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Strengthening Jewish Identity and Building Jewish Unity

Geshet closes the gap between secular, religious and ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel, and promotes our shared heritage as the force which can hold us together. Meaning 'Bridge' in Hebrew, Geshet has refined a unique educational approach that confronts our differences, fosters commitment to Jewish identity and builds skills for a shared future.

Geshet has dedicated its work for more than 40 years to bridging the gaps between different segments of Israeli society, so that together they can develop an identity that reflects a shared commitment to Israel as a Jewish and democratic state.

Geshet's innovative programs impact upon the current and future leadership of Israel – infusing Israel's youth, army, police force, communities and the public at large with Jewish values and culture and by advancing a vibrant and inclusive vision of Judaism. Our dynamic, often life-changing educational and cultural programs create and strengthen Jewish Identity where it is lacking and open up eyes and minds that may have been closed. In facilitating dialogue and mediation between Jews of all kinds of backgrounds, we have reached and affected over 1 million Jews since Geshet's founding.

As articulated profoundly by Geshet's Founder and President Emeritus, Dr. Danny Tropper: ***“Our Jewish identity, which should serve to unite the diverse Jewish people in Israel, has instead been the cause of a deep rift between communities. This split has resulted in anger and alienation and is tearing the nation apart. Healing the rift can only come by way of enlightened Jewish education that can become the common denominator for genuine dialogue between different sectors of the nation.”***

The work of Geshet's dedicated team has a ripple effect that reaches beyond the boundaries of Israel into the Jewish world at large, fostering a Jewish identity which forms a bond that unites us, rather than a wall that divides us.

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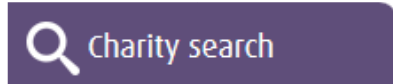
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ANNUAL REPORT



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GESHER

GESHER CLOSSES THE GAPS BETWEEN DIFFERENT SEGMENTS OF ISRAELI SOCIETY, STRENGTHENS JEWISH IDENTITY, AND PROMOTES JEWISH UNITY.

2013 MILESTONES


22,570
PARTICIPANTS
this year alone


60+
CITIES across
Israel engaged


93%
of PARTICIPANTS
report Geshher
significantly
changed their
view


100%
PREVENTION
of violent
protests in cities
where Geshher
intervened



GESHER SINCE INCEPTION:



1 MILLION participants in seminars and activities
60,000 IDF Officers trained in Geshher Leadership Seminars
8 MILLION viewers of award-winning films & TV dramas
Established **common ground** between secular and religious Zionists

"It was the most TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE of my high school years"

- Sarah H., Geshher Encounter Seminar participant

COMMUNITY MEDIATION

In light of our mediation in Geshher's Community Roundtable Forum, we have expanded to more and we are now reaching farther than ever before. New roundtable sessions began in Petach Tikva, ILLIT, Ashdod, and two other communities.

ULTRA-ORTHODOX ENLISTMENT

For the past several years, the Director has been attending meetings with ultra-Orthodox leaders. This is another example of our ability to be sensitive to the needs of all communities.

BRIDGING THE JERUSALEM DIVIDE

Geshher has piloted a program bringing influential young adults into the homes of ultra-Orthodox families in Jerusalem for a Sabbath meal. Participants TOURED CLOSED OFF NEIGHBORHOODS AND ENGAGED IN DIALOGUE with leading community representatives. This new initiative attracted more than 150 participants over 3 months and will be dramatically expanded in the coming year.

DIATING
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EDUCATING YOUNG GENERATION

TEEN SEMINARS

This year alone, more than 7,000 Israeli high school students participated in Geshet's secular-religious dialogue and Jewish identity programs.

In the coming year, GESHER IS INCREASING ITS IMPACT BY SELECTING TOP STUDENTS FROM MORE SCHOOLS and providing them with transformational 3-day leadership seminars. These teens will return to their schools as activists for a shared Jewish identity, tolerance, and respect.

IDF RECRUITS

In 2013 Geshet expanded its reach with education by providing seminars for specially selected units, INCLUDING: BORDER POLICE COMMANDERS, all NAHAL HAREDI recruits, SENIOR IDF PERSONNEL from the Southern and Northern Command, specially selected COMBAT UNITS, and recruits for the POLICE & PRISON SERVICES.



