

WOMEN MAKING CHANGES IN ISRAEL

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LIRON PELEG-HADOMI is NCJW's Representative in Israel, overseeing all programming and relationships on the ground. She oversaw the creation of NCJW's Connecting for Impact Fellowship since its inception and is responsible for running the program. She manages the NCJW Israel Granting Program and networks with NCJW and Sections around the USA on Israeli issues relating to women and families. Liron works to empower women, advance gender equality, and support the strengthening of civil liberties, democracy and peace efforts. Over the last 20 years, she has been a CEO and consultant for a variety of civil society organizations committed to strengthening relations among communities in Israel through leadership development, learning exchange programs, and the creation of networks for social change. Liron is a member of the Global Leadership Network of Vital Voices.



ADV. DANA MEITAV is Executive Director of the Israel Women's Network (IWN) since November 2020. Dana has held several legal, policy-promoting and strategic planning positions in the Civil Service Commission. She was Director of the Gender Equality Department. IWN is one of NCJW's IGP grantees. IWN's members have recognized the need to reevaluate the role of the organization to enhance Human Rights and Women's Rights. Through IWN, Dana works with the various grassroots organizations to advance gender equality.



DEBBIE GROSS is the founder and director of Tahel: Crisis Center for Religious Women and Children which serves women and children throughout Israel. Debbie has developed an educational workshop program to give children and teenagers the skills to recognize and prevent sexual abuse and domestic violence. In addition, she has created training courses and workshops for rabbis and other religious leaders on how to intervene in cases of domestic violence and sexual abuse. This year Debbie was awarded the Nefesh B'Nefesh "Bonei Zion" Award which is given annually to formally recognize the achievements of outstanding Anglo immigrants and their contribution to the State of Israel. Debbie is a Connecting for Impact fellow in the new cohort. Read about the NCJW Connecting for Impact Cohort [here](#).



SAMAH SALAIME is the Director of the Wahat al-Salam Neve Shalom Communication and Development Department. She is a social worker, community activist and feminist. She is the founder and director of AWC: Arab Women in the Center, an NGO which seeks to promote the status of women in the cities of Ramla, Lod and Jaffa, and to combat gender-based violence against women, particularly in Arab societies. Samah was chosen twice as Yediot Achronot, one of the ten most influential social activists in Israel by the Israeli National Newspaper. Samah is a Connecting for Impact fellow in the new cohort. Read about the Connecting for Impact Cohort [here](#).