Tenufa Bakehila
Building Hope










Annual Report 2025

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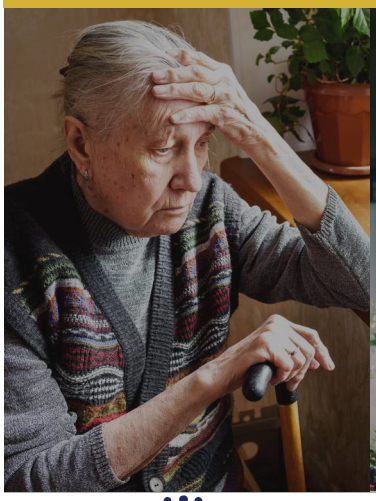
91 Life-saving Bomb Shelters

109 Emergency Mobile Repairs

Renovating dilapidated homes in 22 cities across Israel

Population Served in 2025

211 Elderly



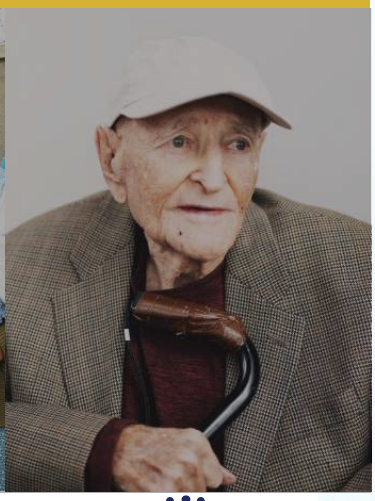
283 People with Disabilities



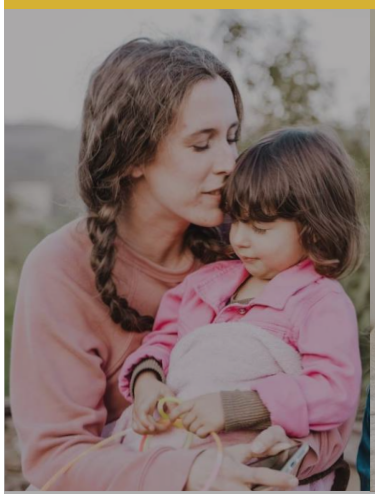
270 Immigrant Families



114 Holocaust Survivors



128 Single Parent Households



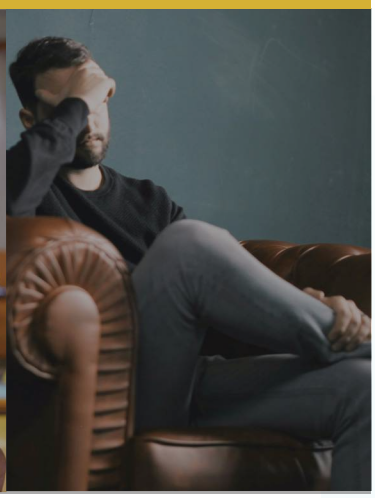
99 Children with Special Needs



96 Families with Young Children



66 Mental Health Challenges



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Families received assistance in 2025

A Unique Organization

Tenufa Bakehila is the only nonprofit in Israel providing comprehensive, professional home repairs at no cost to families living in severely deteriorated conditions. Working closely with municipal welfare departments in 22 cities, we respond quickly to urgent cases and deliver not only critical repairs but also personalized welfare support and advocacy. As Israel's sole large-scale organization dedicated to home rehabilitation, we are uniquely positioned to restore safety, dignity, and healthy living conditions to vulnerable families nationwide.

Renovating Homes Changing Lives

THE PROBLEM: HOUSING POVERTY IN ISRAEL

Not every house can truly be called a home.
For too many Israelis, basic safety, comfort, and dignity are missing—children lack safe bedrooms, older adults have no accessible spaces, and living conditions fall far below what any family deserves.
Instead of offering security, these homes are often neglected and hazardous, with leaking roofs, crumbling walls, and dangerous infrastructure.

OUR IMPACT: RESTORING SAFETY, STABILITY, AND DIGNITY

Impact on Children

Tenufa Bakehila provides holistic support to children from needy families, ensuring they grow up in safe and stable homes. A safe and nurturing living environment enables children to develop physically, socially, and emotionally.
When a family's home is renovated and daily life begins to stabilize, children's lives change as well: their academic performance improves, they gain self-confidence, and they feel comfortable inviting friends to their home. Most importantly, a safe home gives children the opportunity to reach their full potential and helps break the cycle of poverty.

Impact on Older Adults

Our work restores safety, comfort, and dignity to older adults, significantly improving their quality of life and enabling them to age with dignity.
Home rehabilitation often marks a turning point, providing renewed strength and stability for the individual and their family.
In many cases, our interventions also help reconnect older adults with neighbors and relatives, strengthening support networks and reducing isolation.

