



# JERUSALEM INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE

2024 IMPACT REPORT



20 YEARS PROMOTING JUSTICE,  
FREEDOM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS







## ISRAEL'S PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE

*"The State of Israel will promote the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; will be based on precepts of liberty, justice, and peace taught by the Hebrew prophets; will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens without distinction of race, creed, or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship, education and culture; will safeguard the sanctity and inviolability of shrines and holy places of all religions; and will dedicate itself to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations."*





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

The Jerusalem Institute of Justice (JIJ) is a leading legal and research institute with Special Consultative Status at the United Nations. JIJ pursues justice on behalf of survivors of terrorism, human trafficking, and discrimination while upholding the legitimate standing of Israel within the community of nations.

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## **CEO STATEMENT**



*Dear Friends and Supporters,*

2024 has been a year of both hardship and meaningful progress. Through the trials of war and uncertainty, the Jerusalem Institute of Justice has stood firm in its mission to defend justice and strengthen Israel's place in the world.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our team and the steadfast support of friends like you. Together, we've provided crucial legal aid, won key battles, and made a real difference in the lives of those facing profound challenges.

I invite you to read this report and see what we've accomplished together. Each story is a testament to your partnership and the impact you continue to make.

Thank you for standing with us.

With gratitude,

Flavia Sevald,  
CEO, Jerusalem Institute of Justice



## ADVOCATING FOR ISRAEL ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

- ▶ **United Nations Engagement:** Presented forensic evidence of Hamas' atrocities to senior UN official Pramila Patten, confirming patterns of sexual violence during the October 7th massacre. This evidence was crucial in gaining international recognition of the sex crimes committed.
- ▶ **Survivor Testimony:** Organized live testimony at the Human Rights Council from Yuval Raphael, a survivor of the Nova Music Festival, in front of diplomats from 100+ countries. Her story highlighted the human toll of terrorism and the strength of the survivors.
- ▶ **International Criminal Court:** Submitted an amicus brief emphasizing the Israeli justice system's capacity to hold its officials accountable, challenging the ICC's jurisdiction over Israel.
- ▶ **Private Screening:** Held a screening for 84 global leaders, featuring uncensored footage of the October 7th massacre, exposing the horrors endured by victims and countering denialist narratives.



## STORIES THAT INSPIRE ACTION

Yuval went to the Nova Festival to dance with friends. At dawn, Hamas invaded. She sought refuge in a roadside bomb shelter, where terrorists attacked with bullets and grenades. Only 11 of 50 people in the bomb shelter survived. Yuval's survival is a testament to human resilience. Her story, shared internationally, continues to inspire global action.





## PROVIDING JUSTICE FOR THE VULNERABLE

JJJ's Free Legal Aid Department ensures access to justice for survivors of terrorism, human trafficking, and discrimination. In 2024, JJJ expanded its services to support war survivors and individuals with disabilities.

► **Cases Handled:** Provided free legal aid to **2,733 individuals**, including:

- 17 survivors of the October 7th massacre
- 68 families seeking citizenship or residency
- 40 survivors of human trafficking
- 32 wounded Israeli soldiers
- 112 refugees from Ukraine, Russia, and Eritrea



## TRANSFORMATIVE STORIES

- **Nora's Fight for Citizenship:** Nora faced rejection in her Aliyah process after serving in the IDF. With JJJ's help, she reopened her case and is now closer to making Aliyah.
- **Jamila's Struggle for Equality:** An Eritrean refugee and mother of three, Jamila was excluded from housing aid during the war. JJJ fought for her rights, securing equal assistance for asylum-seekers.

JJJ's work ensured that she was not overlooked during national crises. Legal victories like Jamila's case have set precedents to protect other vulnerable groups.

# FREE LEGAL AID

# PROJECT NOA

## COMBATting HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Project NOA is dedicated to fighting human trafficking and supporting survivors. In 2024, JIJ achieved significant milestones in this fight:

- ▶ Helped Israeli police dismantle a major trafficking ring, leading to the arrest of **14 traffickers**. This victory was made possible by the courageous testimony of a JIJ client from S. America, who was forced into labor under false pretenses.
- ▶ We met with First Lady Michal Herzog to discuss Israel's innovative anti-trafficking law.
- ▶ In 2018, JIJ persuaded the Knesset to adopt a **5-year pilot program** that treats women and girls in the sex industry as victims of abuse, and pimps as criminals. In 2025, we are working to make this pilot program permanent.
- ▶ Provided free legal aid to **40 survivors** of human trafficking, helping them rebuild their lives with dignity.
- ▶ In 2025, we're fighting to make the law permanent, ensuring prostituted women are treated as victims, not criminals.