BUILDING NEW LEADERSHIP

IDF OFFICER TRAINING COURSE

Today, every single IDF Officer has undergone Geshet's leadership training. In 2013, more than 6,000 officers graduated from the program and are now leading soldiers of all backgrounds and shaping the next generation of leaders. By engaging in leadership training, Geshet is shaping the IDF experience as a leadership experience; GESHER ISRAEL'S IMPACT within the IDF and beyond.

GESHER LEADERSHIP COURSE

In 2013, a new project brought 20 leaders from ultra-Orthodox, secular and religious communities together to build bridges, overcome obstacles, and create programs to advance dialogue and understanding in Israeli society.

After six months of meetings, a 5-day training course brought them together on new joint initiatives. GRADUATES OF THE GESHER LEADERSHIP COURSE are shaping a new era of leadership, built on mutual respect and a shared Jewish identity.



This was an EXHILARATING EXPERIENCE for me, my people, heads of families, and community leaders... no doubt that it was successful in giving us a copious amount of INSPIRATION that will help with our activities in Israel.

- Menachem Abuch
ULTRA-ORTHODOX COMMUNITY
DIRECTOR OF
HEBREW UNIV
PARTICIPANT,
PLUS AT



GRASS ROOTS: MEETCHABRIM

Gesher is proud to be a founding partner of 'Meetchabrim', a grass-roots project sweeping across Israel uniting citizens from all backgrounds. We're working closely with its impressive founder, Brigadier General (res.) Ram Shmueli, and other partnering organizations that share Gesher's core values, putting our educational techniques and content into the hands of over 50,000 Meetchabrim participants this year alone!



MEDIA & FILM : AVI CHAI AND GESHER FILM FUND

The Gesher Film Fund, the Avi Chai Film & Television Project, and Gesher are launching a 5 year collaborative, pushing a wave of films, incubators, television programs, and social media materials; advancing our shared mission of strengthening the fabric of the Jewish people and our shared Jewish identity. Previous collaboration saw the successful production of award-winning Ushpizin and Shtissel (which won 10 Israeli academy awards this year). Great excitement is building up around the first products of this powerful partnership.



ISRAELI GOVERNMENT: MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The newly elected government has partnered with Gesher to make encounters with 'the other' a national priority. A dedicated government fund will encourage more schools and students to participate in Encounter Seminars. We hope to see an increase of several thousand participants over the next three years.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

JFNA GENERAL ASSEMBLY VISITS GESHER

In November, Geshher hosted participants from Jewish Federations of North America's (JFNA) 2013 General Assembly as part of a city-wide day of learning in Jerusalem. We're delighted that JFNA gave us the opportunity to converse with diaspora Jews about the importance of forming a shared commitment to Israel and give them meaningful content to take home to their communities.



GESHER @ 92Y

With over 160 people in the audience, New York City's 92Y featured Geshher's very own Executive Director Ilan Geal-Dor for a panel discussion moderated by Ari Goldman of the Columbia Journalism School. The panel also included Ethan Bronner of The New York Times and Rabbi Avi Shafran from Agudath Israel of America. It was a rare opportunity for North American guests to engage with a well-versed panel on the challenges facing the Jewish People today. Look out for future events with Geshher, or get in touch to bring similar initiatives to your area soon.

RABBI JONATHAN SACKS ON LEADERSHIP

For the culmination of our first Leadership Course, Geshher hosted Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks for a special discussion with our graduating participants. Rabbi Sacks gave strength and inspiration to these ultra-Orthodox, secular, and religious leaders, specially joined by Geshher's inner circle of leadership, supporters, and senior facilitators for an uplifting morning.

"THE RELIGIOUS SECULAR DIVIDE IN ISRAEL IS ABOUT FEAR... BUT WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR. YOU CAN MEET YOUR SISTER AND BROTHER IN PEACE."





GESHER FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD

ISRAEL

Israel is Gesher's fastest growing source of support! This year, donors came to inspirational events featuring Gesher programs in Jerusalem, Ra'anana, and Herzliya. Looking forward, Modi'in is gearing up to host an event in early 2014.

For one touching ceremony, guests came to Gesher's campus for a re-dedication of the Adam Science z"l Room. Guests from the Science family, friends from across Israel, and representatives from the IDF and Israeli government joined a heartfelt ceremony celebrating the memory of Adam z"l and the legacy that continues in his memory.

