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# Annual Report

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2024

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# LETTER FROM OUR CEO, RABBI AVI DABUSH

**2024 was a year of profound challenges.**

As advocates for peace, we navigated one of the bloodiest chapters in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—its effects felt across the region. The situation remains fragile.

**In Israel, the war fueled radicalization.**



Extremist elements in government used their power to erode democracy and promote endless conflict—fulfilling the biblical curse: "By your sword shall you live."

**Even in these dark times, Rabbis for Human Rights remained a beacon of hope.**

In 2024, we mobilized hundreds of Israeli and international volunteers to support vulnerable Palestinian communities and **protect West Bank farmers during harvest.**

**We stood with Jews and Arabs** living in poverty, **advocated in the Knesset**, and empowered grassroots activists from marginalized communities.

**Our interfaith work grew stronger**, uniting Jewish, Muslim, and Christian leaders in dialogue and prayer. Over 1,000 pre-army students joined educational programs rooted in Jewish and universal human rights, including visits to East Jerusalem and unrecognized Bedouin villages.

**We also welcomed 170+ Israeli rabbis into our movement**—proof we are not a fringe voice but a growing moral force in Israeli society.

We ended the year with a powerful crowdfunding campaign—raising nearly half a million shekels from 600+ donors. This generosity reflects a shared belief in faith-based activism.

Together, we're building a more just and compassionate future.

With resolve and gratitude,

Rabbi Avi Dabush

# FIGHTING FOR A CEASEFIRE & THE RETURN OF HOSTAGES

"There is no greater mitzvah than redeeming captives"  
(Mishneh Torah, 8:10, Maimonides)

Throughout 2024, our Rabbis and activists have consistently advocated for a ceasefire to end the war and ensure the safe return of the hostages. This unwavering message has been at the heart of every action and event we've led.

RHR has organized tours for Rabbis, educators, and decision-makers to the Gaza envelope and border, where they have heard firsthand from survivors of October 7th and met with families of those still held hostage in Gaza.

Our CEO, Rabbi Avi Dabush, along with other members from the region, continue to serve as a moral compass—bearing witness to the human tragedy while calling for an urgent end to the bloodshed.



Rabbi Avi Dabush protesting at the Erez crossing to increase humanitarian aid into Gaza, September 2024



Prayer service in Hostage square, February 2024

# HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES



Rabbi Dana Sharon picking olives in Ja'aba, West Bank

RHR's work in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) provided critical protective presence and support for Palestinian communities living under occupation, amidst rising extremist settler violence. We led tours, brought Rabbis and educators to the West Bank to learn about the reality on the ground, and stood side by side with Palestinian communities in solidarity.

## 400+

volunteers  
brought to the  
field for  
protective  
presence.

## 80

## Tonnes

humanitarian  
food aid  
delivered to  
communities in  
need in 2024.

## 1000+

volunteers  
brought to the  
field during the  
olive harvest.



Food packing day for the Ramadan Aid campaign, April 2024.



וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ בְּצֶלֶם  
אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בָּרָא אֹתָם.

Adam Rabea planting a tree alongside Achvat Amim participants, December 2024

### PLANTING JUSTICE

In 2024 we brought **Israelis and Palestinians together to plant 650 trees** in Palestinian villages in the West Bank and in unrecognised Bedouin communities in the Negev.

### PROTECTIVE PRESENCE

Across the Jordan Valley, Masafer Yatta and in agricultural communities south of Nablus, RHR provided shepherding escorts, offering protection against settler violence.

For the first time, we also brought a delegation of Jewish students in collaboration with Achvat Amim, integrating protective presence into their program and deepening their engagement with communities under threat.

### OLIVE HARVEST

**In the shadow of the war, Palestinians were prevented from harvesting their olives.** An estimated 96,000 (OCHA) dunams remained unharvested due to Jewish settler terror and military restrictions.

Through this hard time, we assisted Palestinians in accessing their land and brought 1000 activists to take part in harvesting with 34 different communities.



Protective Presence, Jordan Valley, April 2024

# INTERFAITH ACTIVISM



Faith Leaders at the Jerusalem Interfaith March, June 2024

In 2024, RHR deepened its commitment to fostering interfaith dialogue and cooperation. This year, we established the Interfaith Forum for Human Rights, where, alongside partner organizations, we co-created a platform to discuss our shared values regarding conflict resolution.

## INTERFAITH MARCH

The 2nd Annual March united faith leaders, hundreds of volunteers, and representatives from dozens of partner organizations. Preceding the ultra-nationalist Jerusalem Day Flag Parade, the March presents a shared vision for equality and peace in the Holy City. Following the march, participants engaged in discussion circles at the Hartman Institute and joined the Zion Congregation's "Ma'aminim" event.



