



Women's International Zionist Organization
for an Improved Israeli Society



WIZO

AT THE HEART OF ISRAELI SOCIETY

INTRODUCTION

WIZO – THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, DAILY TOUCHES THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ISRAELIS.

With 800 projects across the country, WIZO is the largest provider of social services for women, children and youth in Israel.

Supported by a 250,000-strong membership worldwide, WIZO gives the underprivileged in Israel the opportunity to improve their future, and stands at the forefront of the battle to advance the status of women.

For families living under the threat of abuse and violence, WIZO is the shining light in their lives.



DAILY
TOUCHING
LIVES

CHAMPIONING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

SINCE ITS FOUNDING, WIZO HAS STOOD FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES. TODAY, WIZO CONTINUES TO WORK TOWARDS A JUST SOCIETY AND EQUAL STATUS FOR WOMEN.

ADVANCING LEGISLATION FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

From the very first Knesset in 1948, WIZO has been instrumental in the passing of numerous laws advancing and protecting the status of women in Israel.

PROMOTING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP & EMPOWERMENT

To advance women in the public sphere, WIZO runs national leadership and empowerment programs. These programs enable thousands of women to enter the workforce, develop their leadership skills, build careers and attain high-level positions in local and national politics. WIZO also has established an incubator to develop female entrepreneurship, which will be beneficial to countless women.

PROVIDING LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

WIZO operates 30 legal advice centers countrywide to assist women in family matters and employment law. Lawyers, mediators, psychologists, family and couple therapists staff these centers. A special hotline provides aid to women who face discrimination in the workplace, ensuring they receive all due benefits and protection rights.

PREVENTING AND TREATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WIZO operates two shelters to protect battered women and their children, three centers for the treatment of domestic violence in the family, and a free hotline and therapy groups to assist violent men.

SUPPORTING SINGLE MOTHERS

Single mothers and their children benefit from 80 groups in 22 centers across the country where WIZO provides vital support and opportunities in the spheres of employment assistance, empowerment programs and parenting workshops.



| GIVING CHILDREN THE BEST START IN LIFE

WIZO BELIEVES THAT EVERY ISRAELI CHILD DESERVES EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. BY PROVIDING EXCELLENT CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION TO ALL, IRRESPECTIVE OF BACKGROUND, WIZO NURTURES THE CHILD AND GIVES MOTHERS PEACE OF MIND AND THE FREEDOM TO WORK, KNOWING THAT THEIR TODDLERS ARE RECEIVING THE VERY BEST START IN LIFE.

183 DAY CARE CENTERS

WIZO day care centers provide childcare to over **15,000 babies and toddlers**. Professional and dedicated staff gives emotional and developmental support in a warm and secure environment, where toddlers thrive. WIZO also operates day care centers within hospital and university campuses enabling working mothers to pursue their careers.

20 DAY CARE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

Some of our day care centers are for children at risk whose parents are unable to care for them. These day care centers work together with the parents, so that they can stabilise the family unit.

23 EMERGENCY FRAMEWORKS AND FOSTER HOMES

For children at high risk who have suffered neglect and abuse and must be removed from their homes, WIZO provides 23 short and long-term solutions, giving protection and care in a loving, home-like environment. Foster parents or teams dedicated to their wellbeing give them security, support and a new life.

HELP LINE FOR PARENTS

WIZO's helpline for parents provides counseling and sound advice for anxious parents when situations arise that cause distress. From advice about diapers, refusal to eat and traumatized infants at times of war, WIZO's professional volunteers help parents cope.

45 THERAPEUTIC CENTERS

400 elementary school children from dysfunctional homes receive hot meals, help with homework, enrichment programs and constructive social activities after school until the evening. Professionals and volunteers provide crucial extra support enabling the children to close educational and social gaps between themselves and their peers.



BUILDING A FUTURE FOR YOUTH

WIZO BELIEVES IN EXCELLENCE AND EDUCATION FOR EVERY YOUTH REGARDLESS OF BACKGROUND. FOR OVER 90 YEARS, WIZO HAS PROVIDED A WARM AND LOVING HOME TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUTH AND GIVEN THEM THE TOOLS TO SUCCEED.

5 YOUTH VILLAGES

WIZO's five youth villages provide excellent education to **5,500 students** throughout Israel. Among the students are some from very painful disadvantaged backgrounds and dysfunctional families. For them, the dormitories at the youth village are home – and here they receive care and support in a warm and loving framework to help them reach their true potential. WIZO believes in each youth and helps them overcome their difficulties to create a future.

3 WIZO SCHOOLS

WIZO sponsors three special education schools. Two specialize in children with emotional and behavioral issues. The third teaches professions to those unable to handle a normative framework. WIZO believes that in each youth there is a talent and here, these talents are recognized, encouraged and brought to the fore. These schools give children that second chance to prove their worth ensuring their future success.

34 YOUTH CENTERS

At WIZO youth centers and youth clubs, disadvantaged children receive specialized tutoring and guidance with an emphasis on communication and leadership training skills. These centers imbue youth with self-pride and the confidence to reach for goals that will ensure success and fulfillment in their adult life.



