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Zochrot [Remembering] is an Israeli NGO working since 2002 to raise awareness of the Nakba, the Palestinian catastrophe of 1948. The Nakba is an unspoken taboo in Israeli discourse, its memory expunged from the official history of the country and from its physical landscape. Yet the Nakba is also the central trauma of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and its legacy continues to unfold today - in the institutionalization of inequality and violence, in the erasure of the past, and in the deteriorating plight of the Palestinian refugees. We hope that by talking about the Nakba in Hebrew, the language spoken by the Jewish majority in Israel, we can engage the public in learning about and taking responsibility for the Nakba and its enduring consequences. A just and workable resolution to the conflict must be founded on this acknowledgment and on the pursuit of equality for all peoples of the region, including the right of the refugees to return.

Zochrot's activities continued to develop and expand in 2007 with a number of additional projects: the first issue of Sedek appeared, published by Zochrot; the opening of an art gallery in Zochrot's offices; the publication of a map of Tel Aviv showing the location of destroyed Palestinian villages that had stood on land now included within the city's boundaries; and work on a educational kit for teaching about the Nakba in schools.



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## Staff

### Eitan Bronstein, Director (full time)

One of Zochrot's founders, he previously worked with various organizations on educational projects to develop political awareness. For a number of years he was on the staff of the School for Peace in Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salam, and coordinated activities there. Born in Argentina, from the age of 5 grew up in Kibbutz Bahan. Father of three sons and a daughter. MA in Hermeneutics from Bar Ilan University.

### Norma Musih, Assistant Director (3/4 time)

One of Zochrot's founders. Amalia's mother. Born in Argentina and raised in Kibbutz Amir. Studied art at Bezalel, and is presently a doctoral student in Hermeneutics at Bar Ilan University. Leads workshops in group dynamics and conducts research on visual culture.

### Talia Fried, Information Management and Design (3/4 time)

Joined Zochrot in 2003. BA in Sociology and Minority Relations from Boston University, and MA in Social Psychology from Tel Aviv University. Talia was born in the United States and has lived in Tel Aviv since 1997.

### Raneen Jeries, Testimony Project

#### (1/2 time)

Raneen joined Zochrot in 2004. She runs programs aimed at empowering women, parenting and feminism. Active in a number of organizations for social change such as Asiwat, an Arab feminist movement in support of victims of sexual assault. Raneen is also a professional singer. She holds a BA in social work from Tel Aviv University and is studying for an MA in Clinical Social Work. Born in Kafr Yasif, she lives in Haifa.

### Umar Ighbarieh, Full Day Tours

#### Coordinator (1/2 time)

Umar is a group dynamics professional, specializing in the Jewish-Arab conflict. He coordinated the youth department at Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salam before joining Zochrot in 2006. Currently he is also a local coordinator in the Karev program for educational involvement. Studied group dynamics at the Hebrew University, in addition to Middle East Studies and Arabic Literature. He was born in Musherifa and lives with his family in Neve Shalom/Wahat al Salam.

### Esther Goldenberg, Office Manager

#### (1/2 time)

BA student in History at Tel Aviv University. Born in the Hungarian region of Romania

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and came to Israel with her family when she was 10. Joined Zochrot in 2006, and is also active in various animal rights organizations. As part of her work for Zochrot, she specializes in leading tours to Jaffa.

### **Tomer Gardi, Editor of Sedek (1/2 time)**

Writer and researcher of history and culture. Lives in south Tel Aviv. BA in Literature and Education from the Hebrew University, and MA in Intercultural Education from the Freie Universitat, Berlin. Tomer joined Zochrot in 2006.

### **Michal Padeh, Coordinator of Resource Development (1/2 time)**

Succeeded Friederike Schwartz in March, 2007. Writing an MA thesis in Anthropology at BenGurionUniversityonIsraelis’ exposure to the remains of the Nakba surrounding them through Zochrot’s field trips. Lives in Tel Aviv.

### **Amaya Galili, Educational Coordinator (3/4 time)**

Joined Zochrot at the beginning of 2007. Has a background in community work on issues of human and economic rights. BA in Sociology and Anthropology from the Hebrew University, and MA in Community Social Work from McGill University, Canada. Raised on Kibbutz Amir, lives in Tel Aviv.

### **Avivit Gross, Graphic Designer (1/2 time)**

Succeeded Talia Fried in October, 2007. BA in Design of Visual Communication from the Holon Institute of Technology. MA student in Hermeneutics at Bar Ilan University.

### **Tomer Baliti Dagan, Facilitator - teachers group, Jerusalem (freelance)**

Teacher and advisor in a Jerusalem high school. Trains teachers and helps them develop their knowledge, language and professional culture. BA in Bible and Mathematics, MA in Educational Sociology. Writing a doctorate on teacher training.

### **Oded Zipory, Zochrot Youth coordinator (freelance)**

Works in formal and informal education. BA in History and Education from the Kibbutz Teacher Training Seminary.

### **Tamar Avraham, Coordinator of activities in Jerusalem (freelance)**

Joined Zochrot in 2005. Leads field trips to Lifta and collects material on Arab neighborhoods in Jerusalem before the Nakba, and organizes study groups focusing on them. MA in Catholic Theology. Also studied Judaism, Islam, Religious Sciences and History. Lives in Jerusalem.

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Zochrot undertakes four types of activities, and this report devotes a separate section to each of them: Landscape and Space; Information and Resources; Education; and Capacity Building.

