



# Newsletter

## December 2024

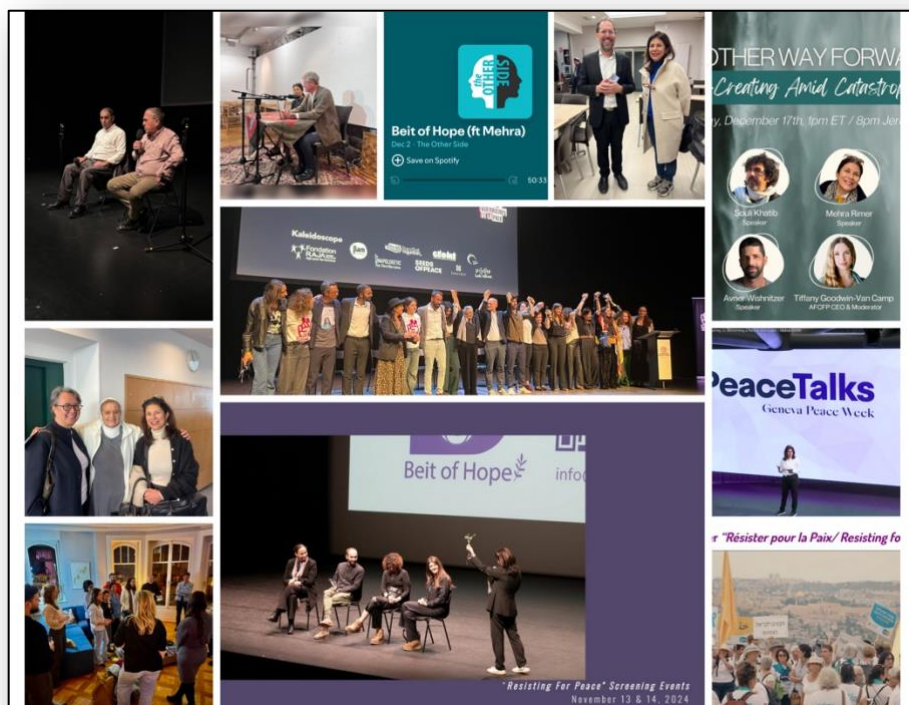
Dear Friends and Supporters,

This is our final quarterly newsletter of the year, and we would like to take this moment to extend our heartfelt wishes to everyone—especially to the people of the Middle East, regardless of their ethnicity, nationality, or religion—for a much brighter and peaceful new year ahead. May the war come to an end, so that hostages can return to their loved ones, so that innocent civilians can be safe. May a sustainable peace process take root. Let the healing of hearts begin. Other nations have managed to rise above periods of violence and tragedy, forging paths toward reconciliation and hope. Why not Palestinians and Israelis? Let us dream, hope, and imagine.

In our own modest way, during our last screening events in November, we witnessed something extraordinary: Palestinian, Lebanese, Israeli, and Iranian volunteers working side by side to make the event a success. Why can't this spirit of collaboration and unity extend to a broader scale? This is the vision we hold for the Middle East: a future built on partnerships and cooperation, rooted in mutual recognition, equal rights, dignity, self-determination, healing, understanding, and shared prosperity for all.

Since the beginning of 2024, B8 of Hope has been actively engaged in a range of initiatives such as public talks, documentary screenings, and presentations in Swiss schools.

Learn more about our September to December Activities [here](#)



Meanwhile, despite the challenging times, our Israeli and Palestinian civil society partners on the ground have continued their impactful work — some focused on peace activism and others on humanitarian aid. For them, as for us, humanity and humanitarianism go hand in hand.

A huge THANK YOU to all of you for your incredible generosity, which has been matched by contributions from some of our co-founders. B8 of Hope is a unique peace fund, bringing together donations from Swiss, Jewish, Arab, and international donors for a brighter future. We hope to receive more support before the year end! If you would like to support us, please send an email to [arij@b8ofhope.org](mailto:arij@b8ofhope.org) to receive our bank details or consult our donate section on our website [here](#)

In this last quarter of 2024, marked by tragic news, escalation of the conflict and continued human loss, we would like to highlight some of the crucial work our grantees are undertaking on the ground

### ◆ Combatants for Peace (CFP)

In October, Palestinian and Israeli peace activists from [CFP](#) — a movement founded by former Israeli soldiers and former Palestinian fighters — led several marches and demonstrations in the West Bank, including a women-led Freedom March in Al-Auja and a protest for water rights there.

