



Bus stop bomb shelter in the south of Israel

JERUSALEM INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE

2023 IMPACT REPORT

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE



PURSUING JUSTICE
PROMOTING FREEDOM
ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS IN
ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Jerusalem Institute of Justice is an Israeli legal and research institute with United Nations Consultative Status. For 20 years, we have led the fight for civil rights in Israel, and for Israel's legitimacy on the world stage.





Dear JIJ Partners,

We entered 2023 with careful and considered plans to celebrate JIJ's 20th anniversary with a major event on December 10th, Human Rights Day. Leading Israeli journalists, diplomats, and professors accepted our invitations to speak on the topic of "Navigating Israel's legal and diplomatic challenges in the international arena."

Hamas' genocidal rampage on October 7th forced us to postpone our anniversary celebration. Suddenly, our team of lawyers and researchers were thrust onto the frontlines of a battle for Israel's survival while mourning the losses of family and close friends. Our children, spouses, and siblings were called up onto the physical battlefield while the civilians among us took up new positions on the frontlines of the information war.

Since that terrible day, JIJ has stood in the eye of the storm. We are the only Israeli human rights organization that defends Israel on the international stage while working directly with victims of discrimination, human trafficking, and terrorism. Our team of advocates changes lives inside Israel and challenges the toxic narratives that power Jew hatred outside of Israel. The stakes of our work have never been higher, and your support has never been more consequential. Thank you for your continued trust.

With appreciation,

Flavia Sevald, CEO



“We are one people - our enemies have made us one without our consent, as repeatedly happens in history. Distress binds us together, and, thus united, we suddenly discover our strength.”

- Theodore Herzl, 1896

FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF TERROR VICTIMS

- ▶ In the wake of Hamas' genocidal rampage on October 7th, all of the foreign tourists had cleared out of Israeli hotels, only to be replaced by over 250,000 displaced Israeli civilians, forced to flee their homes within 4 kilometers of the Gaza and Lebanon borders. There are only 56,000 hotel rooms in the entire country, which forced families of 8, 9, or 10 deeply traumatized civilians to share tiny rooms indefinitely.
- ▶ JIJ's legal aid team sprang into action, setting up mobile legal clinics in the lobbies of the hotels. We took on 120 new pro bono clients in the last quarter of 2023. Here are their stories:

Omri*, 8 years old, came to JIJ only 3 weeks into the war. "I have no parents. My parents were murdered. I don't have my house, I don't have any money. I have barely any family left. Please, can you help me to secure guardianship so that someone can take care of me?"

Maria*, a mother, is a refugee to Israel from Eritrea. She has already fled horrific violence in her home country and is displaced yet again due to Hamas' invasion. Her employer stopped paying her salary, she came to us wracked with worry for her family's future. She was reinstated at her workplace after JIJ's intervention.

- **Names changed*



CASES JIJ IS HANDLING ON THE INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS DOCKET:



1 orphan whose parents were murdered by Hamas

22 African refugee families with employment and rent problems

5 homeowners seeking repairs to their bomb shelters

12 traumatized residents of the Gaza envelope seeking weapons permits

40 families needing help with labor law

PROTECTING ISRAEL'S RELIGIOUS MINORITIES FROM HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION

JIJ promotes religious freedom in Israel through free legal aid for communities, families, and individuals facing discrimination for their faith. Our lawyers provide FREE legal counsel, specializing in immigration, administrative law, housing discrimination, non-profit governance and labor law.

In 2023, JIJ's Legal Aid Department handled 221 cases of religious discrimination and:

- ▶ organized 12 “Know Your Rights” seminars & workshops for religious communities, educating them on their rights and obligations under Israeli law
- ▶ appealed to the UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues for the evacuation of **1,000 Palestinian Christians from Gaza**, who are persecuted by Hamas
- ▶ facilitated the reunification of **73 families**, securing permanent residency, temporary visas, and full citizenship for Israeli citizens' elderly parents and foreign spouses
- ▶ won a Supreme Court appeal against the immigration authorities
- ▶ represented **38 houses of prayer** and organizations
- ▶ stopped the closure of a Christian school & kindergarten, winning the case at the Israeli District Court

TESTIMONIALS:

“JIJ’s commitment to our cause went far beyond the call of duty, and it was evident that every piece of advice offered was steeped in a wealth of experience and expertise.”

- **ST & KT**

“Thank you for being a beacon of support, knowledgeable, and a source of comfort during a challenging time. Your impact on our lives is immeasurable, and we are forever grateful for the difference you have made.”

- **RP**

“If you’re seeking someone who not only understands the intricacies of non-profit management but is also genuinely committed to your cause, JIJ is the group to turn to.”