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Tours to destroyed Palestinian villages  
Zochrot conducts field tours to Palestinian sites destroyed in the 1948 Nakba, and to those which have survived. The purpose of these tours trips is to know these sites directly, hear the stories they have to tell, and meet refugees from these locations. These tours also motivate research into their history. On these tours special booklets are published, in Hebrew and in Arabic, present the stories of these places. The field tours include full day tours aimed at the general public, as well as by invitation tours for groups from Israel and from abroad.

In 2007 there were seven full day tours open to the public – to Ramlah, Kafrayn, Hittin, Miska, the Latrun villages (focusing on 'Imwas), Ajami (in Jaffa) and al-Maliha – although only six were originally planned. A total of about 750 people participated in them, Jews and Arabs. Five booklets were published for the tours to Kafrayn, Hittin, the Latrun villages, Ajami and Al Maliha. For the Ramlah tour we also printed T-shirts criticizing the mayor's racist remarks about the city's Arab residents. The largest field tour was to the village of Miska, on Israel's Independence Day. Participants then joined the March of the Return, organized by the Association for the Defense of the Rights



Zochrot's tour to Hittin

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of Internally Displaced Palestinians, held this year in a-Lajjun. The tour to Hittin was a continuation of our opposition to the construction plans threatening to further reduce the village area in order to expand the size of the Jethro Tomb compound. The trip to Jaffa's Ajami neighborhood was

connected to the residents' struggle against the demolition of homes that began there this year. The trips to Miska, Kafrayn, Latrun and Ajami were reported by various news media. At the initiative of Wajih Atallah, director of UYAC (Union of Youth Activity Centers - Palestine Refugee Camps), some thirty refugees from Maliha joined the tour to that village as part of a joint project with Zochrot; for some, this was their first visit. Participants in the trips to Al Maliha and Kafrayn replied to questionnaires whose purpose is to evaluate the 2007 and 2008 field trips. [Click here for the Zochrot's Booklet on Hittin](#) (English portion at the last pages)

In 2007, for the first time, a tour was cancelled. It had been planned for the village of 'Amka, on whose remains the moshav of Amqa was established. We attempted to negotiate with the moshav's residents and obtain their cooperation with the field trip, rather than trying to sneak in. Zochrot isn't interested in confrontations with Jews who live on lands of Palestinian villages destroyed in the Nakba, but in having them take an active part and accept responsibility. We held an initial meeting with the moshav secretary, during which we discussed the purpose of the tour. We promised not to conduct it on the Sabbath, and to provide



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advance notice. As the date approached, the residents of the moshav forbade us to conduct it. Zochrot and the 'Amka refugees decided not to go ahead with the tour in order to avoid a confrontation with the residents.

We organized 14 trips for Israeli groups, and 28 for groups from abroad – to Jaffa, Lifta, Miska, A'yn Karim, Summayl, Shaikh Muwannis and the Latrun villages (Canada Park).

Almost 300 people participated in the tours for Israeli groups – from the Mandel program; the Alternative Summer Camp; group leaders and students from Mahapach-Taghir; students from Beit Berl, at the initiative of Javier Sabah, a member of Zochrot studying at the college; students from Rabbis for Human Rights; and others. About 370 people participated in the tours for groups from abroad. Half of these tours were to Lifta, guided by Tamar Avraham from Zochrot. A refugee from the village joined some of them and told his story. Other trips were to Jaffa, led by Esther Goldenberg. Other destinations included Canada Park and Haifa. Some tours were conducted for the EAPPI ecumenical group, others for organizations supporting Zochrot abroad, and two for overseas Zionist groups.

## Commemorations

For the fourth year in a row, Zochrot organized a commemoration of the Dayr Yassin massacre at the site of the village. About 100 people participated, and heard testimony from a villager who fought in its defense. This was the first time that we marched from the middle of Kanfey Nesharim Street to the village, now the site of the Kfar Shaul Hospital. We erected signs referring to the village, and read out the names of the murdered victims. The event was covered by various media outlets. Later, Umar Ighbarieh from Zochrot met in Abu Dis with some thirty refugees from the village as well as other Palestinians, and showed them photographs of the event.

The second commemorative event in which Zochrot participated was the March of Return mentioned earlier. Held this year on Israel's Independence Day (!), hundreds of Jews and thousands of Palestinians took part.



Commemoration of the Dayr Yassin massacre

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### Preservation

In 2007, Zochrot continued to submit objections to building plans that threatened to destroy and leave no trace of Palestinian sites captured in 1948: two new objections submitted to building plans in the villages of Hittin and Summayl, as well as objections to building plans in Yahud and in Hittin. Zochrot submitted its objection to the plan in Hittin in response to a request from villagers, Israeli citizens, who had been displaced from the village. The initiative for the building plan came from the Druze community, which wants to expand the compound of the Tomb of the Prophet Jethro by taking over some of the village land. The chair of the hearing by the Ministry of Interior’s District Planning and Building Committee was hostile to the objections submitted by the villagers and by Zochrot. Nevertheless, the committee decided that the village’s cemetery would not be encroached upon.

The chair of the Planning Committee dealing with building plans in Yahud, which threatened to demolish dozens of structures that had been part of the Palestinian town of Abbasiyah, expressed sympathy for the objection. She suggested that the City Engineer view Zochrot’s reservations, the

only ones submitted, as a challenge rather than as an impediment – in other words, to accept some of our proposals and incorporate them in future building plans for the town.

The objections to the building plans for Summayl, in the center of Tel Aviv, will be heard in 2008. At the beginning of the year, Zochrot received an indication that our activities were affecting the decision-makers. A member of the Tel Aviv municipality’s strategic planning group asked Zochrot for information about Abu Kabir, in the southern part of the city, as part of the process to develop plans for the area. Eitan Bronstein was invited to a meeting of the Ministry of Interior’s national preservation group that was held in Ramla in order to discuss the city’s Arab architectural heritage.