Ghadir Hani (l), R' Sigal Asher (r),  
Interfaith March, June 2024



Sheikh Hassan Abu Aliyun (l), Adam Rabea (r), Interfaith March, June 2024

# INTERFAITH ACTIVISM

Throughout the year, RHR have organized and taken part in countless interfaith prayers and events:



Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum and Haja Ibtisam Muhameed reading a shared prayer for peace at the Time Is Now Peace conference, May 2024.

RHR board member, Rabbi Dani Danieli, alongside Rev. Issac Munther, MK Ofer Cassif, Sheikh Hassan Abu Aliyun, in addition to senior clergy, during a solidarity visit to Al-Makhrour, August 2024.



An interfaith prayer for peace at the old synagogue in the daycare center between Nir Im and Nir Oz. Together, Jews, Muslims, and Christians, we prayed for a ceasefire, for peace, and the return of the hostages, August 2024.



During the 2024 olive harvest season, we organized an interfaith harvesting day in Battir, West Bank. After picking olives together, our host welcomed us into his home, where we held an interfaith service—praying side by side for a future of peace and justice, November 2024.





# HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION



A Mechina cohort meeting with Adam Rabea and Anton Goodman, September 2024.

RHR's Mechinot educational programs remain central to our mission, instilling Jewish values and human rights principles in the next generation of Israeli leaders. This year, we expanded and refined our curriculum, continuing a legacy of transformative education.

For the first time, we hosted a **joint educational and solidarity program with Achvat Amim**. Twelve students from the US and Europe joined us for an in-depth solidarity programme, meeting with civil society leaders and peace activists from Israel-Palestine.

**1000+**

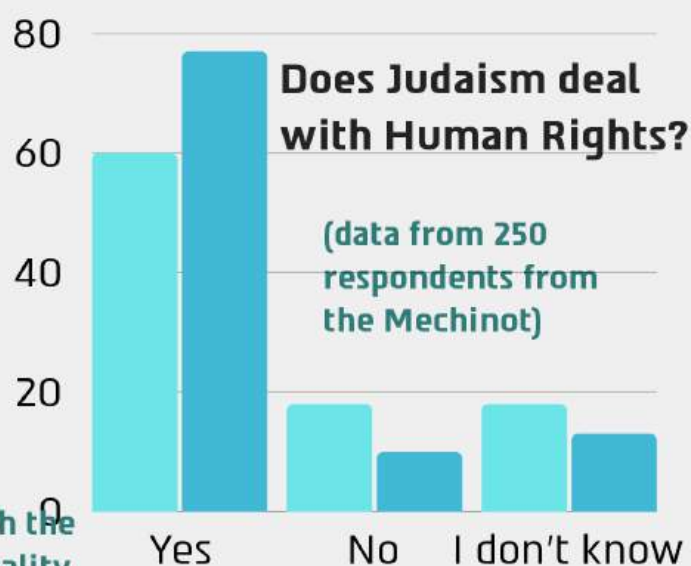
Israeli students participated in our Mechinot programme.



Rabbi Ruti Baidatz, chair of RHR's board, speaking with the delegation about the relationship between her spirituality and human rights.

● Pre-course

● Post-Course



# JUDAISM & SOCIAL JUSTICE

RHR continues to push for systemic change in Israeli society, **addressing urgent issues of poverty, housing, and labor rights, while ensuring marginalized voices are heard in decision-making spaces.**

Through grassroots engagement and policy interventions, RHR remains a lifeline for those navigating economic hardship.



פרשת בהר

שבוע הצדק החברתי

44

Events  
during Social  
Justice Week

"Parashat Behar, Social Justice Week" - event website, May 2024



In May, RHR's third Social Justice Week, held with 15 partner organizations, featured 44 events and a website with study materials. This collaboration broadened engagement with Judaism's social justice values through lessons, conferences, and community gatherings.

Zero Shekel board game

Ahead of Parashat Shekalim and Purim, RHR's Shabbat Shekalim campaign linked the biblical half-shekel to modern social responsibility. With rising needs in Israel, we printed a "Justice and not Charity" sticker and published a card game, "Zero Shekel" **highlighting systemic inequality faced by people living in poverty.**

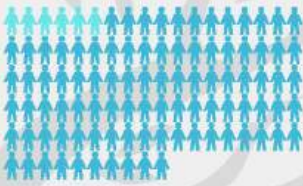
# HADERA RIGHTS CENTER

RHR's Rights Center serves the residents of Hadera and the Wadi Aara region.

