

End Housing Poverty. For Good.

"HOUSING POVERTY IN ISRAEL IS A SILENT EPIDEMIC WITH DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES," SAYS GABI NACHMANI, FOUNDER AND CEO OF TENUFA BAKEHILA – BUILDING HOPE



Gabi Nachmani

Across Israel, children sleep just inches from exposed electrical wires. Families live without hot running water, in unsafe, crumbling homes. Holocaust survivors and elderly adults navigate broken floor tiles every day, fearful of falling – often too isolated or ashamed to ask for help.

For more than **30 years**, Tenufa Bakehila has been making **urgent, essential home repairs**, while offering **ongoing social work support** to over **8,000 deserving families and individuals in need**. Tenufa is empowering them to reclaim a sense of safety, dignity, and hope – **completely free of charge**.

Behind Closed Doors: The Dangerous Reality of Housing Poverty

According to Israel's Ministry of Welfare, **tens of thousands of families live in homes that are not only deteriorating – but dangerous**. Cold, damp and hazardous living conditions can lead to chronic illness, anxiety, and low self-esteem. **For children**, conditions like this undermine and impede their education, emotional stability, and healthy development. **For older adults**, a missing handrail or broken flooring can lead to a life-threatening fall.

With no financial safety net – and no government program to assist **low-income homeowners** – many families wait for years, despairing of ever living in a safe, functional home. This is not just a social issue – it's an urgent national crisis. And it's growing.

An Immediate Nationwide Response

Tenufa Bakehila is the **only nonprofit organization in Israel** combining **emergency home repairs with professional social work intervention** – a model that doesn't just fix homes; it transforms lives. By addressing both the physical and emotional toll of housing poverty, Tenufa is creating a safer, more hopeful and more productive future

"After the ceiling collapsed we all had to sleep in the living room. Thank you Tenufa, for literally putting a roof over our heads!"

—Immigrant father of 4, Tel Aviv

for people with no other sources of support. These include single parent families, elderly adults, immigrants, families raising children with disabilities, and Holocaust survivors.

Repairing Homes. Restoring Safety. Rebuilding Futures.

Tenufa places a **unique focus on the well-being and future of children**, recognizing that a safe home is the foundation for healthy development, emotional security, and long-term success.



"For years, I heated water in a pot on the stovetop so my children could bathe – now we finally have a working shower!"

—Single parent, Ashkelon

Last year alone, more than **800 children** were impacted through Tenufa's work with families, which provided them safe bedrooms, functional bathrooms, and refurbished kitchens. Perhaps most importantly, these repairs gave children something even more powerful: **the confidence to dream about their future**.

"We see that when children grow up in safe, dignified homes, they become adults who give – to their families, their communities, and to the future of Israel," says Nachmani.

Over the past seven years, Tenufa has **tripled its reach – from 230 families to over 700 annually**. With a growing waiting list and an expanded annual budget of **7 million NIS**, the need has never been greater, or more essential.

A Bold Vision for the Future

Tenufa's mission is nothing short of transformational: **to end housing poverty in Israel**.

In several cities, that vision has already become a reality. Today, **28 full-time skilled workers** operate across **20 cities nationwide**, responding daily to urgent requests from



Kitchen of single mother with 3 young children



Kitchen after repairs

municipal social workers and welfare departments. **The impact is immediate, meaningful, and lasting**.

In the coming years, Tenufa plans to expand into two additional cities – hiring and training new teams, purchasing vehicles, and reaching hundreds more families in need.

Tenufa Bakehila is Israel's only large-scale, nonprofit organization making urgent and essential home repairs for families in need on a national level.

Help End Housing Poverty

"Every person deserves to live in safety and dignity. **That's not just our mission – it is our shared responsibility**," says Nachmani.

Tenufa Bakehila relies **entirely on donor support**. Every contribution goes directly toward **repairing unsafe homes and restoring hope** for Israel's most vulnerable families.

Supporting Tenufa doesn't just fix homes. It rebuilds lives.

Help us to end housing poverty – one family at a time.

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