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The Power of & to Reach Israelis in Crisis

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JOIN Israel — The Power of &

JOIN Israel's new tagline captures how we achieve impact far beyond our size. "The Power of &" reflects our ability to strategically link people, resources, expertise, and existing infrastructure so more Israelis receive the help they need — efficiently and effectively. Visit our new website to discover how collaboration multiplies your charity and ensures fewer people fall through the cracks.

Recovery. Resilience. Renewal.

As 2025 closes, Israel is finally experiencing a measure of calm after two difficult years. We highlight JOIN's recovery efforts — precise, collaborative interventions powered by The Power of & — that rebuild stability today and strengthen Israel for an uncertain tomorrow.

JOIN & Schools Mental Health Recovery

Responding to the emotional toll of war, JOIN delivered two age-appropriate emotional-resilience programs for elementary and high-school students, along with 1,600 resiliency workbooks.

JOIN & Communities Gazan Border Recovery

In Sderot — just 0.6 miles from Gaza — JOIN's [Our Own Way](#) program mobilizes 600 local volunteers to strengthen wellbeing, safety, and emotional resilience. Support groups of 80 residents each provide activities, therapeutic day trips, and community-based healing.



JOIN & Agencies Northern Border Recovery

JOIN opened our 10th [Lifeline](#) city, thanks to the generous support of [Ryan Freeman & Angelina Anisimova](#). Shlomi, on the Lebanon border, is recovering from months of evacuation. [Lifeline](#) provides emergency aid to the most vulnerable elderly when no other options exist. Lifeline reflects JOIN's DNA: leveraging the local welfare agency's assessments and staff so every donated shekel goes directly to emergency relief.

Story of Renewal

Yael, a single mother of three, hesitated to join an OOW trip — as did Nava, a single mother recovering from addiction while raising a special-needs teen with violent tendencies. During the trip, Nava's son became a caring "big brother" to Yael's children, transforming both families.

Life After Marriage Recovery

Divorce often brings emotional and financial instability, especially for mothers. This year, JOIN completed its fourth and fifth renewal groups for at-risk divorced women. Participants consistently describe them as life-changing: a place to regain tools, stability, hope, and community.

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2025 in Review

Guns & Moses Aspen

JOIN Israel premiered the high-octane thriller **Guns & Moses** in Aspen, followed by a Q&A with director **Salvador Litvak**. A VIP reception at Gravity Haus helped fund Aspen's two JOIN Lifeline cities.



Jewish Trivia Night

We packed Rodney's on the Upper East Side for a spirited Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration featuring an Israeli buffet, comedy by **Felicia Madison**, and trivia led by Mo News founder **Mosheh Oinounou**—all to support JOIN Lifeline.



Welcome Back From Summer Bash

Club 3G of Park East Synagogue and JOIN Israel's young leaders kicked off the year at a stunning UES townhouse, creating an unforgettable night of community, celebration, and support for JOIN Lifeline.



Vodka & Latke

Young leaders came together in Midtown for Hanukkah-inspired cocktails, a DJ, a latke bar, and sufganiyot—all to provide emergency care for victims of terror in northern and southern Israel.



Wine + Wellness

JOIN Israel and **Dr. Melissa Sussman** hosted an uplifting evening at FloLo Holistic, blending music, wellness services, and fundraising to provide CPR and first-aid training for low-income students in southern Israel.



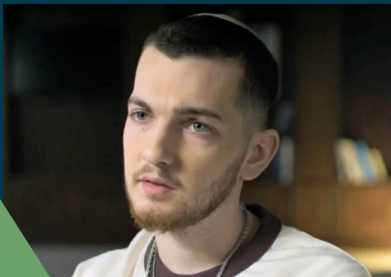
Bagel Bash

Young leaders tasted NYC's most iconic bagels post-Passover and heard from global mental health expert **Dr. Craig Katz** about supporting at-risk children in Israel.



Hostage Recovery

We celebrated the return of Bar Kuperstein, a former JOIN student released in the final group of hostages after 738 days.



JOIN & Champions

JOIN's Power of & model enables individuals who care to launch high-impact programs through moderate philanthropic investments.

2025 Champions

- Saul & Malkie Beck sponsors of the Jerusalem Soup Kitchen for 2025 and a Lifeline city



- Dr. Melissa Sussman advancing CPR/emergency training and our pre-medical track



- Teddy & Dina Wismur Gleser supporting financial-management education

What issue calls to you?
Speak with Executive Director Stephen Bisk to explore how JOIN's Power of & can turn your inspiration into impact.

Congratulations to Adam Sussman, who moved from our Young Leadership Board to the Board of Directors, and to Haylie Lempert, our newest Young Leadership Board member.

Family Services by the Numbers (1 yr.)

2795 Youth Therapy & Didactic Evaluations	613 Lectures & Workshops	113 Family Articles
312 Family Q&A	1420 Day Camp Sponsorships	150 Hyper-stressed Women's Retreat

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