Impact on Low-Income Families

Improved living conditions have a powerful impact on the physical and mental health of the entire family. Home renovation strengthens self-confidence, resilience, and dignity.
Once families are no longer overwhelmed by the daily challenges of unsafe living conditions, they are able to focus on the future—seeking employment, strengthening family relationships, and becoming active members of their communities. Our work serves as a springboard toward social and economic independence, enabling families to move from survival to stability and contribution.



"I don't know how to thank you enough. You're like angels... making the world a better place, one repair at a time."

Esther, Immigrant family, Migdal Ha'Emek

2025 In Action



Emergency Mobile Unit: Small Repairs, Big Impact

Tenufa Bakehila's Mobile Repair Unit provides rapid, urgent home repairs, helping elderly individuals and other vulnerable people live safely, independently, and with dignity. What began during the COVID-19 pandemic has grown into a reliable support service that addresses small but critical problems with maximum accessibility and speed.

Earlier this year, during the war with Iran, our mobile unit technician installed handrails and grab bars so older residents could safely reach bomb shelters and protected areas when sirens sounded—small but critical interventions that provided security and peace of mind during a time of heightened risk.

The mobile unit also restores independence in daily life. An elderly couple—he visually impaired and she struggling with balance—faced daily danger because the street near their building was poorly lit. The husband relied on his wife, who was herself at risk of falling. Our technician installed strong, even lighting, enabling them to move safely and confidently to and from their home.

Other examples show how minor repairs can dramatically improve quality of life. An IDF veteran with PTSD regained privacy and comfort after his broken shower was repaired. An elderly woman finally had running water in her kitchen after a new faucet was installed, restoring her ability to cook and clean with dignity.

Each light fixture, handrail, or faucet may seem small—but for the families we serve, they are life-changing. The Mobile Repair Unit proves that even modest interventions can have a profound impact on safety, independence, and well-being.



The Road Back to Dignity and Safety

We received an urgent referral from the Rishon LeZion municipality regarding an elderly woman who had been living on the street. The welfare department had secured an apartment for her, but it required significant repairs to be habitable. We immediately got to work and, within a few days, repaired the bathroom and sanitary fixtures, installed a new kitchen, carried out plastering, painting, and electrical work, and even installed a water heater.

Alongside the renovations, Tenufa Bakehila's social worker provided emotional support and helped her obtain essential items, including a bed, wardrobes, washing machine, stove, table and chairs, and a refrigerator.

Today, her life has changed completely. She now lives in safety, wamth, and with dignity. Her stable home provides not just a roof over her head, but a true foundation for a new beginning.



"At last, I feel safe-
I truly have a home now."

- Aviva, Rishon Lezion

A Home Restored, A Future Rebuilt



After their parents divorced, a 24-year-old became the sole caregiver for her younger brother. With no support system and minimal resources, the siblings struggled simply to cope with daily life. When Tenufa Bakehila's regional team visited, they discovered extremely difficult living conditions. The shower had no running water, forcing them to wash using the sink; the kitchen window was broken, allowing animals to enter; there were no doors for the bedrooms or bathroom, depriving them of basic privacy; broken lighting and exposed electrical wires posed serious danger, and walls were crumbling with falling plaster.

The team acted immediately to remove hazards: safe lighting was installed, the shower was repaired, doors were added to the bedrooms and bathroom, a new kitchen window was installed, and the walls were plastered and painted. The repairs transformed an unsafe space into a livable home.

Seeing that the siblings were also struggling financially, the team extended its support, arranging for hot meals every Shabbat, a daily meal in their neighborhood, and two donated air conditioning units. Today, they live in a safe, dignified home, providing them with stability and hope during this challenging period.



"For the first time, we feel we have a real home—not just a place to survive."

Zohar (24), from Shlomi

Achievements in 2025

Outstanding Aid Organization

At a ceremony held at the Jerusalem Theater, attended by Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Lion, Tenufa Bakehila was recognized as an outstanding aid organization for rehabilitating residential buildings and restoring the dignity of Israel's most vulnerable populations.

The award was presented to the organization's founder and director, Gabi Nachmani, and the Tenufa Bakehila team. In his remarks, the Mayor praised the organization's impact on the city and committed to increasing municipal participation—enabling a significant expansion of services, including the potential doubling of the number of annual home renovations in Jerusalem.



Expansion to Additional Cities

Tenufa Bakehila currently operates in 22 cities across Israel, with a professional staff of 28 employees, carrying out approximately 700 home renovations each year. We strive to expand the project to 2-3 additional cities annually. In 2025, the organization expanded its activities to the cities of Bat Yam and Shlomi.





