

2025



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DEAR FRIENDS,

2025 was a volatile year, marked both by prolonged war and the ceasefire deal in Gaza that brought tentative hope for a new opportunities. Despite the fragility of the moment and the ongoing traumas and wounds, 2025 showed that political horizons can emerge with courage, engagement, and sustained effort.

Against this challenging backdrop, the Geneva Initiative's sister organizations (Geneva Initiative - Israel and the Palestinian Peace Coalition) intensified our work across all arenas. We sustained Israeli-Palestinian dialogue when trust was lowest; equipped journalists, policymakers, and opinion-shapers with facts, analysis, and direct access to voices from both societies; invested in women and young leaders as drivers of solution-oriented future leadership; and advocated in Knesset, with Palestinian officials, and on international platforms, for a diplomatic path forward that offers real security, dignity, and self-determination to both peoples.

We are looking forward to 2026 with hope for positive developments in Gaza that lead us closer to Palestinian statehood, side by side in peace and security with Israel. The new year will bring an unparalleled window of opportunity: it is up to us to translate this into meaningful progress.

Thank you for standing with us at a time when it matters most,



Gadi Baltiansky
Director General
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Nidal Foqaha
Director
Palestinian Peace Coalition

In accordance with Israeli law and in the interest of full accountability, H.L. Education for Peace (the Israeli partner organization of the Geneva Initiative) declares that the majority of the organization's funding comes from foreign governmental entities.

2025



IN NUMBERS:

156

EVENTS

974

**YOUNG
LEADERS TRAINED**

18

**PALESTINIAN-
ISRAELI JOINT
MEETINGS**

22

**POLICY MAKERS
ENGAGED IN
ADVOCACY**



Geopolitical tour of key areas in and around Jerusalem for parliamentary advisors

RESILIENT PARTNERSHIP

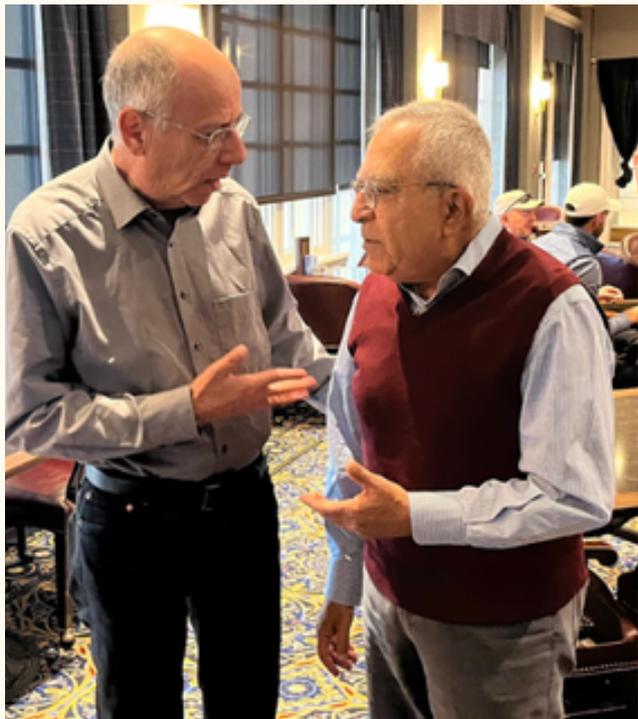


Although the continuation of the war posed serious obstacles to Israeli-Palestinian meetings, we maintained cross-border dialogue channels and brought stakeholders together even at the height of the violence



Israeli and Palestinian delegation with the mayors of Bologna, Marzabatto and Italian civil society partners

We organised 18 online meetings, multi-day seminars, and advocacy delegations that brought Israelis and Palestinians together. After the ceasefire, our dialogue programs gained even greater momentum, with four direct dialogue seminars for Israeli and Palestinian journalists, experts, and young leaders.



GI Director Gadi Baltiansky with former Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad

SUPPORTING INFORMED JOURNALISM



IN 2025, WE TRAINED 218 PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI JOURNALISTS.

Activities included joint Israeli-Palestinian journalist dialogue seminars, geopolitical tours of the Gaza Envelope, the West Bank, and the EI area, and closed-door briefings with Palestinian, Israeli, and international experts.



Left: Journalists in conversation with former Israeli and Palestinian Ministers Yossi Beilin and Ashraf Al-Ajrami; Right: Veteran reporter Yigal Mosko presents to a group of Israeli and Palestinian journalists on media coverage during the war

Each of these events was designed to strengthen accurate, empathetic and solution-oriented coverage of the conflict.