### Activism

In 2007, Zochrot carried out three public direct action campaigns.

On the eve of Israel’s Independence Day, dozens of activists fanned out in Tel Aviv and sprayed graffiti in locations where Palestinian villages had stood prior to the Nakba. Teams carrying spray cans and

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"Where are the refugees of Summayl?"

stencils went to Summayl, Shaikh Muwannis, Manshiyya, Abu Kabir, Jamasin al 'Arabi and Salama, spraying on the walls: "Where do the refugees from these villages live?" "Where did the residents of these villages study before 1948?," etc. Curious passersby asked questions, and the activity was covered in "Ha-Ir," the local newspaper.

On the 59th anniversary of the Nakba, May 15, 2007, Zochrot participated in a joint commemorative project of a number of organizations involving the projection of images related to the Nakba simultaneously in eight different Israeli cities. Zochrot was one of the events' organizers, and showed two presentations in Tel Aviv. The project caught the attention of the media and of hundreds of passersby. Displays at three planned locations in Jerusalem were

cancelled by the municipality's inspectors.

Zochrot commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Partition Plan with an installation on Tel Aviv's Rothschild Boulevard. The installation showed a portion of the "Bridging Memory" project that Zochrot has undertaken together with European partners who are in contact with a Palestinian organization in Lebanon. As part of this project, photographs were taken of refugees from the village of Al Ras al Ahmar, and the images were enlarged to life-size and placed amid the ruins of their village, today the site of the moshav Kerem Ben Zimra. These giant photos were displayed on the boulevard and a leaflet was distributed to passers-by, who showed considerable interest in the project.



60th anniversary of the Partition Plan

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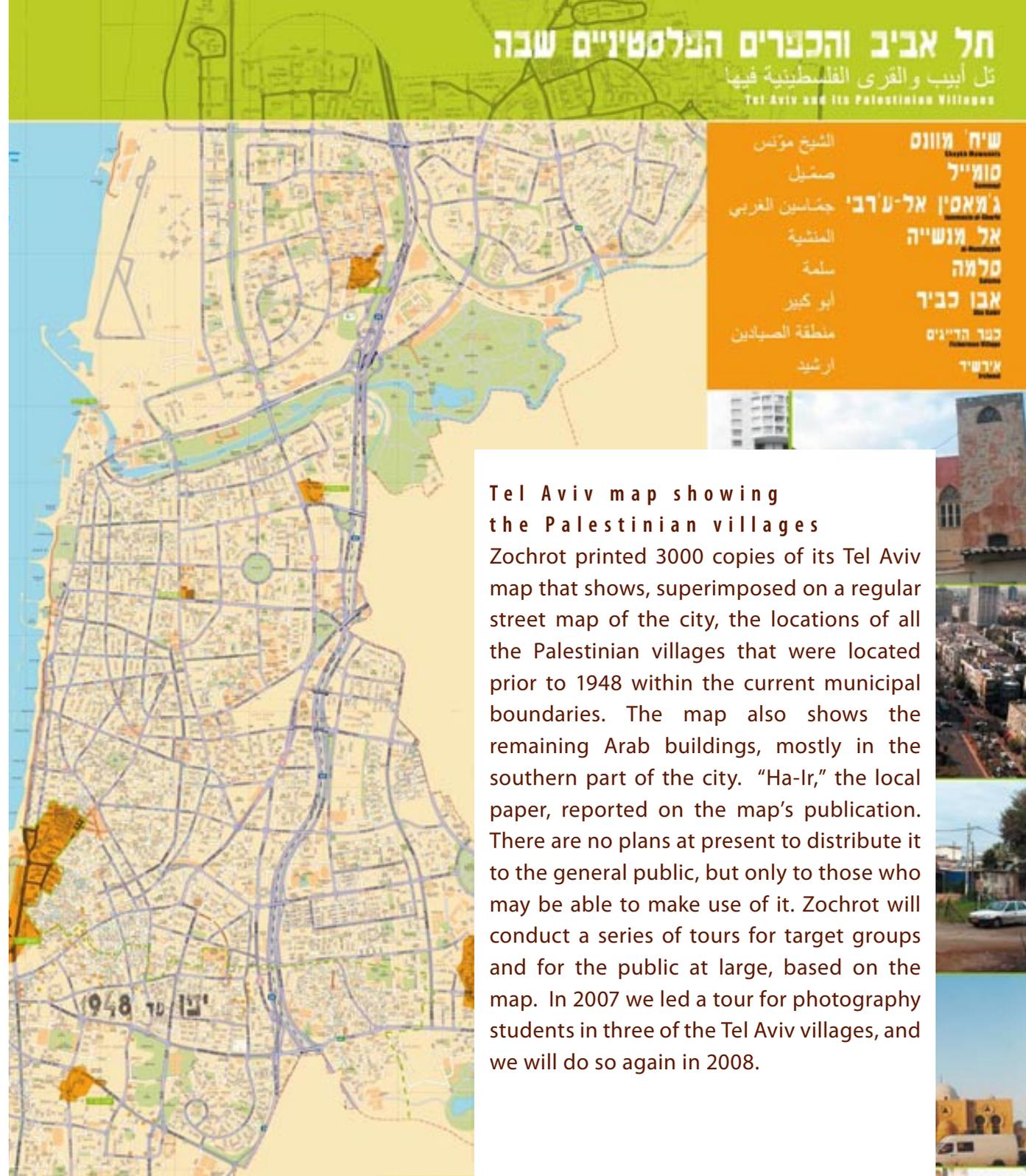
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### Tel Aviv map showing the Palestinian villages

Zochrot printed 3000 copies of its Tel Aviv map that shows, superimposed on a regular street map of the city, the locations of all the Palestinian villages that were located prior to 1948 within the current municipal boundaries. The map also shows the remaining Arab buildings, mostly in the southern part of the city. "Ha-Ir," the local paper, reported on the map's publication. There are no plans at present to distribute it to the general public, but only to those who may be able to make use of it. Zochrot will conduct a series of tours for target groups and for the public at large, based on the map. In 2007 we led a tour for photography students in three of the Tel Aviv villages, and we will do so again in 2008.