## A STORY OF COURAGE

Sofia was lured to Israel with fake documents and forced to work 15-hour days without pay. Her brave testimony led to the arrest of her captors, a pivotal moment in the fight against trafficking.





# ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH LEGAL ACTION PROTECTING COMMUNITIES



Christian students in Israel's publicly funded Arab schools face discrimination as their curriculum prioritizes Muslim history, and excludes 2000 years of Christian history in Israel. We are committed to supporting the Arabic-speaking Christians who join the IDF, defend the Jewish State, and seek to integrate into mainstream Israeli society.

In 2024, JIJ filed formal petitions with the Ministry of Education to uphold the rights of this small community of allies to the Jewish people. This new partnership is built on a shared commitment to religious freedom and cultural preservation.

## UPLIFTING NEW IMMIGRANTS

With antisemitism on the rise, JIJ assisted **170 new immigrant families**, and foreign spouses in securing residency and rebuilding their lives in Israel.

## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

JIJ supported 80 houses of prayer and non-profits, defending them against discrimination and securing their rights to operate freely. These efforts empower local organizations to serve their communities effectively.

# INTERNSHIPS

## EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

Education is a cornerstone of JIJ's mission. In 2024, we trained and inspired students and leaders through diverse programs:

- ▶ Hosted **23 Jewish university student leaders from 16 countries** in partnership with the World Union of Jewish Students. These sessions focused on combatting antisemitism and countering pro-terror agendas on campuses.
- ▶ Organized **4 webinars**, attended by hundreds of participants, covering topics like international law, human rights, and Israel's global standing.
- ▶ In the last 20 years, JIJ hosted internships and fellowships in Jerusalem, for over **400 students** from 20+ countries, equipping them with tools to advocate for justice. Including 10 in 2024.

## IMPACTFUL MOMENTS

Through JIJ's training, Sarah, a student leader from Canada, gained the confidence to confront antisemitic incidents on her campus.





# STANDING WITH SURVIVORS

## WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND VICTIMS OF TERROR

In 2024, JIJ provided legal advocacy for **32 wounded soldiers** and their families.

- **Yoni's Story:** While protecting his country, Yoni was hit by shrapnel, causing a brain hemorrhage, a fractured skull, and damage to his eyesight. His hand was almost completely torn off, and only saved in a complex surgical operation. JIJ is helping him tackle the administrative and bureaucratic hurdles that stand between this wounded hero and a future filled with dignity.



## SUPPORTING DISPLACED FAMILIES

During the escalation in Gaza and Lebanon, JIJ assisted **120 Israeli families** displaced from their homes. We provided free legal aid to help these families access secure housing and social security benefits.

- **Rachel's Fight:** Displaced from the Gaza border, Rachel and her four children struggled to access government resources. JIJ stepped in, ensuring her family received emergency support and financial aid to rebuild their lives.

# AMPLIFYING VOICES ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

## DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENTS

In 2024, JIJ engaged directly with diplomats and policymakers worldwide to advocate for justice and combat antisemitism. Highlights include:

- ▶ Organized a side event at the United Nations session of the Human Rights Council featuring Professor Robbie Sable, Dr. Sigall Horovitz, and Nova festival survivor, Yuval Raphael. The event was attended by representatives from **18 countries**, where they heard firsthand accounts of October 7th atrocities and were presented with **JIJ's legal report *From Intent to Action: Legal Perspectives on Hamas' Genocide***.
- ▶ We delivered **JIJ's report *Echoes of Denial*** to the **United Nations**, detailing the rise of atrocity denial and its links to global antisemitism.
- ▶ Partnered with **key decision-makers** to enact policies that restrict funding to entities supporting extremism, including a **one-year suspension of U.S. funding to UNRWA**.
- ▶ Gave the floor to families of hostages to address the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- ▶ Partnered with 50 international organizations to demand that the International Committee of the Red Cross and UN bodies act on behalf of the October 7th hostages and victims.
- ▶ Our lawyers gave 23 media interviews, appearing on: [Kan en Español](#), [i24News](#), [Fox News](#), [Honest Reporting](#), and [The Jerusalem Post](#).