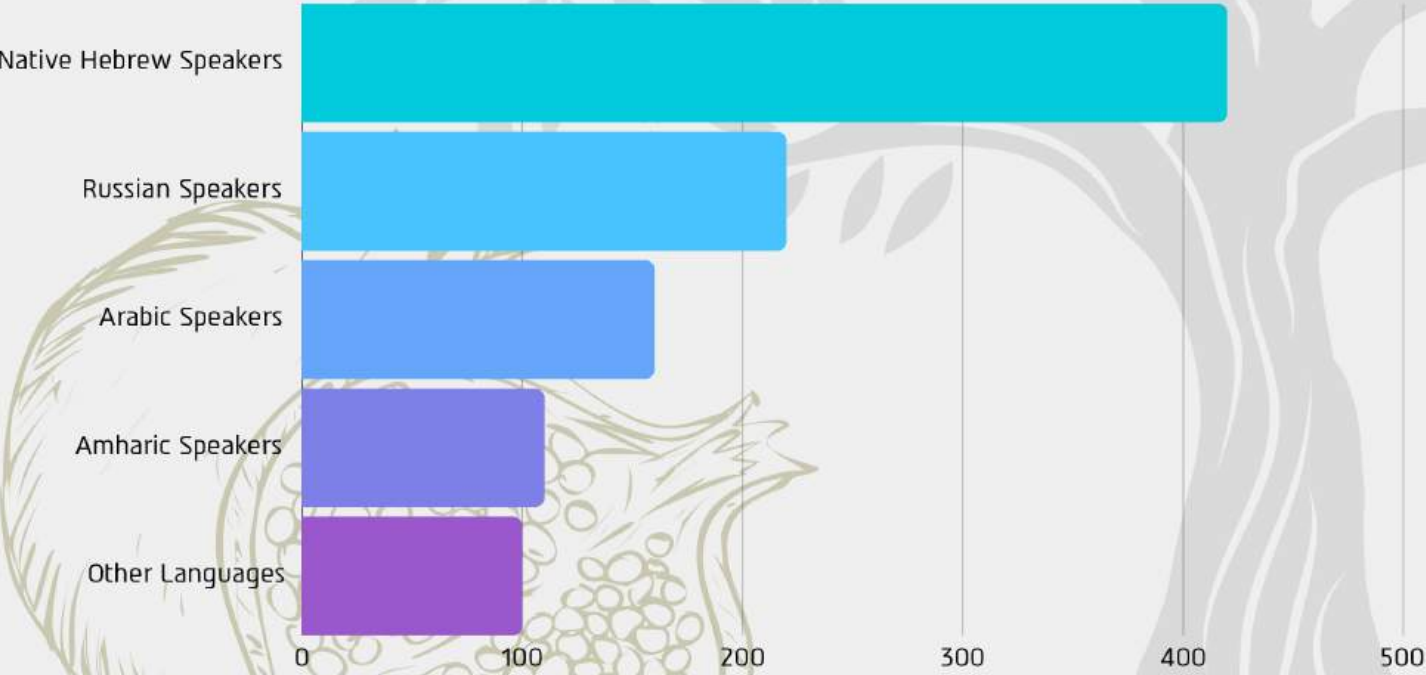
At the Rights Center, professionals and volunteers provide information on rights, assistance, and guidance for exercising social rights and entitlements in matters of debt, public housing, social security, and more. The service is free and available in both Hebrew and Arabic.



**1100**  
Client  
interactions in  
the year 2024



The Rights Center team: L-R, Adv. Becky Keshet-Cohen, Adv. Kamar Saweed, Rabbi Sigal Asher, Emad Zuabi, April 2024



# TACKLING POVERTY



Ensuring equal access to electricity during war-time.

Fighting to raise the budget for food stamps.

Working to improve employment bureaus in unrecognized Bedouin villages.



Members of our activist network in the Knesset

## FIGHTING POVERTY

We secured a council seat within the Authority for the Fight Against Poverty for a representative from low-income communities, ensuring their voices in decision-making. We also advanced the creation of a State Authority to Tackle Poverty, laying the groundwork for long-term structural support for struggling families.

## HOUSING AND WELFARE

We advanced key housing and welfare reforms, ensuring respectful communication standards and lease extensions for elderly public housing tenants. Through targeted advocacy, we prevented welfare benefit freezes, safeguarding support for vulnerable populations. Additionally, we expanded food voucher eligibility, increasing access to essential assistance for under-served communities.

100 Million   
allocated for food vouchers in the state budget



Adv. Becky Keshet-Cohen during a welfare committee meeting.

# RABBIS NETWORK

**Our Rabbis' Network brings together spiritual leaders from across the spectrum of Jewish tradition.** Membership is open to rabbis and certified cantors from Orthodox, Traditional, Reform, Renewal, and Humanist backgrounds, as well as to rabbinical and cantor candidates. United by a shared commitment to justice and human dignity, our diverse network fosters collaboration, dialogue, and action in pursuit of a more just and compassionate society.



Solidarity grape picking day at the Latrun Monestary, February 2024.

170+

Rabbis in  
our Rabbis  
Network



Reflection circles at the Shalom Hartman Institute, June 2024.