After a GI journalist workshop, Palestinian pollster Dr. Khalil Shikaki was invited to present his findings about Palestinian support for negotiations on Channel 12 news

THE NEXT GENERATION OF PEACEBUILDERS



Throughout 2025, we invested in working with young leaders as critical agents of long-term change. In total, we reached over 374 Israeli and 600 Palestinian students, emerging leaders, and young activists.



Left: Palestinian-Israeli young leaders in dialogue; Right: Russian-speaking Israeli participants present change initiatives during a seminar

Through seminars, training courses, tours, pre-military academy lectures, and joint Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, we equipped young people with the tools and the confidence to become effective peace-builders. We worked with diverse communities of young leaders - Israelis, Palestinians, the Arab community in Israel, the Russian-speaking community, parliamentary advisors, artists, students, and activists.



Left: GI expert Mossi Raz explains the two-state solution and the Geneva model to pre-military academy students; Right: social media publicity for a policy and borders tour

WOMEN LEADERS FOR TWO STATES



Women educators and influencers from the Arab community in Israel

We engaged 200 Israeli and 380 Palestinian women from across civil society, media, politics, education, and the private sector.



Arab-Jewish leadership cohort with MK Iman Khatib

We connected participants directly with policy-makers, applying knowledge gained in policy advocacy activities.

5 cohorts of incredible women leaders from the Arab community in Israel completed policy courses in 2025.

Geopolitical tour of Jerusalem and settlements for our political activist cohort of women leaders



ADVOCACY AROUND THE WORLD



In 2025, we engaged in advocacy efforts and gave regular briefings to officials and diplomats around the world



GI Deputy Director answers US student questions about narratives, policies and polarization

and we deepened partnerships with international coalitions and change-initiatives like **Uniting for a Shared Future and **Peaceworks on Campus** for civil society and campus conferences.**

Palestinian Director Nidal Foqaha meets President Macron at the Paris Peace Forum



MK Naama Lazimi leads a session about connecting democracy and the conflict in public discourse and movements, at a USF convening organized by GI-Israel in parallel to a Ramallah USF convening organed by PPC



OUR WORK IN THE KNESSET



Throughout 2025, we strengthened engagement with MKs and their advisors, made our voice heard in Knesset committees, and worked to advance informed, responsible policymaking on issues related to the conflict.



Knesset liaison Ron Yamin in the Knesset Committee on Oversight

Our GI-Israel team engaged Members of Knesset and parliamentary advisors from across the political spectrum through briefings, committee appearances, and expert testimony on topics including education for peace, East Jerusalem, settler violence, and security considerations.



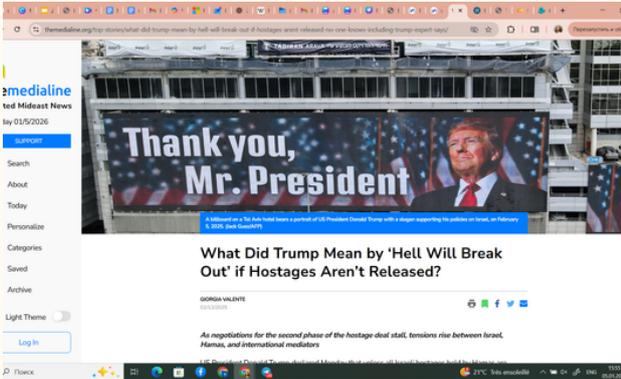
Left: security and history experts discuss the future of the conflict with parliamentary advisors from 4 different parties; Right: MK Mansour Abbas meets GI team for policy discussion



MEDIA OUTREACH



In 2025 we reached more than hundreds of thousands of Israelis and Palestinians on our social media pages



[Nidal Foqaha talks to the Media Line about the hostage-ceasefire negotiations](#)



[Normalizing peace discourse: a video for Israeli audiences](#)

Over 20,000 subscribers to our Two-State Index report and monthly newsletters.



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[Naomi Sternberg, head of gender and conflict programming at GI, speaks at the Paris Peace Forum](#)

Dozens of media items, articles, and op-eds about the Geneva Initiative and the two-state solution



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Israel-Saudi normalization has been sidelined in favor of Saudi, Iran nuclear agreements - opinion

The further Israel sinks into its one-state reality, the more irrelevant we become in key geopolitical considerations and regional diplomacy.

[GI Deputy Director Tehila Wenger's article in The Jerusalem Post](#)