- **AM**



RESTORING FREEDOM FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS

- ▶ 14 years ago, JIJ led a coalition of 20 Israeli organizations in pushing the Knesset to adopt the “Nordic Model” to curb sex trafficking. This model punishes sex buyers while rehabilitating vulnerable women and girls. In the 8 Western countries where it has already been implemented, the Nordic model has reduced demand for prostitution.
- ▶ The Knesset adopted our draft law in 2018, and began enforcing it in 2021. This makes Israel the first country in the Middle East to implement an anti-trafficking model that actually works.



JIJ SOLUTIONS

Last year, our joint efforts at the Coalition for Fighting Human Trafficking and Prostitution led to:

- ▶ **3** major trafficking rings busted
- ▶ **4** major brothels forced out of business: Habenchichi, Hashandu, Taboo, and Nissan Gevni
- ▶ **110** johns enrolled in recovery programs
- ▶ **9** victims of sex trafficking received free legal aid from JIJ
- ▶ **600** police officers and medical personnel trained on how to identify trafficking victims, enforce the new law, and provide trauma-informed rehabilitation
- ▶ **1 million** views of social campaigns

WE DEFEND ISRAEL ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE.

While much of the world condemns the only democracy in the Middle East, JIJ safeguards the legitimate standing of the State of Israel among the nations, upholding human rights in the region.

“When people criticize Zionists, they mean Jews. You’re talking anti-Semitism.”

- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Prior to October 7th, our International Diplomacy team had worked diligently to advocate for Israel's legitimacy inside the United Nations. Even in peacetime, the halls of the UN are awash in anti-Zionist propaganda. So it came as little surprise to us when the UN became the #1 platform for fomenting global antisemitism after October 7th.



JIJ SOLUTIONS

- ▶ led a coalition of **50 pro-Israel groups** in demanding the International Red Cross should visit, treat, and facilitate the release of the Israeli hostages
- ▶ convinced the European Union to audit its grants to Palestinian entities, and cut some of their funding
- ▶ won support from **34 US Senators** in demanding that the UN categorize Hamas as a terrorist organization
- ▶ brought **2 eyewitnesses**, forensic evidence, and legal analysis directly to dozens of UN officials in Geneva, New York, and Tel Aviv
- ▶ hosted interns from 6 countries
- ▶ organized **12 webinars** for our audience of 18,000 supporters in 24 countries

At the year's end, Israeli intelligence revealed that approximately 30 UN employees participated in the October 7th massacre, 2 held hostages in their own homes, and 7,500 UN employees in Gaza are official members of Hamas. In response, we are building a global campaign to defund UNRWA, the UN's agency in Gaza.

UNRWA PERSONNEL WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE OCTOBER 7 MASSACRE

FAISAL ALI MUSSALEM AL-NAAMI

UNRWA Social Worker

Member of Hamas & Position: Operative in the comms and combat support branch of the Nuseirat Battalion.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: identified (VISINT) in Israeli territory, was involved in kidnapping a soldier from Beerli, and coordinated the transfer of weapons and trucks.



ALI ISA HAMUDA MATAR

UNRWA Teacher

Member of Hamas & Position: Platoon Commander in Nuseirat Battalion.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: received an SMS calling him to report to the meeting point prior to the infiltration.



BAKER MAHMOUD ABDALLAH DARWISH

UNRWA School Counselor

Member of Hamas & Position: Operative in military intelligence.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: found in Israeli territory.



ABD ALI-RAHMAN ATIYA SALEM ABU AWAD

UNRWA Deputy School Principal

Member of Hamas & Position: Platoon Commander in Nuseirat Battalion.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: he followed the infiltration in real-time and was instructed to follow the events over the PPT radio and make sure the other relevant operatives did the same.



GHASSAN NABIL MOHAMMAD SH'HADDA EL JABARI

UNRWA Health Center Clerk

Member of Hamas & Position: Operative in Al-furqan Battalion.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: arrived in a hospital with a shot wound after turning off his cell phone.



MOHAMMAD TAWFIQ IBRAHIM EL GHAFARI

UNRWA Arabic Teacher

Member of Hamas & Position: Squad Commander in Nuseirat Battalion.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: received SMS calling him to report to the meeting point prior to the infiltration, along with logistical preparations.



SHADI MOHAMMAD JAMAL RAZAK DARABIAH

UNRWA School Attendant

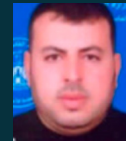
Member of Hamas & Position: Operative in East Jabalia Battalion.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: received an SMS calling him to report to the meeting point prior to the infiltration, along with logistical preparations.



RAMI MOHAMMAD RAMADAN SABBAH

UNRWA Math Teacher

Member of Hamas & Position: Logistics in Dir al-Balah Battalion.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: involved in receiving and holding hostages. Was seen photographing female hostages.



ALA ABD AL-HAMID QASSEM JOUDA

UNRWA Arabic Religion Teacher

Member of Hamas & Position: Company Commander in Nuseirat Battalion.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: arrested in Israeli territory.



