

Guest Blog: Artists4Israel

Which Israel advocacy organization paints a beautiful picture of Israel around the world?

The answer is Artists4Israel!

[CBN News - 'Artists 4 Israel' Turn Bomb Shelters into Works of Art](#)

Through art and art programs, this organization ***helps prevent the spread of anti-Israel prejudice and helps to heal those affected by war and terror***. They work with artists that BDS is targeting, getting there before BDS, and setting up a permanent pro-Israel sentiment.

In 2010 **Craig Dershowitz** launched Artists4Israel. Growing up in Brooklyn, New York, Craig saw that art could be a motivating force for those seeking to overcome oppression and intolerance. He saw how art could influence society and what a powerful tool pop culture could be. His organization, Artists4Israel uses art to affect social change and to help give a voice to Israel, all done with creativity and chutzpah.



Artists4Israel painted bomb shelters in Sderot and also provided Healing Arts kits to the children living in bomb shelters at that time. For a week they teamed up with local Israelis which included Arabs and painted as many bomb shelters as they could. **The team worked with Jewish and Arab teens together.** Artists4Israel's members include "gorilla artists" who work in graffiti and graphic design. They focus on combating negative perceptions of Israel and highlighting the security threats that Israel faces. **Artists4Israel has painted more than 800 murals across the globe from Israel to Indonesia.** This is street art that is beautiful, meaningful, and inspiring.



Artists4Israel is the recipient of the **Key to the City of Sderot**, the **Shomer Yisrael award** from the One Israel Fund, and a **direct commendation from Prime Minister Netanyahu**. The Speaker of the Knesset, (2013 until his resignation on 25, March 2020), Yuli Edelstein, joined Craig Dershowitz in being the first artist ever to paint on the Knesset building in Israel.

If you love Israel, through Artists4Israel's work, you can ***see the country through a new and different lens***, as you have never seen it before, through the eyes of street artists. Through their curated art tours, you can hear the unique perspectives on the cities and communities that the street artists have painted. Everything that Artists4Israel does benefits Israelis directly. Through projects that heal them and their communities, and through advocating for Israel. Engaging with this organization, you will be sure to experience youthful initiatives designed to reach a young, modern audience.



Artists4Israel's motto is **Art Over Hate**. Hate takes many forms both in actions and in words and Artists4Israel combats both.

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