Supporting the Return of Northern Evacuees

For 16 months, residents of Shlomi, a border town in northern Israel, were evacuated from their homes and relocated across the country. In early March 2025, families returned to find homes that had been severely damaged after two winters of neglect, as well as by the intrusion and presence of animals such as cats, rats, birds, and others.
Tenufa Bakehila immediately mobilized a professional team that went from home to home, renovating the most severely damaged apartments and enabling more than 70 families to return to safe, repaired homes.



New Initiatives:
Climate Adaptation for Vulnerable Homes

In partnership with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, Tenufa Bakehila launched a new project in the Tel Aviv area and in Sderot, in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection, to help vulnerable families cope with extreme temperatures. This ecological initiative includes the installation of energy-efficient air conditioners, window sealing, sun-blocking measures, and improved insulation—reducing electricity costs while ensuring safety, health, and comfort for elderly individuals and other at-risk populations.

Response During Times of National Crisis



Tenufa Bakehila mobilizes immediately to meet urgent needs during national emergencies:

» During the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization was designated an essential service, enabling our teams to carry out critical home repairs and provide hands-on assistance to hundreds of people confined to or limited within their homes—particularly elderly individuals, Holocaust survivors, and vulnerable families—far beyond our usual service areas, across the country.

» During the conflict, hundreds of rockets struck cities and towns in southern and central Israel, leaving thousands of families exposed to life-threatening conditions in poorly maintained shelters. Elderly evacuees from border communities and bereaved families were particularly vulnerable, facing inaccessible or unsafe living spaces.Tenufa Bakehila rapidly expanded its operations in coordination with municipal emergency authorities to meet these urgent needs.

Our teams rehabilitated over 750 emergency shelters in high-risk, underserved areas—including 70 in 2025—prepared accessible housing for elderly evacuees, and repaired homes of bereaved families. Work included doors and windows, stairs and railings, electrical and water systems, toilets, and mold removal, ensuring safe and functional living conditions during emergencies.



» When evacuated families began returning to northern Israel in March 2025, many found homes severely damaged after two winters of neglect, weather exposure, and animal intrusion. In towns such as Shlomi, government assistance proved insufficient for low-income families. In response, Tenufa Bakehila established a regional rehabilitation team in partnership with local authorities and contractors to restore homes to safe and livable conditions.

» During the conflict with Iran, Tenufa Bakehila once again mobilized to protect vulnerable populations. Our teams rehabilitated dozens of emergency shelters with lighting, water, sanitary infrastructure, and essential accessibility measures for elderly individuals and Holocaust survivors.





JERUSALEM

"I've seen firsthand your generosity, tireless giving, and the care you show to every person. You are a light that warms Jerusalem's heart, and I'm proud of our partnership. Your contribution to the community is invaluable."

Moshe Leon, Mayor of Jerusalem

MIGDAL HAEMEK

"Thank you for your important contribution and for stepping up during the war with Iran to renovate and upgrade the public shelters in Migdal HaEmek. Your efforts have strengthened community resilience and enhanced the safety of our city's residents."

Yaki Ben Haim, Mayor of Migdal HaEmek

Impact Recognized

2025

SHLOMI

"Thanks to your skilled and compassionate work repairing homes, the families of of our town were able to return safely, with dignity and peace of mind, after more than a year and a half of displacement during the war."

Gavriel Naaman, Head of Shlomi Local Council



National Activity Across 22 Cities

8,700 homes renovated to date

109 emergency mobile repairs

22 cities across Israel

14 professional work teams

North Region
Yokneam • Migdal Haemek • Hatzor • Hadera

Shlomi Region
Shlomi

Central Region
Tel Aviv • Yehud • Or Yehuda

Ramle-Lod Region
Ramle • Lod

Rishon Lezion Region
Rishon Lezion • Holon • Bat Yam

Bet Shemesh Region
Bet Shemesh

Jerusalem Region
Jerusalem

Kiryat Malachi Region
Kiryat Malachi • Beer Tuvia

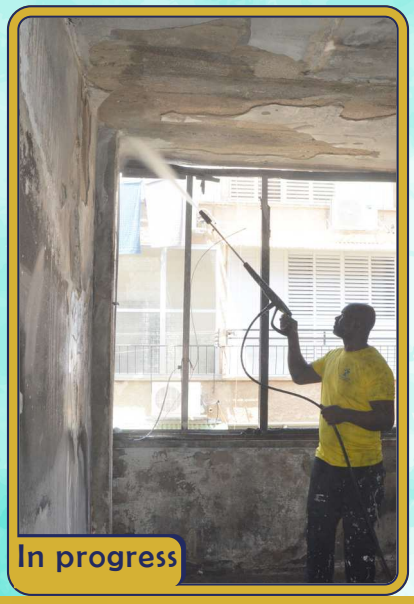
Kiryat Gat Region
Kiryat Gat • Lachish • Shafir

Southern Region
Ashkelon • Netivot • Sderot



Scope of Activity


Before


In progress


After

Burnt apartment of single mother +1, Rishon Lezion


Before


In progress


After

Installing a ramp for disabled man in wheelchair


Before


In progress


After

New kitchen for Ethiopian immigrant, single mother +6, Kiryat Malachi

Home-Repair Work Review

Sample of 100 home repair projects (out of 714 homes) in 22 cities across Israel.

