallanter. The recipient receives a cash award to further their work and attend the Guardian of Democracy Dinner in San Francisco, so you, our family of supporters, can meet them.

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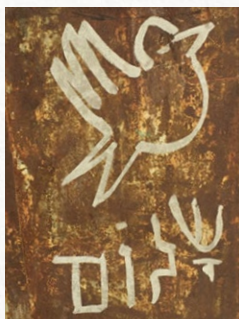
NIF offers our supporters a unique travel experience in Israel. Join us for an opportunity to meet and connect with inspiring activists, decision-makers, and influencers. Visit Israel like you never have before—enjoy the beauty of the country while exploring its challenges and learning about hope for the future.

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Traveling to Israel on your own? Let us know so we can help you arrange a visit with NIF staff in Israel or an NIF grantee.

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THE TIKUN MOVEMENT FOR SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CHANGE IN ISRAEL

2019 WINNER OF THE MIRIAM FLIGELMAN LEVY CROSS CULTURAL PRIZE

In July 2018, the Knesset passed a new Basic Law: Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People, or “The Nation-State Law.” The law was broadly criticized for favoring Jewish identity above others, and demoted Arabic to a non-official language in Israel.

In response, NIF grantee *The Tikun Movement for Social and Cultural Change in Israel* organized a conference that focused on the shared roots of the Hebrew and Arabic languages, attempting to diffuse the political tensions around the use of Arabic that were exacerbated by the passage of the new law.

This effort reflects the organization’s primary strategy—to host activities in the public sphere (conferences, events, lectures, engagement with the media) that promote social justice, human rights, tolerance, and a shared Jewish–Arab society in Israel. In this same vein, the organization also maintains a long-term project of ongoing dialogue between Jewish Israelis of Moroccan heritage and Muslim activists and intellectuals from Morocco.

Founded in 2012 by Dr. Meir Buzaglo, a well-known professor in Hebrew University’s department of philosophy, Tikun’s membership includes public figures and academics, many of Mizrahi background.

Support of this work reflects NIF’s priority to engage audiences that share our values, but may not traditionally identify with the progressive camp in Israel, such as the Mizrahi Jewish community. Tikun is unique in its promotion of social justice and shared society through traditional Jewish discourse, bringing a Jewish lens to address social issues in modern-day Israel.



Miriam Fligelman Levy was an innovator and a social thinker who dedicated her life to bridge building. Her legacy is carried on by her children Judith Levy Sender, Joseph Fligelman Levy (z"l), and John Fligelman Levy and their descendants.



HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS FUND

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In recent years, the community of activists and organizations that work on the ground to protect human rights in Israel and in the occupied territories has come increasingly under fire. There is an ongoing campaign by the right-wing, nationalist camp to silence and intimidate them through false arrests, indictments, and other strategies of legal harassment.

NIF's grantee the *Human Rights Defenders Fund (HRDF)* is the leading organization protecting these activists and organizations. Its mission is to ensure that human rights defenders are free to carry out their peaceful, nonviolent work shielded from punitive legal prosecution and violence.

HRDF provides a number of critical services, including a 24-hour hotline for human rights defenders, individual legal representation, media crisis management, and capacity and resilience training.

HRDF provides assistance to Israeli and Palestinian human rights defenders who participate in nonviolent protests against the occupation in the West Bank, those fighting for the rights of Bedouin communities in the Negev, LGBTQ rights activists, and Israelis of Ethiopian descent who are fighting police brutality and racism—work that NIF views as critical to protecting Israeli democracy.



Susie Coliver and Sandy Coliver established the Fund in 2002 to recognize and remember their mother Edith Coliver's tremendous contribution to the cause of human and civil rights. Her service on the International and Regional Boards of NIF was emblematic of her lifelong commitment to human rights and democratic values.

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Now we ask you to make it part of your legacy.

In honor of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the New Israel Fund, we have launched a special Legacy Giving Campaign with the goal of raising \$40 million. These funds will empower NIF to pursue its mission of strengthening democracy and equality in Israel by building up NIF's endowment, thereby providing us with greater financial stability over the long term.

Thanks to the generosity of early participants, we have secured commitments to our future of nearly \$30 million.

We hope you will join us.

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NIF AND CONGREGATION EMANU-EL PRESENT:
**WHERE HAVE WE BEEN? WHERE ARE WE
GOING? A POST-ELECTION LOOK AT ISRAEL**

Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30pm

Hosted by Congregation Emanu-El in San Francisco

A lecture by Professor David N. Myers

Congregation Emanu-El is pleased to welcome Professor David N. Myers, President of the Board of the New Israel Fund and renowned professor of Jewish history. Professor Myers will explore the present and future landscape of Israel after this year's double elections and in light of key historical trends over the past 50 years.

"Now is our moment, in our millions, to demonstrate the courage of our convictions, to push back constantly against the waves of darkness.

It will not be fun. It will not be easy.

But it will be done, and we will be the ones to do it. Let us escape from our complacent lives, let us overcome our fear and our terror. Let us give our lives lasting meaning beyond what we believed possible.

We did not choose to be alive at this time of great upheaval. This time chose us, and we turn, our shoulders squared, to meet it."

- William S. Goldman

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