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Hillel – The Right to Choose Annual Report 2019

Hillel, Facing the Future

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What a year of growth and development for Hillel - The Right to Choose.

Even now, as the COVID-19 crisis continues to affect all of our families, communities and organizations, reviewing the achievements of 2019 solidifies my belief that this too shall pass - and that we'll emerge from it stronger, more unified, and moving forward to meet the future.

And if 2019 has taught us anything, it's that the primary challenge Hillel will face in that future, is the continuing rise in the population of Yotzim in Israel. We saw a 22% increase in intake this year, and project that by 2023 we'll be serving almost 4,000 annually. As a result, our most pressing needs in the near future will be increased transitional housing units; replication in Tel Aviv of our residential Jerusalem Habayit shel Hillel emergency shelter; and a marked increase in Hillel Scholarships.

As you'll see in this report, in response to the surge in need, 2019 saw Hillel expand programming for all segments of our community; and step-up our network of remote services. The latter, has proven absolutely indispensable in enabling us to adapt immediately to critical needs of Yotzim in the face of COVID-19; allowing counselling, group activities and social events to continue; private teachers/tutors, economic advisors and volunteer to conduct their activities at distance; and necessary emergency measures to be enacted swiftly and efficiently.

Hillel's vision becomes reality every day through the efforts of our supporters, members, volunteers, and staff. We thank each and every one of you personally for our advances in 2019; and for the advances still to come.

A portrait of Marina, a woman with long brown hair and blue eyes, resting her chin on her hand. She is wearing a dark blazer. The background is a soft, out-of-focus pinkish-red.

Marina has been a Hillel Volunteer for 7 years. A lawyer by profession in the field of Family and Inheritance Law, she has found a calling providing free legal aid to Hillel members.

"Volunteering allows me to play a modest part in the challenging journey that comes with leaving ultra-Orthodox society; and to provide a much needed service to augment the encompassing professional and social support provided to members by the dedicated staff. I especially enjoy the ability to touch the lives of other human beings and, if only slightly, affect their fate for the better. "

2019 At a Glance

EMERGENCY SHELTER

40

Residents

21

Average Age

3.2 months

Average Stay

BRANCHES

4

Branches

1,832

Participants
25% increase

364

New Participants
22% increase

765

Branch Events
107% increase

9,914

Event
Participants

639

Volunteers

SERVICES

926

Counselling

221

Individual Treatment

436

Personal Mentoring

110

Fiscal Mentorship

113

Free Legal Aid

EMPLOYMENT

359

Employment Program

ACADEMIC

62%

New members without
Matriculation Exams (Bagrut)

335

Scholarships
21% increase

93%

Success Rate

Level of Study:

58%

First Degree (BA, BSc)

20%

Vocational Certification
HS Matriculation,
Pre-Academic

13%

Preparatory Programming

9%

Second Degree (MA, MSc)