Maoz Inon speaking at our annual Rabbis conference, HaMiffal, June 2024.

# FINANCIALS

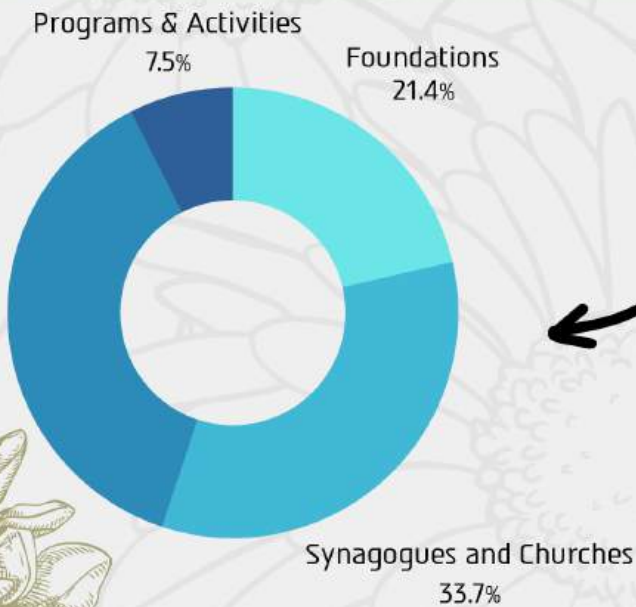


The activities highlighted in this report would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors and community partners.

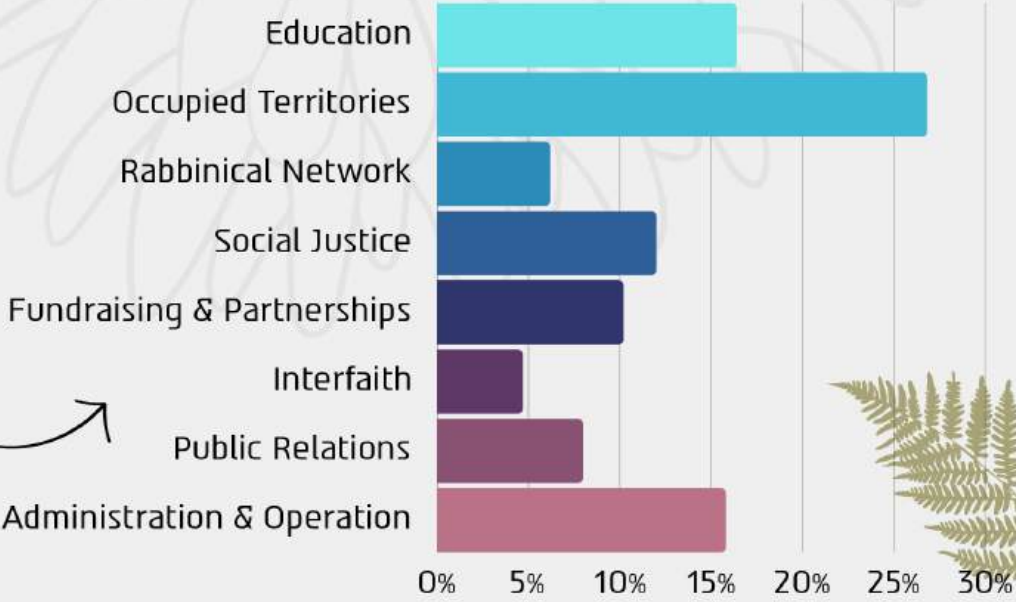
Your generous support has helped us expand exponentially over the years and support the human rights work we do in Israel and the OT.

**Thank you for joining us on the frontline of a more just, peaceful reality for Israelis and Palestinians.**

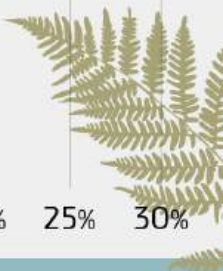
## Budget: 4,500,200NIS



## Income



## Expenses



# LAST YEAR 'S IMPACT IN NUMBERS:

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Israel

Occupied  
Territories

In desperate times,  
we must uphold the  
Jewish value of  
sanctifying all  
human life.

**2000+**

People engaged across  
all activities

**400+**

Volunteers engaged in  
protective presence.



**1000+**

Volunteers joined  
us during the  
olive harvest.

**400+**

Attended our  
annual Jerusalem  
**Interfaith march**  
for Human Rights  
and Peace.



**1100+**

Cases handled at  
our **social justice center**  
in Hadera,



**1000+**

Young participants  
joined our pre-military  
**Mechina** programme.



**80,000+**

Kilograms of  
**food aid** given  
to communities in  
the West Bank  
and the Negev.



**160+**

**Rabbis** in our  
Rabbinical Network.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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and defend the  
dignity of all in  
this land.

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today.



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