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### Internet site

Zochrot's internet site is part of its information center. It was updated and redesigned in 2007, to reflect Zochrot's various activities. A total of 170 new pages were added in Hebrew, English and Arabic. They include, among other topics, Hebrew and Arabic testimonies of Palestinian refugees from eight different locations, and of two Israeli soldiers who fought in the Latrun area in 1967, four video clips, booklets describing Palestinian sites from the Nakba, eight articles, two visual presentations, and 16 articles from the press. The site contains the presentation about the Nakba in Arabic developed by Zochrot. The English site also contains a kit for creating an outdoor map of the destroyed localities. Zochrot developed this map activity for public commemoration of the Nakba, and has already undertaken it a number of times. In 2007 the kit was used in three locations in the United States and in England to commemorate Nakba Day, and there is interest in using it in Belgium, Australia and Holland for the Nakba's 60th anniversary.

Testimonies appearing on the web site were transcribed and edited in Arabic; all were translated into Hebrew, and most were

also translated into English. They appear on the site according to the locations from which the speakers were expelled in 1948. This year we also prepared a key to locate testimonies by category: the witness' sex, interviewee name, age, interview location and date. A number of interviews were conducted in refugee camps in Jordan, by Raneen Jeries from Zochrot, and on her return to Israel she was interrogated by the Israel Security Agency. All 24 booklets published by Zochrot until the end of 2007 appear on the site as .pdf files. In addition, the site now contains Zochrot's gallery, describing the gallery's activities since it opened in Zochrot's offices in 2007.

A new segment was added this year: “Who are we?,” presenting biographical information about Zochrot's staff, as well as an article by Norma Musih and Eitan Bronstein, “Why Zochrot?” An additional new page presents FAQ's addressed to Zochrot, with answers, written and edited by Amit Landau, a member of Zochrot, along with others. This section also includes a 30-page English presentation of pictures and text describing Zochrot's activities.

The video portion of the site has been updated with new clips: *Women's Nakba*

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*Testimonies; Who's the JNF for?; Remembering al Kafrayn; and Zochrot in Ramla.* The first three were created by Raneen Jeries of Zochrot, and the fourth by Social Television.

The activity reports now include explanations of the context and the importance of each activity described.

The Information Center on the site now links to a list of all workshops held by Zochrot since January, 2003.

“Zochrot in the media” presents 16 new articles in Hebrew and in English, more than half of which have been translated into English.

Another section presents Zochrot's new periodical, “Sedek,” including a description of the journal, its table of contents and some sample pages.

It is now possible to contribute to Zochrot, using Israeli credit cards, through “Litrom.com,” which charges a 5% fee for each contribution.

Monthly site statistics average entries a day for 2007:

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
1816	3598	3795	2547	1835	2164

July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1834	1107	1032	934	995	881

Many people contact the site to receive information and activity updates, to express support and to object. In 2007, we had 160 such contacts. Here are two of them (their names have been changed):

1.

*To whom it may concern,  
My name is Moran, and although I've heard and read about Zochrot for some time, up to now I haven't visited your site. I wept from excitement when I read about your activities, all you are doing and the hopes you engender in everyone. Thank you!  
Please add me to the list of those you send activity updates to, including the field trips to the destroyed villages.  
Thanks again, and keep at it!*

2.

*Do you remember only the flight of the Palestinians following the War of Independence? Why don't you remember the*

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*events of 1929 and of 1935? The murder of the family of settlers in the village of Givton, near Rehovot? Did Israel start the 1948 war? Or perhaps the Palestinians, led by the Mufti (may his name be blotted out), refused to accept the UN decision? Had the Palestinians accepted the partition decision, you wouldn't have had to remember anything! Isn't that so? I'd like an answer! Yaacov*

### Visitor Center

The Visitor Center has been significantly updated, both physically and virtually. A plan for a catalogue of the information Zochrot has collected has been developed, and a portion of the material was already catalogued in 2007.

Dozens of academic works have been prepared with the assistance of materials and contacts Zochrot provided. Ten completed academic works have been given to the organization.

Zochrot is trying to collect information about the Nakba, especially in Hebrew, which is scarce, as well as to encourage the creation of new knowledge by field activity on various topics. This includes the collection of unconventional material such as photographs, art works, video

documentation, family photographs of refugees, mental maps, actual maps, etc.

This year Zochrot organized and catalogued its large photo archive, most of it documenting our various activities. Some 700 good photographs are included in a digital archive, and the best 500 among them have been printed, to preserve them, and placed in albums located in the Information Center library. They have been catalogued by date, location and, for some, by photographer.

Another photo collection was prepared on the basis of the contributions and the work of photographer Deborah Bright, Professor in the Department of Photography at the Rhode Island School of Design. She documented the remains of Palestinian villages in color photographs accessible in Zochrot's Information Center, and they have also been used in educational activities about the Nakba.

A third series of digital and printed photographs was donated by the geographer Noga Kadman, a member of Zochrot. The collection includes some 200 photographs, catalogued according to the names of the Palestinian sites that existed until 1948.