SAVING GIRLS AT RISK

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ISRAELI GIRLS ARE AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF RISK. WIZO OFFERS SEVERAL PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE PROTECTION, TREATMENT, EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATION TO GIVE THESE GIRLS A SECOND CHANCE IN LIFE.

REHABILITATION CENTERS FOR GIRLS AT HIGH RISK

WIZO has three centers for girls at severe risk who are engaged in extremely destructive behavior. Here, the girls have a last chance at rehabilitation before being sent to a closed facility. The centers provide long-term therapy and employment programs. Thanks to the love, support and encouragement WIZO gives every girl, most of them return to school and even enter the army.

PREVENTION AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS

In order to prevent girls who come from non-functional homes from deteriorating to crime, drugs etc., WIZO operates dozens of prevention and empowerment programs for them.

"*Otzma Tzeira*", our flagship program has saved hundreds of girls by encouraging a healthy self-image and teaching them life skills. Most girls have a complete turnaround, and many return to volunteer and mentor younger girls in the programs.



| GLOBAL SISTERHOOD

Over 90 years ago, WIZO was founded by women with the shared goal of supporting Israel. Today, vibrant, talented women continue to support Israel's women and children and express their Jewish values in ways that are most meaningful to them.

THERE ARE WIZO FEDERATIONS IN 50 COUNTRIES WITH OVER

250,000 ACTIVE MEMBERS

WORLDWIDE UNITED IN THE GOAL OF STRENGTHENING ISRAELI SOCIETY.

ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS

WIZO as an NGO is represented at the United Nations with consultative status in ECOSOC and UNICEF and advocates for equality of women and the rights of the child. WIZO representatives also sit on the board of the worldwide NGO, The International Alliance of Women (IAW).



WIZO AND YOU

Join our worldwide sisterhood and help us continue our work - almost a century of dedication to Israel and the Jewish people.

Together we can turn lives around!



MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

WITH 800 INSTITUTIONS AND PROJECTS ACROSS ISRAEL, WIZO MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, CREATING THE BEST SOLUTIONS TO ENABLE EACH INDIVIDUAL TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES AND IMPROVE THEIR FUTURE.

55 WIZO BRANCHES

WIZO branches across Israel provide essential services to the local community. 55,000 volunteers run various social programs such as: legal aid offices, centers for girls at risk, projects for children in distress, support for the elderly and more. WIZO volunteers are devoted to creating a better future for populations in need, taking them from darkness to light.

50 SECOND HAND STORES

WIZO operates a network of second-hand clothing stores from its branches. These stores provide clothing free of charge to the needy and sell items to the public for a nominal fee. Revenues are used to support WIZO programs for children and youth at risk as well as treatment for victims of domestic violence.

FAMILY LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER

WIZO operates a unique center for enriching family life, 'Beit Heuss', which helps both men and women deal with serious family difficulties and crisis situations. From single parent families to new immigrants and families living under daily security threats, hundreds of families have benefited tremendously from 'Beit Heuss'.

RETIREMENT HOME

In central Tel Aviv, WIZO operates a supportive and caring home for seniors. Among the first of its kind in Israel, the home was established in order to provide better care and services to seniors and to respond to their needs. On site medical staff and skilled service workers are available at all times, and regular activities and events enrich the lives of the residents.



WIZO ON THE MAP



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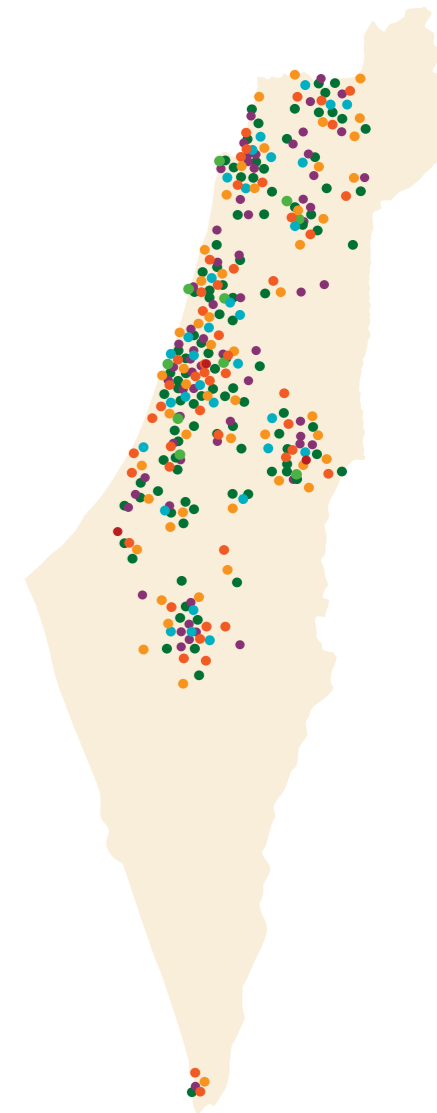
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100s OF PROJECTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT RISK



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