Location	Family Situation	Repairs Done
Sderot	Widow	Sealing roof tiles, installation of lighting fixtures, handrails, plaster repairs and painting of the apartment.
Or Yehuda	Single mother + 3	Repairs and painting throughout the apartment, significant plaster work in the bathroom with anti-mold paint, installation of lighting fixtures, replacement of switches, and installation of hanger.
Bat Yam	Holocaust survivor	Repairing entrance door and shutters, sealing the shower and sink, wall repairs and painting throughout the apartment.
Ashkelon	Immigrant family, couple + 3, one child with special needs	Installation of door and lighting fixtures, extensive repair of shutters, replacement of broken or missing window glass, plaster repairs and painting throughout the apartment.
Bet Shemesh	Elderly Ethiopian woman, requires assisted-living + a grandson who is a soldier	Reinforcement and replacement of electrical outlets and switches, installation of lighting and window screens, repairs to doors, kitchen drawers, shutters, and an injera making appliance, replacement of shower fixtures and a windowpane, and plastering / painting walls throughout the apartment.
Or Yehuda	Single mother with children	Replacement of the bathroom faucet and toilet, installation of an aluminum bathroom profile, acid cleaning of toilets, wall modification to accommodate a refrigerator, and plaster and paint throughout the apartment.
Bat Yam	Holocaust survivor	Kitchen panel repairs, installation of lighting fixture, repair of existing lighting, repairs and painting in the apartment.
Netivot	Couple + 3, mother with multiple sclerosis, father with mental health challenges	Plaster and paint repairs throughout the apartment, including the ceiling; installation of lighting fixtures; corner bonding; installation of a window stopper; and replacement of window and balcony door glass.
Kiryat Malachi	Nursing home	Dismantling and installation of new kitchen, replacement of faucet, relocation of toilet flush system, closure of interior kitchen.
Hatzor	Woman with mental health challenges	Specialized Classimo repairs to treat peeling and scratches, treatment of corrosion, painting parts of the apartment, replacement of outlets, switches, and lighting.
Bet Shemesh	Elderly couple	Painting of the apartment, installation of a handrail at the entrance.
Jerusalem	Parents + 8 children	Replacement of doors, bathroom tiles, and window glass; repair of shutters and the security door; replacement of outlets and lighting fixtures; and repairs and painting throughout the apartment.
Or Yehuda	Couple + 2	Wall repairs and painting throughout the apartment, reinforcement and sealing of toilet, installation of water heater and air conditioner.
Ashkelon	Couple + 4, one soldier	Replacement of kitchen, new kitchen tiles, installation of lighting fixtures.
Bet Shemesh	Elderly couple	Wall repairs, painting, and mold treatment in damp rooms.
Bat Yam	Single mother, apartment completely burned	Installation of a new 3-meter kitchen., cleaning, wall repairs and painting in the apartment.
Bet Shemesh	Elderly man with mental health and mobility issues	Wall repairs and painting, installation of lighting fixtures, reinforcement of outlets, sealing around the bathtub, replacement of door mechanism and cylinder in entrance door.
Or Yehuda	Couple + 3	Plaster repairs and painting, repair of shutters, assembly of shower enclosure.
Ashkelon	Elderly woman with limitations + single mother daughter and children displaced due to rocket damage	Wall repairs and painting, replacement of lighting fixtures and outlets, completion of floor tiles, replacement of doors and frames, installation of handrails.
Tel Aviv	Single mother + 4	Installation of a partition door between living room and children's room, repair of hazardous sunken flooring, replacement of broken window glass, installation of gypsum ceiling in bathroom and sealing a hole to prevent winter leaks, repairs and painting throughout the house including thermal paint.
Ashkelon	Elderly man with visual impairment	Installation of 10 handrails from first to third floor in stairwell.
Bet Shemesh	Couple + 1	Wall repairs and painting throughout the apartment including anti-mold treatment in the bathroom, unclogging sink, replacement of toilet tank and piping.
Sderot	Elderly woman with mobility difficulties	Installation of access ramp and handrails in bathroom and toilet, painting.
Rishon LeZion	Single mother + 3, mental health challenges and medical issues	Wall repairs and painting, replacement of lighting fixtures, switches and outlets throughout the apartment, replacement of toilet and cistern, repair of shutters.
Hatzor	Elderly man in wheelchair, oxygen user, with dementia	Toilet replacement, door accessibility modification and installation, repair of shutters, wall repairs and painting,
Tel Aviv	Disabled due to terror-related injury	Installation of door, floor repairs, lowering of gypsum ceiling and installation of lighting fixtures, wall repairs and painting, installation of air conditioner.

