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It has been quite the year. As politics in Israel, and indeed the world, becomes ever more fractious, endangering the very fabric of our democracies, Shaharit continues its pioneering work in building a democracy rooted in the common good. Everyday we are crossing the divides, creating a future that is “good enough” for all, led by those who are committed to each part of Israeli society, transcending their political disagreements.

As you can see below, we have been very busy. Our intellectual, leadership, and community work are articulating and forging new possibilities. **Your support is what makes all of this happen. As the year ends, please help us to keep moving forward in our work** – among Jews and Arabs, Haredim, religious and secular, Ashkenazim and Mizrachim, center and periphery – creating a solidarity rooted in empathy

and a sense of mutual responsibility for our shared lives. Contributions can be made below... and, like last year, **new contributions or increased contributions of up to \$10,000 will double their value through a generous matching grant.**

Thanks so much for your support, and enjoy reading about our year-in-review.

Year-in-Review

(For more detailed explanations of our Year in Review, click [here](#).)

January – *Three 120 graduates lead the fight against violence against women.*



February – *Our public intellectual Fellows begin their work.*

March – *"Different Voices, Different Visions," peace conference held. Video [here](#).*

April – *Idit Silman, a religious Zionist feminist and 120 graduate, is elected to the Knesset.*

May – *The first cohort of our Religious Zionist Leadership Program travels to the US to meet and learn about the Jewish diaspora. Learn about the outcomes [here](#).*



June – *Our community and intellectual work combine in four public participation processes around divisive local issues.*



July – We present the first set of documents of our veHaGuta [“And You Shall Ponder”] Haredi intellectual working group.

August – The launching of our newly revamped website. <https://www.shaharit.org.il/>

September – The first in a series of manuscripts on successful expressions of a politics of the Common Good.

October – Launch of the 6th cohort of our [flagship 120 program](#).

November – Celebration of Sigd holiday kicks off Ethiopian-Israeli community organizing project in the North.



December – *Completing recruitment for our Community Organizers Training Program to be launched next month.*

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