They also continued regular solidarity marches in support of villages threatened by settler violence and military zones. During the olive-picking season, Palestinian and Israeli CFP activists provided protective support for Palestinian farmers facing settler violence. They also assisted communities in Masafer Yatta by rebuilding demolished homes and supported shepherds in the Jordan Valley who face daily harassment. Additionally, CFP activists delivered school supplies to the Palestinian village of Jub ad-Dib near Bethlehem.



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## ◆ Standing Together (ST)

This fall, Standing Together— Israel’s fastest-growing Jewish-Arab movement — opened its newest “Purple House” in Jerusalem, following similar community spaces in Haifa and Tel Aviv.

These spaces serve as gathering points for Palestinian and Jewish activists to host events, collaborate, and build local networks. The “Purple Houses” are fast becoming hubs for solidarity, organizing, and community-building.



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Often at significant personal risk, ST members have also led numerous protests calling for an end to the war, to stop the killing of innocent civilians in Gaza and secure the safe return of hostages. In some cases, members were detained or even arrested for their activism. To learn more, please see the article in our Press section.

On another note, ST also partnered with international organizations to deliver aid to Gaza, coordinating the passage of aid trucks through Israel.

Watch the video



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## ◆ Saving Children Program (Peres Center for Peace and Innovation)

The Saving Children Program provides life-saving medical treatment to Palestinian children in Israeli hospitals. B8 of Hope has been supporting this program since 2017. Unfortunately, its capacity to help as many children as it did before, has been limited in recent months. However, the program continues its essential work.

Since October, it has treated 60 children, performing 90 treatments, including 15 heart surgeries. We remain hopeful that soon, more children will receive treatment in the coming months. For each child we support, we know we're also bringing comfort and hope to their families.



## ◆ Physician for Human Rights Israel (PHRI)

PHRI has doubled its Mobile Clinic visits in the West Bank and is assisting patients in the most isolated communities facing the gravest movement restrictions and increased violence. PHRI's mobile clinic received 24,476 patient visits (55% were women and 17% were minors) in 76 Mobile Clinics outings.

During each mobile clinics, volunteer doctors and pharmacists work together to provide free medication to the Clinic's patients. Additionally, due to the deepening financial crisis and the growing financial distress of many patients and families losing their income, PHRI provided some patients with extremely costly medication currently unavailable in the West Bank.

In addition to this individual assistance, PHRI continued to provide clinics and hospitals in the West Bank with the most critically needed medical equipment, medication, and consumables.



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## ◆ Voices from Gaza

Finally, we would like to share a powerful video that was sent to us during B8 of Hope's participation in the *Uniting for a Shared Future* convening in Berlin this past November. This video comes to us thanks to a dear friend and peace activist from Gaza who has endured many hardships in life—from imprisonment by Hamas to a life of exile in Cairo.

Despite his challenges, he reached out to his community in Gaza, inspiring them to create this video so their voices could be heard in Germany.

We are honored to share their voices through this deeply moving video. We invite you to listen with an open heart.

Watch the video 



These examples are only a snapshot of the work we've supported over the last three months. A full account of the activities of this year will be available in our 2024 Annual Report, anticipated in March-April 2025.

The fact that these activities could proceed at all is a testament to the dedication of the courageous changemakers on the ground. B8 of Hope remains committed to supporting initiatives that build hope and work toward a brighter, shared future.

As we look to 2025, we hold in our hearts a profound wish for a constructive year. May the devastation of 2024 become a turning point towards a lasting peace for all the people of the region.

Warm regards and wishing you a smooth holiday season.

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**B8fully Yours,  
The B8 of Hope Team**

