



Social Venture Fund for Jewish - Arab Equality and Shared Society

ABOUT THE SOCIAL VENTURE FUND

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) launched the Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society (SVF) in November, 2007 to strengthen and coordinate the Jewish community's efforts to address the unmet needs of Israel's Arab citizens and enhance Jewish-Arab relations through making strategic grants to non-profit organizations in Israel that focus on promoting equality and coexistence. The SVF has evolved into an impactful and well respected vehicle for collective action.

Since its inception, the SVF has raised over \$7 million from 38 foundations, federations and individuals, and these members have collectively allocated the funds to programs in the areas of education and economic development benefiting Arab citizens of Israel. These areas of focus were selected in consultation with many Jewish and Arab Israeli thought leaders in the field, key research findings and a rigorous prioritization process. The SVF has addressed three levels of intervention and change in its grant making: equality of opportunity, structural and institutional change, and shared society.

This report covers the activities of the 2015-2016 Social Venture Fund and highlights the accomplishments of our funding collaborative and the 27 NGO initiatives we have supported during our eighth year of operation.

The Vision:

We are committed to a State of Israel which is based on the values of freedom, justice and peace, which guarantees social and political equality to all, and in which the benefits of economic development are shared by all inhabitants of the country – all as envisioned in the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel. We see an Israel which provides equal opportunities and fair access to public resources and in which every individual is part of an inclusive society with a positive, shared future.

The Mission:

The SVF supports strategic initiatives in Israel that will:

- Build mutual respect and understanding between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel;
- Increase opportunities for Israel's Arab citizens to share equally in the social, educational, and economic life of the country; and
- Promote structural and institutional reforms that support the vision of Israel as a shared society that benefits all of its citizens.

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERS 2015-2016

Leadership

Robert Gordon and Wendy Rudolph, Co-Chairs

Adina Dubin and Joelle Steefel, Education Committee Co-Chairs

Joshua Arnow and Phyllis Bernstein, Economic Development Committee Co-Chairs

Sarah Silver, Emerging Issues Committee Chair

Gail Zucker, Director, Social Venture Fund

Rochelle Ben Dov and Talya Levin, JFNA Israel Office

Batya Kallus, Consultant

Members

Robert and Joshua Arnow

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Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, New Jersey

Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, DC

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Diane and Norman Bernstein Foundation

Dorot Foundation

Gandy Foundation

Diane and Guildford Glazer Foundation