*Photo: Deborah Bright. The Hilton hotel above a Palestinian cemetery, Tel Aviv. 2006.*

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Zochrot’s library has been moved from the conference room into its own larger, more comfortable space. The library now has a photocopier for the use of visitors; separate shelves for maps, posters and prints; a display of artwork; a cabinet with visual materials created by Zochrot; and a binder containing all of Zochrot’s publications. Zochrot’s booklets have been catalogued according to their year of publication, language, number of pages, and accessibility of the printed version. A price list of material for sale is also available.



The library has been greatly expanded, and the books have been catalogued and labeled according to a classification that the staff felt was most appropriate: “Here” – books on the history and geography of Israel, including the territories occupied in 1967; “Social and critical theory”; “Art,

photography and architecture”; “Literature and poetry”; “Refugees and international law.” The largest category is “Zionism,” with dozens of uncritical books, most of which were donated by Anthea, Zochrot’s supporter.

## Booklets

Zochrot prepares booklets in Hebrew and in Arabic to accompany its field trips to sites connected to the Nakba. Five new booklets were published in 2007, on Kafrayn, Hittin, Latrun, al-Ajami (in Jaffa) and al-Maliha. They are larger than previous publications, and present a more varied selection of texts. In addition to information about the localities, there are more articles about people active in Zochrot and about others. The booklet about the Latrun villages contains a comprehensive article by Eitan Bronstein describing Zochrot’s many activities, activities that began there, in Canada Park. The graphic design of the new booklets has been improved. The publication on Kafrayn contains material contributed by a member of Kibbutz Ein Hashofet, a number of whose members joined the field trip to the remains of the village. The booklet about Ajami focuses on the demolition of buildings in that Jaffa neighborhood in 2007, as well as

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briefly describing what happened in Jaffa during the Nakba. This is Zochrot’s first publication about a neighborhood in an Arab town, and the first time the historical account has been connected to a current struggle, an approach that helps the reader understand that the Nakba is not over, but continues.

### Visual materials

Ten different visual presentations were prepared, most of them for conferences attended by Zochrot representatives. These are used to provide information about Zochrot and its activities at conferences and lecture tours in Israel and abroad.

### Testimonies

This year Zochrot collected 47 videotaped testimonies, 20 of them from the Ein el Hilwe refugee camp in Lebanon that were collected as part of the “Bridging Memory” project dealing with the village of al Ras al Ahmar.

Raneen Jeries, who coordinates the project, also prepared a 14 minute film in which women tell their stories of the Nakba. The film won third prize in a competition of Nakba

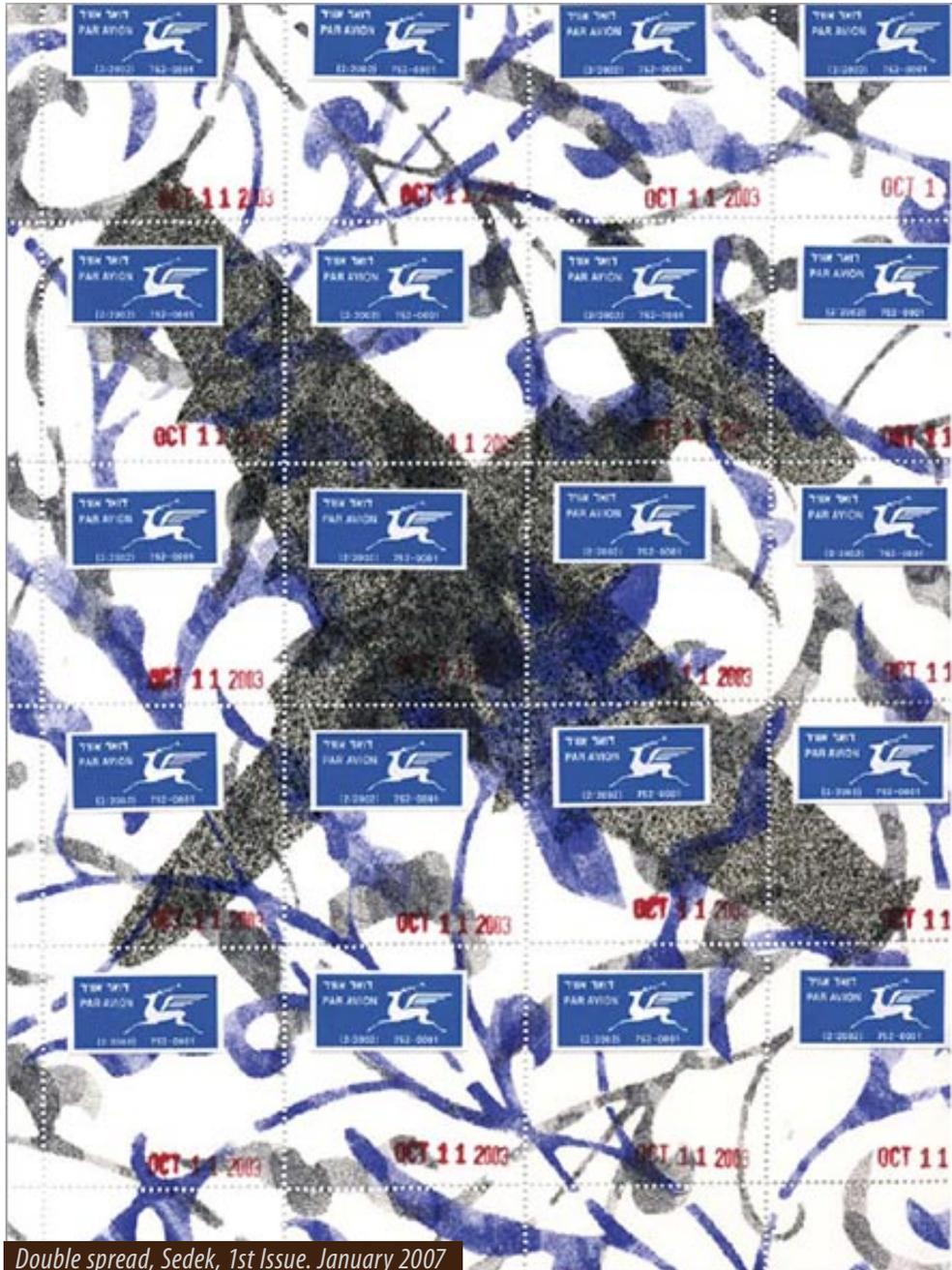
films organized by “Badil,” an organization in Bethlehem. The film was shown at film festivals in Haifa, London and San Francisco. The “Bridging Memory” project also produced a 12 minute film with testimonies of refugees from al Ras al Ahmar.