SOLDIERS

168

Soldiers / National Service
Participants

114

Lone Soldiers

66

Soldier Housing Subsidies

HOUSING

45

Residents

24

Beds

8.3 Months

Occupancy

22

Average Age

SINGLE-PARENTS

126 mothers

69 fathers

386 children

74

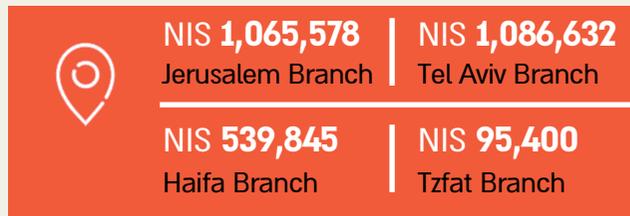
housing subsidies
ILS 500 month

43

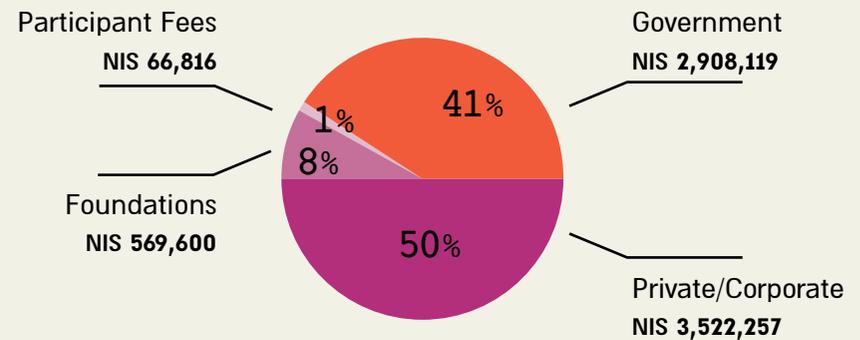
Free Legal Services

2019 Financials

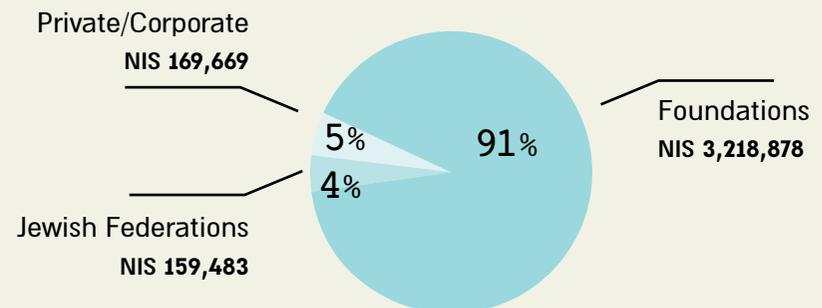
Budget Breakdown

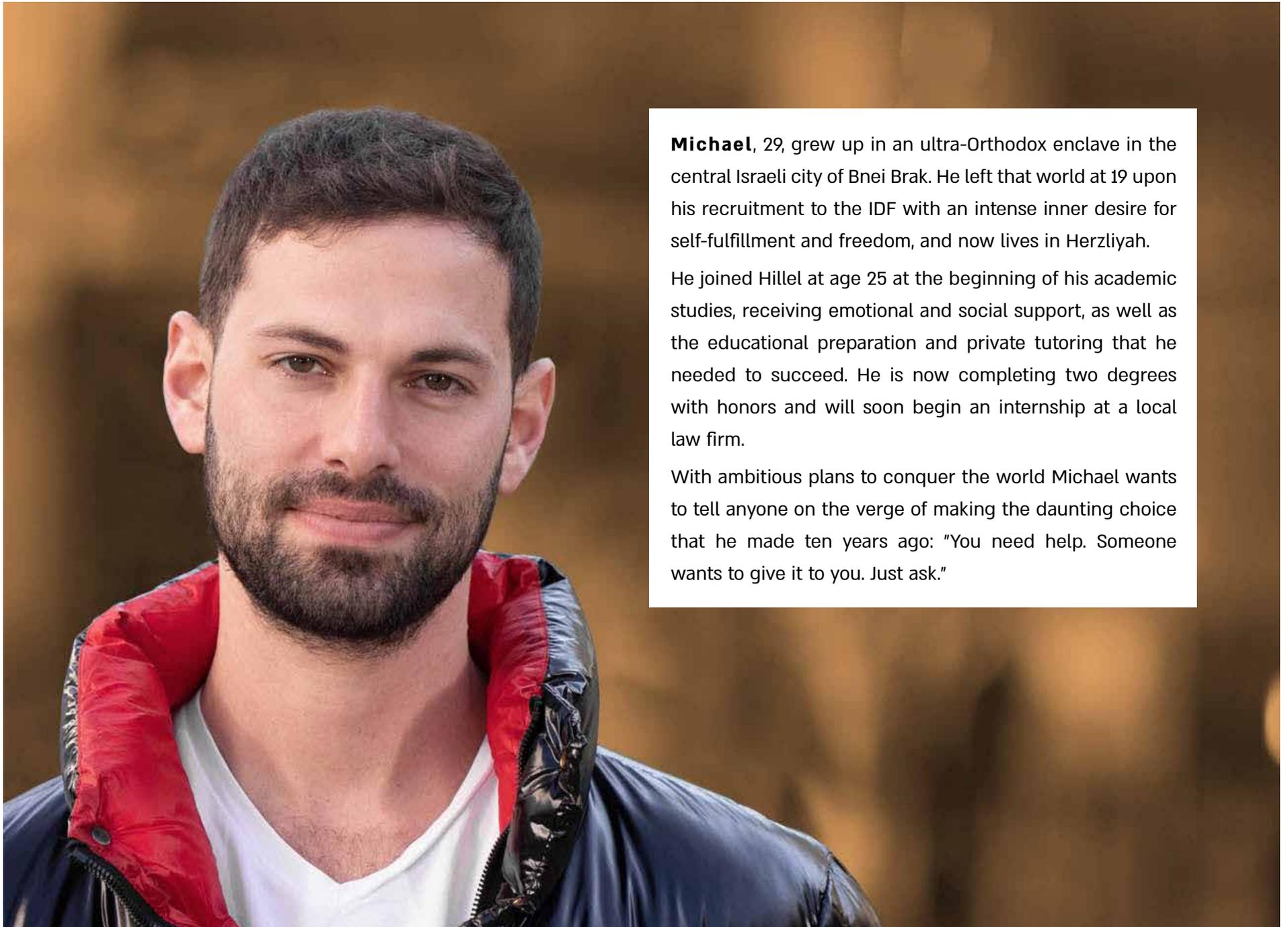


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International NIS 3,548,030





Michael, 29, grew up in an ultra-Orthodox enclave in the central Israeli city of Bnei Brak. He left that world at 19 upon his recruitment to the IDF with an intense inner desire for self-fulfillment and freedom, and now lives in Herzliyah.

He joined Hillel at age 25 at the beginning of his academic studies, receiving emotional and social support, as well as the educational preparation and private tutoring that he needed to succeed. He is now completing two degrees with honors and will soon begin an internship at a local law firm.

With ambitious plans to conquer the world Michael wants to tell anyone on the verge of making the daunting choice that he made ten years ago: "You need help. Someone wants to give it to you. Just ask."



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