Location	Family Situation	Repairs Done
Rishon LeZion	Apartment prepared for evacuees	Repairs and painting throughout the apartment, replacement of switches and outlets as needed, replacement of lighting fixtures, replacement of toilet, pipe and shower, repair of security door.
Bat Yam	Holocaust survivor	Replacement and repair of outlets and switches, new faucets, dismantling of fixture in room, wall repairs and painting.
Rishon LeZion	Family + 5 children, some with special needs	Gas stove adjustment, unclogging shower and toilet drains, repairs and painting throughout the house, repair of shutters, new glass in several windows, replacement of faucets.
Bet Shemesh	Elderly adult	Wall repairs and painting, toilet repairs, plumbing repairs, new sofa.
Holon	Holocaust survivor	Repair of hazardous broken floor tiles, along with wall repairs and painting in part of the apartment.
Hatzor	Reserve soldier	Painting of the apartment, dismantling of gypsum wall, repair of sink trap.
Moshav Be'er Tuvia	Woman with chronic illness	Installation of bathroom and toilet handrails, painting of the entire apartment, installation of kitchen laminate, towel rack and door hook, disposal of accumulated items, and replacement of faucets, trap, window screens, with water pipe repairs.
Or Yehuda	Holocaust survivor	Sealing sink and replacement of drain, installation of lighting fixtures, toilet reinforcement, installation of handrail in shower, wall repairs and painting.
Hatzor	Woman living with disability	Major plaster and anti-mold painting in the apartment, installation of lighting fixtures, replacement of electrical covers, replacement of wide doors in bathroom and toilet for wheelchair accessibility, installation of handrails.
Sderot	Single mother with cancer + adult son with intellectual disability	Roof sealing, wall repairs and painting, installation of lighting fixtures.
Hatzor	Holocaust survivor with health problems	Intensive wall repairs and painting, sealing around balcony door, wall sealing for leak treatment, installation of lighting fixtures, replacement of faucet and shower faucet, toilet sealing and repairs, roof sealing.
Hatzor	Single mother + 3	Wall repairs with gypsum plaster, “Classimo” repairs, corrosion treatment, painting, installation of electrical covers, replacement of outlets and lighting fixtures.
Yokne'am	Elderly woman with disability	Stone stair construction, painting of apartment, replacement of lighting fixtures, window sealing, installation of missing panels.
Netivot	3 orphaned girls, one soldier	Repairs and painting throughout the apartment including wallpaper removal, bathroom wall tiling, PVC flooring in bathroom and toilet, shower curtain installation, cabinet, sink, faucet, and toilet repairs, door painting, shutter repairs, lighting replacement, and door installations.
Jerusalem	Holocaust survivor, deaf	Replacement of toilet and cistern, pest control for mice and rats in apartment, plaster and painting.
Yokne'am	Elderly couple + son living with them	Wall repairs and painting throughout the apartment, water heater repair, bidet installation and replacement of shower diverter, air conditioner installation, outlet replacement, corner installations, and shutter repairs.
Kiryat Malachi	Bettered Women's Support Center	Kitchen dismantling and painting, replacement of all outlets, installation of water pipes for faucet, toilet replacement.
Lod	Couple + 2, autistic son with anger episodes	Extensive plaster repairs and painting throughout the apartment, installation of lighting fixtures, door replacement, corner installation, window and kitchen drawer repairs.
Jerusalem	Holocaust survivor	Reattachment of loose tiles, painting balcony railing and apartment walls, toilet repair, window sealing to prevent wind and rain infiltration.
Netivot	Elderly couple + son, wife with dementia	Shower installation, plumbing and grout repair in tile and cement, handgrip installation in bathroom and shower, toothbrush holder installation, sealing around shower and sink.
Lod	Older couple with health issues, living with their single mother daughter + 2 grandchildren	Ceiling fan installation, emergency lighting, shutter repair, severe moisture and structural cracks addressed with sealants, wall repairs and painting, replacement of lighting fixtures, installation of handrail in toilet.
Jerusalem	Elderly woman, difficulty walking	Repairs and painting, toilet replacement, bathroom wall tiling, PVC flooring in shower, kitchen replacement and plumbing arrangement, replacement of rotten balcony door allowing rainwater entry.
Kiryat Gat	Adult with CP in wheelchair, Ethiopian immigrant	Complete kitchen assembly, wall repairs and painting, installation of lighting fixtures, switches, and outlets, and door installation to enable living space for foreign worker/caregiver.
Lachish	Single mother with five children	Wall repairs and painting throughout the house, replacement of outlets and switches, replacement of toilets and seats in two bathrooms, dismantling and reattachment of tiles, filling missing sections, sealing around bathtub, replacement of lighting fixtures, replacement of water heater switch.
Lod	Elderly woman with health problems	Wall and ceiling repairs and painting, installation of parquet over worn wall-to-wall carpet.

