



Happy 25th Anniversary!

Once in a very long while we all experience that heart-stopping realization: *“Wow! How did we get here already? Where did the time go? How did we/they grow up so fast, or get to graduation ...!”*

JOIN Israel experienced that moment when we hit the *quarter-century* mark – and we hit it with a bang! A beautiful, enjoyable and gratifying **Gala-celebration**, honoring outstanding Board members **Rick Smilow** and **Neil Wessan**, was held at the renowned **Institute of Culinary Education** on May 11.

25 years is a **milestone** of note, and we took a moment from our “ever marching forward to meet the next challenge” to look back on how we started, how much we’ve accomplished, recognize those who’ve gotten us here – and celebrate!

See [The History of JOIN Israel](#)

JOIN Israel has created and implemented **over 75 social-service and educational projects** for children-at-risk, youth-at-risk, families-at-risk, and elderly in crisis, reaching tens of thousands of people in critical need throughout Israel!

See [JOIN Israel from A – Z](#) for a list of these projects.

We have developed and perfected **models of ultra-effectiveness**, accessing latent resources and becoming a facilitator, augments, and catalyst for new activity.

See our new brochure-companion [JOIN Israel: A Model of Ultra-Effectiveness](#)

We have also embraced **strategic partnerships** in order to match expertise, experience, resources, clientele, connections, facilities and infrastructure to synergistically tackle new needs – to the point that JOIN Israel works today with 100 partners from government and semi-government agencies, nonprofits, grassroots efforts, lay-leaders and the clients themselves.

These strategies merge to enable JOIN Israel to effect **enormous impact**, and rescue so many in crisis.

See [JOIN Israel's Annual Impact](#)

An equally significant part of our milestone celebration was the recognition of our **generous donors, Board members** past and present, and **supporters**. We saluted the two decades of all-out leadership and all-in generosity of honorees **Rick** and **Neil**, the ultra-enormous generosity of **Joel Greenblatt** and **Daniel Nir**, and the BFF contributions of JOIN Israel's USA office host, ZBT liaison, Gala Dinner Chair, and extremely generous supporter **Jeffrey Goldberg**, in a special award presentation. A tremendous "Thank you!" to **all of you** who have adopted our idealism and dedication, and *JOINED* us in rescuing people in crisis throughout these years!

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