MOUSA SUBHI MUSA EL QIDRA

UNRWA School Counselor

Member of Hamas & Position: Assistant to the Khan Yunis Brigade Commander.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: assisted his son in kidnapping an Israeli woman.



IBRAHIM ATIYA MOHAMMAD ABU GHAFRA

UNRWA Elementary School Teacher

Member of Hamas & Position: Cell commander in Nuseirat Battalion.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: Geo located in Israeli territory, found on list of militants sent to Reim, identified in testimony.



MOHAMMAD NASSER A-DIN MOHAMMAD ABU NAANA

UNRWA Clerk

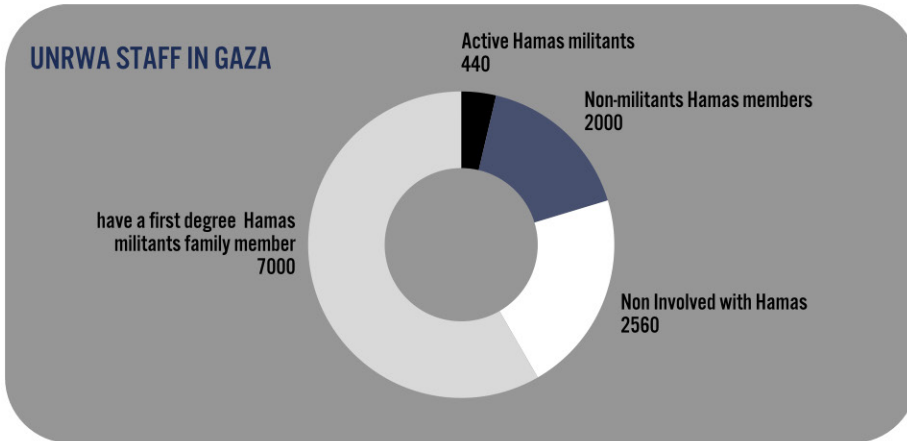
Member of Hamas & Position: unknown.
Involvement in the 7/10 Massacre: identified by the Shabak in Israeli territory.





UNRWA WORKERS IN GAZA LINKED TO HAMAS

(Data refers to 2024)



About 3,000 UNRWA teachers in Gaza, were part of a Telegram group in which they celebrated and praised the October 7 massacre by Hamas

All of the 278 UNRWA schools in Gaza are controlled by Hamas

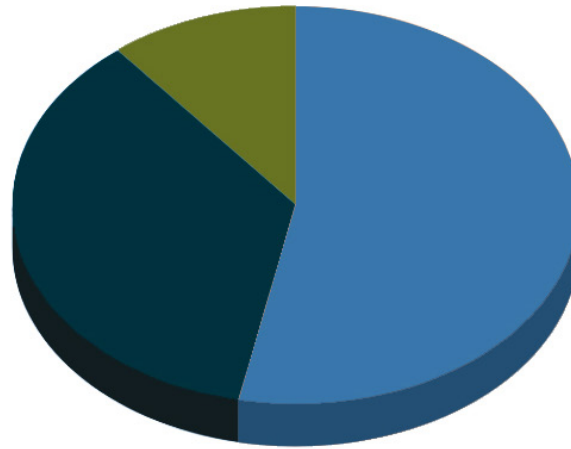
UNRWA SCHOOL

291,100 students educated in hatred and violence against Israel and the Jewish people

Most of the 3,500 terrorist who murdered, raped and beheaded innocent civilians on October 7th were exposed to the same UNRWA schools

FINANCIALS

● Civil Justice & Human Rights 53%
 ● Freedom of Religion & Conscience 36%
 ● Administration 11%



REVENUE	2020	2021	2022
TOTAL REVENUE	721,502	768,000	881,124

EXPENSES	2020	2021	2022
PROGRAM SERVICES	422,739	607,758	766,232
ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL	61,942	85,447	92,969
TOTAL EXPENSES	484,681	693,205	859,201

“I support the Jerusalem Institute of Justice financially because they have a proven track record of providing quality service and have demonstrated fiscal responsibility.”

- Daniel, Partner from the US



At the Jerusalem Institute of Justice, our pledge is to maintain an effective organization by being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. We have a responsibility to maintain integrity and openness in our financial practices. Therefore, we are committed to fulfilling the following standards:

- ▶ We are governed by a responsible Board Of Directors. Our board establishes policies, sets budgets, oversees operations and reviews organizational accomplishments.
- ▶ Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Contributions to both our JIJ USA Office and our JIJ Israel office are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by the law.

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At the Jerusalem Institute of Justice, accountability and transparency are an integral part of everything we do. From every purpose restricted donation, JIJ's Board Of Directors may allocate between 12% and 20% of that donation to cover its administrative and fundraising costs.



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