Location	Family Situation	Repairs Done
Shlomi	Two young orphaned brothers	Plaster and painting throughout the house, installation of lighting fixtures, replacement of mixer, door installations, window installation, donation of air conditioners, organization of daily and Shabbat meals.
Kiryat Gat	Isolated Holocaust survivor; urgent need to bring in a foreign caregiver	Wall repairs and painting throughout the house, installation of lighting fixtures, outlet and switch repairs, closure of passage to room with gypsum, furniture removal.
Kiryat Malachi	Older immigrant woman, single mother to an adult son with mental health challenges who causes damage in the home	Kitchen dismantling and replacement, trap and faucet replacement, tile installation, disposal of debris by volunteers and staff, plaster and painting throughout the house, replacement of light bulbs.
Lachish	Couple + 8; the father and four children have mental health challenges	Wall repairs and painting including mold treatment, replacement of lighting fixtures, replacement of doors, installation of electrical covers, lighting fixtures, window screens, exterior wall sealing.
Kiryat Malachi	Elderly man of Ethiopian origin	Wall repairs and painting, electrical system repair, installation of handhold.
Lod	Single mother with two children	Kitchen replacement, installation of new shower and shower rod, new tile installation, toilet seat and cistern replacement, leak repair, repairs and painting throughout the house, installation of lighting fixtures..
Migdal HaEmek	Elderly couple	Apartment after fire – thorough treatment and deep cleaning to remove soot, wall repairs, application of primer and painting of rooms, replacement of entire window including shutter and screen.
Kiryat Malachi	Single adult (unmarried)	Dismantling of destroyed kitchen and installation of new kitchen, kitchen painting, disposal of unnecessary equipment with volunteers, wall repairs and painting, tiling in bathroom, installation of pipe and faucet for washing machine.
Shlomi	Elderly woman with a disability	Window repair, repair of electric shutters, faucet replacement, cutting security bars, replacement of lock on bars, toilet reinforcement, replacement of laundry lines, replacement of solar water heater system.
Ma'ale Adumim	Wounded soldier	Door installation, closing hole in countertop, replacement of lighting fixtures, wall repairs and painting throughout the apartment, replacement of traps in kitchen and bathroom.
Lachish	Elderly father and daughter with mental health challenges	Repairs and painting throughout the house, replacement of lighting fixtures, replacement of electrical covers, bathroom tiling finish, furniture repair.
Lachish	Couple with three children, two of whom are autistic	Reinforcement and replacement of outlets and switches, sealing of balcony door, furniture repairs, toilet replacement, repairs and painting throughout the apartment.
Mevaseret Zion	Elderly woman	Repairs and painting throughout the house, replacement of electrical covers.
Shlomi	Single mother + 3	Electrical repairs, replacement of three circuits on the top floor, replacement of components in the electrical panel, kitchen short-circuit repair.
Rishon Lezion	Elderly single mother of Ethiopian origin; adult son with health problems	Wall repairs and painting throughout the house, shutter repairs, installation of external window canopy, replacement of kitchen door hinges, painting of frames and doors.
Migdal HaEmek	Couple with five children	Plaster repairs and painting of the apartment, dismantling of shower enclosure and installation of a bathtub.
Migdal HaEmek	Elderly man	Installation of an accessible shower, wall repairs and painting, mold treatment.
Jerusalem	Couple with two children	Repairs and painting throughout the apartment, replacement of lighting fixtures and faucets, repair and replacement of doors, sealing in kitchen and bathroom, tile sealing, replacement of kitchen trap and hinges, tile installation.
Netivot	Single mother with two children; mother is a survivor of domestic violence and has medical problems	Wall repairs and painting, installation of new curtains, faucet replacement, installation of lighting fixtures.
Shlomi	Couple; the husband has a disability	Roof sealing with special rubber, plaster and painting of the apartment.
Lod	Older woman living alone	Extensive wall repairs and painting throughout the apartment, including anti-mold treatment, installation of lighting fixtures, replacement of window glass and screens, dismantling and removal of old furniture.
Netivot	Couple + 3; mother has health and functional difficulties	Extensive door repairs including security door, installation of lighting fixtures, installation of skirting boards, faucet repairs, replacement of burned electrical wiring in outlets, outlet replacement, relocation of external power cable for refrigerator, repairs and painting throughout the house, tiling finish.
Migdal HaEmek	Elderly woman	Wall repairs and painting with bonding agent application, installation of bathroom cabinet and sink.
Netivot	New immigrant couple + 3; one child has intellectual disability and requires full-time care	Wall repairs and painting, mold treatment, door repairs, replacement of sink trap, repair/replacement of shutters and kitchen cabinet hinges, installation of lighting fixtures.
Sderot	Elderly woman with mobility difficulties	Installation of grab bars at the entrance to the home, installation of a ramp.
Kiryat Gat	Single mother of Ethiopian origin	Removal of kitchen tiles and smoothing and painting of wall, wall repairs and painting throughout the apartment, installation of lighting fixtures, replacement of shower head, extensive shutter repairs.
Kiryat Gat	Elderly couple	Removal and reconstruction of gypsum ceiling, painting, installation of lighting fixture, roof sealing.

