

New Israel Fund

(Washington, DC)

Total Award: \$950,000 over 1 year

Women and the Environment: Agents of Change in Israel

To support *Women and the Environment: Agents of Change in Israel*, an initiative to create a more vibrant, just, and peaceful Israel through supporting women as agents of change, developing an environmental movement, and seizing opportunity to create cross-sector social change. *Women and the Environment* includes four initiatives: 1) The NCF/NIF Women's Initiative seeks to harness the energies of women to create change by advancing the rights and status of disempowered populations to create a more just and vibrant society. The Initiative seeks to cultivate projects in the Orthodox Jewish and Arab-Israeli sectors that mobilize women through leadership development, advocacy, and cross-sector collaborations. 2) The Dafna Israeli Fund complements the work of the NCF/NIF Women's Initiative and develops feminist leadership by supporting new initiatives in academia, business, and public participation. These projects include serious inter-organizational partnerships between feminist and mainstream institutions, focusing on mentoring, networking, and diversity. 3) The Green Environment Fund (GEF) seeks to build a values-based environmental movement in Israel, foster a sustainable environment, and safeguard the public health of all Israeli citizens. GEF promotes environmental justice, with an emphasis on the health of vulnerable populations, safeguarding water and air quality, and effective partnerships especially between Jews and Arabs. 4) Finally, the NCF Opportunity Fund supports and builds capacity for cross-sector initiatives and coalitions that address broad issues in Israel in far-reaching and innovative ways, responsive to history.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$800,000 Jewish Life and Values Program: *Objectives I, II, III, & IV*

\$100,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*

\$50,000 Environment & Contemplative Practice Programs: *Objective II, Strategy 1*

James Cummings serves on the International Council of the New Israel Fund, this is not a board position. Ruth Cummings Sorensen and Stephen Durchslag also serve on oversight committees for the Pluralism and Environment initiatives.