Nine Zochrot full day tours and other activities were documented on videotape.

Twenty-seven testimonies of Palestinians were transcribed and translated. “The Story of a Village” collects the testimonies of refugees from al Ras al Ahmar, ‘Amka, Salama and Hittin, organizing them by topic. These stories have been included on Zochrot’s web site, and have been translated into Arabic by “Badil,” which published them in al Majdal. We have finished preparing an Excel spreadsheet cataloguing all the taped material we hold in various formats. It is divided into three parts: testimonies, Zochrot events, lectures and conferences. Each part provides information according to various search categories.

### “Sedek”

In 2007, Zochrot began publishing “Sedek – A journal on the ongoing Nakba” edited by Tomer Gardi, in cooperation with



Double spread, Sedek, 1st Issue. January 2007

# עצמאות: השלטון תמיד זר

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לפני שבוע קיבלתי מכתב לוורדים מתוך אליו הולדת בני. נכתב שם: "לקראת יום העצמאות אנו מבקשות מכל משפחה להביא תמונה של הילדה בביקור במקום בארץ ישראל, ובהספקי: 'הילדים מחמנים להגיע לבימים בסמל לבן ולחביא מתנה למדינה ופשוט קטן מושבע - פוח, עלה, ציור, סירה, יונת שלום וכו'". לא רק ציור תארך לידתה של המדינה, אלא מציין טקס חגי שבמסגרתו מקדישים את המולך ובימים לו מנחה.

המתנה הרצויה היא מן הסבך, ותמונתה של הילדה, שאמורה לשמש תפאורה לספק, נעשה לסמן בעופה את הויקה הסביבית והבלתי אמצעית בינה לבין הארץ שאיתה מבקשת המדינה להיות מוחזקת. זאת על מנת להוק את המכר הקדום והראשוני של הממלכה: צילום 'מבקר במקום כלשהו בארץ ישראל'.

לפני הרבה שנים, כשהילדים הגדולים בבית המשותף שיצדתי עם בן זוגי היו קטנים, סירבתי לתלת רגל - גם על מופעת הבית וגם על האסו. יום אחד, בתג פורים, כמדומני שהיה זה בשנת '94 או '96, חוזתי הביתה ורגל ישראל ותנשף מהחלון. עוד לפני שהתקשרי לומר דבר מן קיבלתי הסברה: הבת התחפשה ליום העצמאות. טוח דעתי: יום העצמאות מתחפשת. מאמינים נחלים לא יצמדו מאן.

לפני כמה שנים נסעתי במסגרת, ועל פי ההפדה בין המסלולים אכן נבדלו במסך לכיר רבין היה מוסל רגל. חתף לא בריכוז הביא אתי לסט מסלולי ולהסביע ברנל את צורתו של הצמיג. כמו תחושה שהללה במים ויחזונה שרשם בום התך אתם

לפני שנה יש לטוב ברנל. קידוש המדינה מלוח בקידוש אביזרה ובהגשלת דמוס ראיים לשימוש בום: אסור לדוק את הרגל על הארץ; אם רגל של ים לריימו: לא ננעים ברנל בריים מלחלכות; אסור לקרוע אתו חרין לנעו בו בייזאת כבודי. כמו יסף

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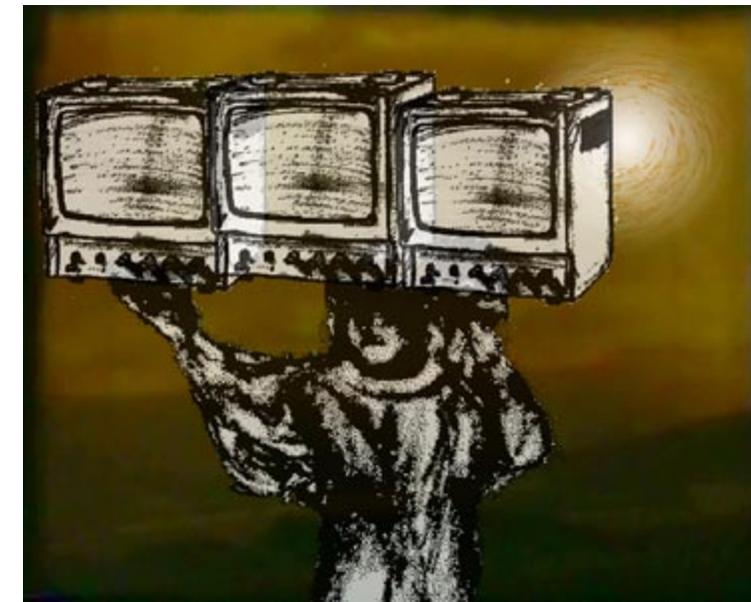
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Parhesia and Pardes publishers. The first issue, 1000 copies, appeared in May. Half were sold in bookstores and directly to individual purchasers, and half were sent to members of Zochrot, to donors, critics, artists, contributors to the journal and to potential contributors. “Sedek” was met with an overwhelmingly positive response. It was mentioned a number of times in the media, and Zochrot received many enthusiastic emails about the issue. Four evening events were held to discuss the journal and the subjects it addressed. One dealt with “Parenthood”; a second, at Barbour in Jerusalem, presented a number of texts that had appeared in the first issue; and a third in ‘Ar’ara – an interesting and unique attempt to address an Arab audience that isn’t Zochrot’s usual target group. In response to the demand, an additional 500 copies of the first issue were printed at the beginning of 2008. The second issue of “Sedek” was completed in December, 2007, and published at the beginning of January, 2008.