Location	Family Situation	Repairs Done
Kiryat Malachi	Widowed immigrant woman	Repairs and painting of the apartment, replacement of outlets and lighting fixtures, drain unclogging, apartment clearing with volunteers, replacement of kitchen trap and shower drain.
Migdal HaEmek	Isolated older adult	Apartment after fire – removal of burned shutters and installation of new ones, wall repairs and painting, replacement of faucet handle and wall-mounted bath faucet cartridge.
Rishon Lezion	Holocaust survivor	Installation of 3 railings in stairwell
Tel Aviv	Single mother with an adult daughter	Installation of sinks, shower curtain rod, closure of opening in toilet, faucet replacement, shelf repair in toilet, installation of ceiling fans.
Rishon LeZion	Elderly man	Wall repairs and painting due to roof tile leakage, replacement of all kitchen drawers and cabinet doors.
Ramla	Couple with health problems and one child	Repairs and painting throughout the house, silicone sealing in shower, full roof sealing, tiling in shower.
Ramla	Holocaust survivors	Wall repairs and painting, replacement of toilet tank pipe, repair of shower leak, replacement of angle valve (Nil faucet), new sofa.
Rishon LeZion	Elderly woman	Installation of three handrails in the staircase in stairwell.
Sderot	Holocaust survivor and his wife, he is post stroke	Dismantling of shower enclosure and creation of wheelchair-accessible shower, installation of grab bars in bathroom and toilet, plaster repairs and painting in bathroom.
Migdal HaEmek	Widowed older woman	Apartment after fire – thorough washing of entire apartment with high-pressure washer, floor cleaning with Mellerud to remove soot, wall repairs, application of primer and painting, complete window replacement including shutter and screen.
Shlomi	Person with mental health challenges	Severe moisture damage to the home, intensive plaster repairs and painting throughout the house, toilet reinforcement.
Tel Aviv	Elderly woman, isolated	Shutter repair, replacement of glass panes in doors, wall repairs and painting, installation of lighting fixtures, bathroom renovation.
Mevaseret Zion	Single mother + 5	Extensive wall repairs and painting throughout the apartment, replacement of lighting fixtures and electrical covers, window and shutter repairs, mold treatment in bathroom and toilet, furniture repair, installation of dryer vent hose, replacement of exit-door screen.
Tel Aviv	Elderly woman with medical conditions	Bedroom painting with special thermal paint, plaster repairs and painting throughout the house, installation of window glass, repair and replacement of lighting fixtures and outlets, faucet replacement, electrical outlet repairs, removal and reinstallation of flooring.
Ashkelon	Single mother + 4	Extensive shutter repairs throughout the apartment, door installation, installation of lighting fixtures, apartment painting.

"You put your heart and soul into helping us -- now our home is warm, bright, and inviting!."

-Chana (65), Beit Shemesh



Social Work Support alongside home renovations in 2025

Material Assistance

- Food vouchers (groceries, baby food, school supplies, clothing)
- Food baskets and hot meals
- Furniture
- Dental treatments
- Debt Relief

In partnership with the organizations: **Ten Gav, Myisrael, CBN, Just One Chesed**

Maximizing Rights

- Guidance in understanding and exercising entitlements
- Assistance with forms and communication with the National Insurance Institute
- Referrals for legal representation through local authorities
- Referrals for financial counseling and responsible money management

Tenufa Bakehila's social worker provides focused, personalized support to families whose homes are undergoing renovation. Through home visits, the social worker assesses the needs of all household members across multiple areas of life and supports social rehabilitation as needed. This work is carried out in close coordination with the family's assigned social worker at the local welfare office.