USA

In February, three Gesher representatives flew to New York to speak with donors and the community at large about their experiences as Israelis on the front lines of change in Israel. Rivka Fredj, a graduate of Gesher's Encounter Seminar, Na'ama Weinberg, a facilitator specializing in IDF Leadership Training, and Gesher Director Yoni Sherizen were hosted by Seth Damski for a host of communal speaking events spreading Gesher's message and raising much-needed funds.

UK

Rabbi Benji Levene and Executive Director Ilan Geal-Dor visited London for a scholar in residence weekend and series of public events to strengthen our partnership with the Jewish community and supporters. This growing collaboration continues to rapidly progress, and the Gesher Leadership Course is planning another special visit in 2014.

NEW FACES AT GESHER

Audrey has spent her entire life preparing for her role with Gesher and feels that the Ahavat Yisrael (love of fellow Jews) created through Gesher's programming is her mission in life. With decades of experience in development ranging from the national political stage to various not-for-profits, she has been influential in developing Gesher's fundraising efforts in North America.

AUDREY WEITZ,
Director of
Development, USA



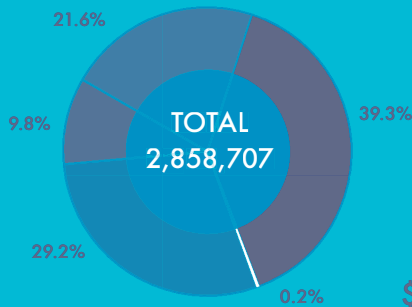
SHMUEL CHAIM PAPPENHEIM,
Director of Ultra-Orthodox Projects



As Gesher's first-ever Director of Ultra-Orthodox Programs he has been influential in recruiting for the new Leadership Course, gathering participants for Gesher dialogue groups, and creating a popular lecture series for yeshiva students. As a proactive Gesher representative in many forums and regularly appearing in the media, this Toldos Aharon Nasid from Beit Shemesh and former newspaper editor is impacting the ultra-Orthodox community and all of Israel on a large scale.

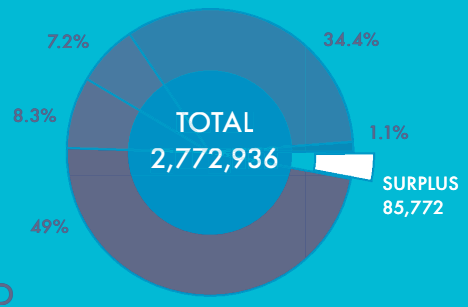
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INCOME



2013

EXPENSES



	\$USD	\$USD
Gov. Funding (incl. IDF in-kind)	835,185	1,359,788
Participant Fees	279,674	229,132
Donations	616,384	199,186
Beit Gesher	1,122,863	954,092
Other	4,601	30,738
TOTAL	2,858,707	2,772,936
		85,772 SURPLUS

WHERE YOUR DONATIONS SPONSORED IN 2013

\$50	An IDF Officer's Gesher TRAINING
\$180	SCHOLARSHIP for a Teen Encounter Seminar
\$500	A MEDIATOR / FACILITATOR for One Day of Sessions
\$1,800	One Year of DIALOGUE for a Community Leader
\$3,000	One Participant in the Gesher LEADERSHIP Course
\$10,000	An IDF Unit in Gesher TRAINING
\$20,000	Weekend SEMINAR for Secular – Religious Teens
\$50,000	Created STRATEGIC PLAN for Bridging Israel's Divide
\$100,000	Launched Matching GRANT for IDF Gesher Training

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IDF Officer Training Course

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Geshher's IDF Officer's Training Course is delivered to every officer today. The 6,000 young men and women who are carefully selected by the IDF each year for leadership positions undergo this intensive 5 day seminar. With Geshher delivering two days of the program and the rest coordinated in conjunction with our expert educators. As military officers, these cadets will serve as role models and guides for their troops, and as future citizen leaders, they will shape Israeli society for generations to come.

Impact:

- Foster positive interactions in place of dangerous internal conflict & distrust
- Strengthen Jewish morale, ideals and values as a foundation of IDF service
- Shape a cohort of future leaders in Israel's military and civilian sectors

Utilizing this platform, those at the forefront of Israel's defense will develop a shared identity that prizes Jewish values and promotes tolerance of diversity – helping Israel overcome its most pressing threats.