We plan to publish “Sedek” number 3 and number 4 in 2008, and beginning in 2009 publish three issues each year.

## Gallery

In 2007, Zochrot opened an art gallery, under the direction of Norma Musih who also curates the exhibitions. The central open space in our office was renovated to serve as a gallery. The walls were painted white, and appropriate lighting was installed. The first exhibit had its festive opening in May with a large turnout and wonderful music. On display were works by Shlomit Bauman that dealt with remembering, and forgetting, the village of al Duwara, which stood on the lands of Kibbutz Amir, where she grew up. The exhibit displayed ceramic screens on the walls, and an animated movie that incorporated film clips from the kibbutz’s early years. The movie had an original soundtrack by Ariel Mioduser. The exhibit was reviewed in “Ha-Ir” and on Ynet.



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The gallery’s second exhibit – “Behold, behold (that which is) on the wall” - opened in September. It displayed works by six photographers that showed what can be seen, and what can’t be seen, on the sites of Palestinian villages destroyed in the Nakba. It was also reviewed in “Ha-Ir.” Gallery talks open to the public were organized for each of the exhibitions.

### Zochrot in the media

Zochrot appears in the media, usually on the internet, in “Ha’aretz” and in the local press. The mass circulation press, as well as radio and television, still seem to have difficulty accepting Zochrot’s message. It’s particularly hard for them to accept the fact that an Israeli organization, most of whose active members are Jews, wants Jews to know about the Nakba. That subject is usually presented as a “Palestinian narrative,” and Zochrot wants to crack open that dichotomy. We’ve had a number of discussions about whether we should make a greater effort in order to get better media coverage. We decided that, as of now, we’re making appropriate efforts, given our limited financial resources. Zochrot usually approaches various journalists directly, and they agree to cover our events.

In 2007, 48 articles dealing with Zochrot appeared in Israel’s Hebrew press, seven in English and eight in Arabic. These and other articles are available in Zochrot’s library, arranged by date. All the articles have been scanned and are available on our computer, and some also appear on the web sites of the media in which they were originally published. Many of them also appear on our web site. Documentation of Zochrot’s appearance in the media allows us to track the discourse about the Nakba and about our activity.

Here are two significant articles that appeared in 2007. The first is an extremely favorable review of Sedek’s first issue and of Zochrot, by Professor Orly Lubin. Lubin writes: “The first issue of “Sedek” made me respond politically in a way that I’d forgotten - shock. There’s nothing in “Sedek” that I didn’t know, but nevertheless – shock.” Lubin generously praises “Sedek” as a component of Zochrot’s activities, in a long review which forms a portion of an academic article that will be published in a book.

A second article, by Itamar Inbari, that appeared on Ma’ariv’s web site, provided an extensive review of Zochrot’s fifth anniversary. The 113 responses to the article are evidence that we are hard to ignore.

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This is the third year that Zochrot has organized study groups of teachers about the Nakba. Participants include educators, primarily secondary school teachers, who want to learn about the Nakba and think about ways of including it in their curriculum. The groups operate as workshops, and include lectures and films. They prepare educational materials which form the basis for the educational kit Zochrot is creating. In 2007 a group of eight teachers, led by Norma and Tomer Baliti Dagan, met eight times in Tel Aviv. Tomer, a teacher, was himself a member of such a group in 2006. Toward the end of the year a second group began meeting, in Jerusalem, led by Tomer and by Amaya Galili. That group met three times in 2007.

### Educational kit

In 2007, Zochrot began to prepare a high school educational kit for teaching about the Nakba. Amaya Galili, who directs this project, organized a group of about eight members of Zochrot, together with two members of the teachers study groups, who met ten times during the year. The educational kit contains twelve 1½-hour units, covering the following topics: What

is the Nakba; history; personal narrative and historical narrative; different ways of looking at one incident from 1948; testimonies; field tour; the Nakba in literature, refugeehood; collective memory; the story of a place; the right of return; reconciliation. The educational kit includes a range of different materials, partly based on work that Zochrot carried out during its various projects. The first draft was almost completed by the end of 2007. We will finish in 2008, design the layout, publish and begin marketing.

**Joint project with Mahapach-Taghir**  
Mahapach/Taghir is an organization working with Jewish and Palestinian marginalized populations. Zochrot began a joint project with them in 2006, in order to open discussions of the Nakba with groups who would not ordinarily be exposed to Zochrot's activities. Eight meetings were held with Mahapach-Taghir students and activists. They included two field trips to remains of the Nakba in south Tel Aviv, trips to the destroyed villages of Ma'alul and Saffuryah, and a tour of A'yn Karim, as well as lectures and workshops. The project will continue in 2008.