## STRATEGIC LEGAL ADVOCACY

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JJ's legal team prepared and submitted **amicus briefs** to international courts in 2024, defending Israel's sovereignty and human rights record. Key actions include:

- ▶ Challenging the **International Criminal Court's jurisdiction** over Israeli officials.
- ▶ Providing evidence of **war crimes committed by Hamas**, reinforcing Israel's right to self-defense under international law.

Started the Survivors Seeking Justice Project, a crucial campaign to preserve their testimonies and shatter denial with the truth. Taking their battle directly to international courts and global agencies.

- ▶ **Mazal's Video Testimony:** As part of the Survivors Seeking Justice project, Mazal shared her harrowing experience of survival, creating ripples of awareness and empathy globally.



## SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

### A DOCUMENTARY THAT DEMANDS ACTION

JIJ proudly presents *SATURDAY October 7*, a compelling one-hour documentary featuring the stories of seven survivors of the October 7th massacre. This crowdfunded project confronts atrocity denial and rising antisemitism.

#### Why This Film Matters

Through eyewitness testimonies, personal video footage, and accounts of resilience and heroism, *SATURDAY October 7* documents Israel's darkest day. The film is not just a documentary—it's a movement for truth, justice, and remembrance.

**In 2025 we are taking this documentary to university campuses!**

Sponsor the **Campus Tour** for maximum impact:

- Combat Atrocity Denial: Challenge misinformation with firsthand survivor evidence.

- Educate and Inspire: Screenings include resources like discussion toolkits, survivor Q&A sessions, and calls to action.
- Support Survivors: Help JIJ continue representing survivors free of charge while seeking justice for their suffering.

#### What's Included in a Sponsored Screening?

- A 60-minute screening.
- Access to the Screening Toolkit for organizing and promoting the event.
- Optional live Q&A with a survivor or production team member.
- Tools to drive action, including a QR code to stand in solidarity with survivors.

**Join the Movement. Donate Today.**

**<https://saturdayoct7.com/>**



TRUE STORIES FROM SURVIVORS WHO LIVED IT

# SATURDAY

## OCTOBER 7



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FEATURING YUVAL RAPHAEL, MAZAL TAZAZO, GUILLERMO ROCHMAN,  
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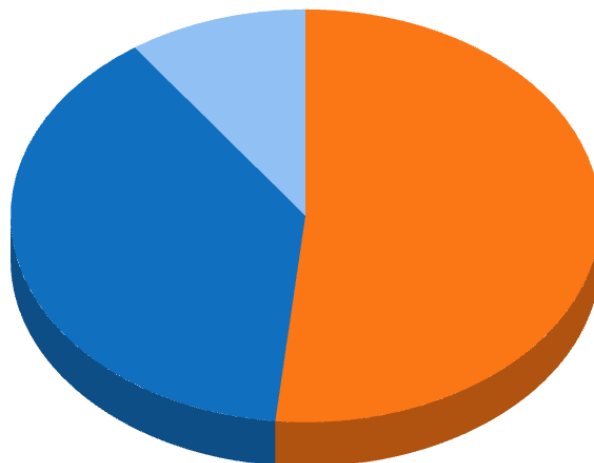
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# FINANCIALS

2023

● Civil Justice & Human Rights 51% ● Free Legal Aid 39% ● Administration 10%



REVENUE	2021	2022	2023
TOTAL REVENUE	768,000	881,124	882,086

EXPENSES	2021	2022	2023
PROGRAM SERVICES	607,758	766,232	806,757
ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL	85,447	92,969	87,986
TOTAL EXPENSES	693,205	859,201	894,743





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.

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.

Thank you to our donors, partners, and volunteers. Your unwavering support has allowed us to:

- ▶ Deliver justice to thousands of individuals.
- ▶ Advocate for Israel on the global stage.
- ▶ Empower the next generation of leaders.

**As the numbers make clear, a gift to JIJ is an investment in Israel's future.**



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