

# הקדש

## Statement on 2011-2012 Grantees

### + Hekdesh Mission

HEKDESH is a philanthropy collective that inspires members to be increasingly intentional and generous with their charitable donations by exploring the traditions and practice of tzedakah.



### Grantees

**ASSAF** Advocacy, Research & Policy Reform, Public Awareness and Education

**ATZUM** Refugee advocacy, social and youth services

**+972** Social media, online journalism, advocacy

**Total Granted**  
\$16,384.33



### Hekdesh 2012 Grantees

Updated report on selected Hekdesh Grantees from the 2011-2012 Giving Cycle

# +972

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ASSAF

**Total grant:** \$6348.93

**Percentage of votes:** 39%

**Mission of organization:**

ASSAF's mission is to assist all those entering Israel in search of asylum, by advocating for their rights on the basis of international law. ASSAF also supports asylum seekers as they face daily economic, social, legal and emotional challenges. Through psychosocial and advocacy programs, ASSAF aims to both provide a source of familiarity and strength, and encourage institutional service providers to expand their scope to include refugees.

**How grants were employed:**

- Community-based support for South Sudanese asylum seekers, many of whom are victims of hate crimes in Israel.
- Expansion of ongoing media campaigns and advocacy efforts

**Priorities for next year:**

- Continue approach of working on three levels - the individual, the community and the political. ASSAF will continue to assist those entering Israel in search of asylum, and to advocate for refugee rights on the basis of international law, in the aim of facilitating their humane and dignified existence.



**Key activities in 2012:**

2012 saw a sharp deterioration in the situation facing asylum seekers in Israel, and a corresponding increase in the need for ASSAF's work. Organization expanded several of its programs:

- *Psychosocial Support Project* offers support for asylum seekers who have suffered trauma, grief and loss, and assistance with other psychosocial needs
- *Social youth club project* is tailored for 14-19-year old minors from the refugee community in Israel
- Expanded and developed Facebook page, which now reaches more than 2,700 fans and is a focal point for online debate and engagement
- Organized more than 60 awareness-raising lectures and events

**How can members of Hekdesh continue to assist the organization?**

Volunteer. 90% of the ASSAF staff are volunteers.

**For more information:**

[www.assaf.org.il/en](http://www.assaf.org.il/en)

## ATZUM's Task Force on Human Trafficking



**Total grant:** \$6846.33

**Percentage of votes:** 42%

### Mission of organization:

ATZUM's TFHT aims to engage the public and government agencies to confront and eradicate modern slavery in Israel, and lobbies for reform in the areas of prevention, border closure, protection of escaped women, and prosecution of traffickers and pimps.

### Key activities in 2012:

#### *Project 119 Lobbying Campaign*

- Pairs 119 international volunteers and 119 Israeli volunteers with 119 Knesset members to educate them about the realities of trafficking and prostitution
- Promoted legislation criminalizing the purchase of sexual services and decriminalizing the provider, which was given unanimous, initial approval by the Knesset Ministerial Committee

#### *Ending Sex Advertisements*

- Continued two-year effort to ban illegal advertisements for sexual services in newspapers
- Protested to the Supreme Court the lack of police initiative in prosecuting publishers of these advertisements
- Recently, police arrested owner of Israeli newspaper that exclusively advertises sexual services
- Working with Tel-Aviv Municipality Legal Department to address prevalence of advertisements for sexual services in the city

#### *Awareness-Raising Campaigns*

- Brought group of journalists to a shelter for trafficked women, leading to publication of several articles portraying the brutalities of this modern slavery

- “Women-To-Go” campaign – in which women stood in prominently placed shop window wearing price tags to raise awareness of the realities of prostitution – was exported to Chicago/Evanston

*Beit Midrash Tikken U'Mishbat (TAKUM) about trafficking*

- Participants in London, New York and Jerusalem study classic and contemporary texts to explore issues of modern day slavery, including sexual slavery, emphasizing the dignity of the other. Participation includes havruta and activist projects.

### How grants were employed:

Used for several projects above

### Priorities for next year:

- Passing aforementioned legislation
- Developing curriculum materials for use in schools throughout Israel to promote awareness
- Designing workshops for law enforcement officers on how to identify and assist victims
- Organizing a mass public awareness event on International day for the Abolition of Slavery

### How can members of Hekdesh continue to assist the organization?

See opportunities at [tfht.org/take-action](http://tfht.org/take-action), including: calling officials, writing letters, signing petitions and volunteering.

### For more information:

[www.tfht.org](http://www.tfht.org)

**+972 –  
Advancement  
of Citizen  
Journalism**



**Total grant:** \$3189.09

**Percentage of votes:** 19%

**Mission of organization:**

+972 is a blog-based web magazine that is jointly owned and operated by a group of journalists, analysts and bloggers, mostly based in Israel. The goal is to provide a platform for fresh, original, on-the-ground reporting and critical analysis of events related to Israel and the Palestinian territories. +972 believes in engaged journalism – seeking to influence the world, and not just report or register profits. While the group doesn't support a specific political agenda or party, it sees itself as committed to human rights, freedom of information and opposition to the occupation.

**How grants were employed:**

- Paid for operations for a little over a month

**Priorities for next year:**

- Increasing readership
- Enhancing technological efficiency
- Increasing gender and ethnic diversity
- Beginning to compensate writers

**How can members of Hekdesh continue to assist the organization?**

Read and take part in debates on the website

**For more information:**

[www.972mag.com](http://www.972mag.com)

**Key activities in 2012:**

- Featured work by photography collective “Activestills” documenting Israeli-Palestinian conflict to raise public discourse
- Featured video reports by independent media organization Social TV
- Produced “The Round Trip” – journalistic analysis of disappearing Green Line
- “The Wall: 10 Years On” – journalistic series on effect of separation barrier, nominated for prestigious Anna Lindh Award