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Zochrot established a youth group in 2007 whose members meet every three weeks in Tel Aviv in order to learn about the Nakba. Three meetings have been held, with an average of twenty participants aged 20-28. Amaya and Oded Zipory lead the group. It's currently a study group, but our intention is to train a cadre of younger activists for the organization. Among its participants are persons who have refused to serve in the army, as well as current and former soldiers.

### Lecture Series

The discussion evenings held at Zochrot's headquarters are one of the ways for the organization to encourage the general public to become involved in study and open discussion of issues connected to the Nakba. Eighteen discussion evenings were organized in 2007, on various topics, with a total of 570 participants. Activities included a lecture by Hassan Jabarin held on the eve of Israel's Independence Day; screening of “Arus al Jalil”, with its director Bassl Tannous; evenings about “Sedek” in 'Ar'ara and at Barbour in Jerusalem; Zochrot's fifth anniversary; and Ilan Pappé talking about his book, Ethnic Cleansing. The discussion evenings are important because they provide

a place to learn about subjects related to the Nakba and discuss them with others who are interested. Some participants attend regularly, while others may be newcomers. It's also an opportunity for Zochrot to meet people who don't participate in other activities.



### Lectures to groups

Zochrot is invited to speak to various groups from Israel and from abroad. In 2007 we gave 19 talks to groups from abroad and 25 talks to Israeli groups. Zochrot is particularly interested in appearing before Israeli audiences, while at the same time the great interest by people abroad in our

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activities gives us an opportunity to talk to groups who come from other countries. Some of them are connected to Zochrot’s partners, others are political activists or foreign students currently in Israel. Four of the talks to foreign groups were given by Norma Musih during her visit to the United States.

### Talks at conferences

Representatives of Zochrot spoke at nine conferences in Israel and abroad. Some of the conferences were academic in nature, and others were political. For example, Eitan Bronstein presented a critical analysis of an exhibit at the Herzliyya Museum at a conference on visual culture at Bar Ilan University, and spoke at an anthropological conference held at the University of London about efforts to preserve the Palestinian architectural heritage in Israel. Tomer Gardi spoke at the Holon Institute of Technology about his research into the museum his kibbutz constructed using stones from the destroyed buildings of the village of Hunin. Amaya Galili discussed education for peace at a conference in Spain. Tal Dor talked about the Nakba and Zochrot’s activities at a meeting in Grenoble, France. Eitan Bronstein presented the idea of “one state”

in a conference in London.

### Right of Return group

In 2005, Zochrot established a study group on the return of the refugees. Composed of about twenty academics, activists and members of Zochrot, the group tried to analyze the practical aspects of the return. The intention was not to rehash the “right of return,” but to take it as a given and a basis for discussion of what would actually be involved, and how it might be carried out. In 2007 the group was reduced to seven persons, most of them members of Zochrot. Discussions focused on policy paradigms in whose framework the return could be considered, including a gathering at the ruins of the village of Beit Jibrin, part of which is now located on the lands of Kibbutz Beit Govrin. At the end of the year we began active planning for a public conference on the subject in Tel Aviv during the 60th anniversary of the state of Israel and of the Nakba.

### Youth activities

Zochrot usually doesn’t work directly with youth groups or with pupils, but through teachers or leaders of youth groups.

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Zochrot works directly with such groups only in response to requests from them. Three such activities were held this year, two in the Jerusalem Bilingual School and one in the Manor Kabri high school. The most impressive activity was held in the Jerusalem Bilingual School, involving study workshops on Nakba Day, culminating in the pupils' creating on the school's grounds a map showing the localities destroyed in the Nakba. This activity was a challenging one for the school and, despite its openness, met with considerable internal opposition.

**Lectures to Palestinian groups**  
Zochrot receives a growing number of requests for lectures to Arab groups in Israel. While they are not our main target audience, four such events were held in 2007, organized primarily by Raneen Jeries and Umar Ighbarieh.



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We devoted one day in 2007 to an internal discussion among Zochrot members, led by Nurit Rubin using psychodrama techniques. A second day, led by Ariela Be’eri Ben Yishai, was limited to Zochrot staff. The focus was on relations among Zochrot’s members, their thoughts and their feelings about what’s going on in the organization. Eitan Bronstein, the director, also arranged to receive supervision from Tamar Oversky, an organizational consultant from Shatil. With the increase in Zochrot’s budget, a number of ideas are being considered to improve how we track expenditures on activities. Esther Goldenberg developed a form to track cash flow that updates itself daily and tells us what our actual financial condition is.

There have been changes in the composition of the Board of Directors. Some veteran members who have served since Zochrot was founded left the board or attend meetings less frequently. On the other hand, new members joined the Board, giving the organization renewed energy, in addition to the paid staff.

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Financial support for the organization has increased.

Existing contributors, whose support continued in 2007:

Misereor, ICCO, CCFD, Broderlijk Delen, HEKS-EPER, Mennonite Central Committee, Medico International, KerkinActie, CIMADE, Oxfam Solidarity, Stichting SIVMO, Stichting Solidariteitsfonds.

New supporters:

Trocaire, Beate Oestreicher Friendenswerke, ACPP.

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In 2007, Zochrot received support that totaled €275,000, the majority in contributions from abroad. The NIS equivalent of about €12,500 was received in Israel. Income originating in Israel includes rent subsidies from Mahapach-Taghir and from the Women’s International Commission with whom we share offices; from sales of “Sedek;” from persons attending our lectures; and from general contributions. In 2008 we intend to develop relationships with new contributors abroad in order to increase the number of organizations supporting Zochrot, together with the expansion of our activities.