Community and Emotional Support

- Access to emotional and therapeutic support
- Parenting guidance
- Connection to mentors and community resources

Employment Support

- Employment guidance
- Referrals for job counseling, vocational training, and job placement

Supplying quality beds and mattresses



Distribution of shopping vouchers and delivery of food packages



Supplying basic electrical appliances



Acquisition of clothes closets



Life Stories

Finding Employment for a Single Mother

"I haven't worked for four years, and I could barely scrape together money for food. Irit, Tenufa's social worker, pushed me forward and accompanied me to the municipal employment office, and I was immediately hired as a kindergarten assistant. It truly feels like moving from darkness to light."

T., single mother of three



Purchase of an Air Conditioner for Heating and Cooling (with support from Mylsrael)

"Our apartment was dark and freezing in the winter, which was very hard and unhealthy. Today the room is warm or cool exactly as needed, and it has a positive effect on our health."

The D. family, couple with eight children; the children cope with emotional challenges



Providing New Beds (in partnership with Ten Gav Association)

"For four years my children slept on mattresses on the floor because we couldn't afford beds. Now every family member has a proper bed of their own—it completely changes the feeling at home."

The D. family, couple with eight children; the children cope with emotional challenges



Assistance with Accessing Rights

"For years we didn't know that my mother was entitled to receive a caregiver at home, and we helped her every day ourselves. With the help of Tenufa Bakehila's social worker, we applied under the Long-Term Care Law. Today a caregiver comes three times a week and helps with cooking and bathing. It relieved the entire family and allows us to focus on our own households."

N., daughter of an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor, Kiryat Malachi



Social Work Review

Sample of 30 cases of social work guidance and assistance (out of 145) in cities across Israel.

City	Family Situation	Social Work Support
Jerusalem	Couple with mental health challenges +8. Children have emotional and functional difficulties. Receive disability allowance and rehabilitation services.	After home repairs, received guidance and counseling, food shopping vouchers, dining table purchase, and a new gas-electric oven via Ten Gav.
Ramle	Elderly Holocaust survivors living with their son. Mother has health problems affecting daily functioning.	After home repairs, guidance and support, assistance accessing rights, and sofa purchase via CBN.
Jerusalem	Couple +8. Father has mental health challenges; most children have difficulties.	After home repairs, guidance and counseling, six new beds for children via Ten Gav, provided food vouchers.
Ashkelon	Elderly single man, immigrant from the Soviet Union, with health problems and notable functional difficulties.	After home repairs, assistance purchasing radiator, microwave, electric stove, refrigerator, and bed via Ten Gav, plus washing machine, dining table, and food vouchers from the welfare office.
Kiryat Gat	Single mother +2. Son is a soldier; daughter in out-of-home care.	After home repairs, food vouchers, beds for mother and daughter via Ten Gav, referral for wardrobe via welfare office.
Jerusalem	Mother with mental health challenges +2, suffers physical limitations affecting functioning.	After home repairs, guidance and counseling, orthopedic bed via Ten Gav, plus food vouchers.
Kiryat Gat	Immigrant from France, divorced +4 from two different fathers. History of severe domestic abuse.	After home repairs, children's beds via Ten Gav, referral for combined gas-electric oven via welfare office.
Kiryat Gat	Divorced +3. History of abusive relationship; has mental health challenges. Receives disability allowance and rehabilitation services.	After home repairs, guidance and counseling, three beds for daughters via Ten Gav.
Bet Shemesh	Elderly man, divorced, +4 adult children. Former addict, suffers from mental health challenges and experiences significant loneliness.	After home repairs, guidance and counseling, rights assistance, sofa bed via Ten Gav, plus toaster oven and mixer.
Kiryat Gat	Immigrant from Ethiopia, single mother, divorced +3. Functional difficulties after a work accident; eldest daughter in out-of-home care.	After home repairs, rights assistance, two beds for young children via Ten Gav, food vouchers via CBN.
Bet Shemesh	Divorced +6. Long-standing financial difficulties; history of severe abuse by ex-spouse.	After home repairs, oven via Ten Gav, referral for dryer via welfare office, food vouchers via CBN.
Kiryat Gat	Single parent +2, widower. Wife died suddenly after illness. Has health problems; family members have emotional difficulties.	After home repairs, holiday food vouchers, referral to cancer patient family support, two children's beds via Ten Gav, referral for food vouchers for washing machine, air conditioner via Myisrael.
Jerusalem	Elderly couple with severe health issues, bed-bound, assisted by social worker.	After home repairs, air conditioner via Myisrael.
Ashkelon	Single elderly man, no children, lives alone. Physical difficulties affecting daily function due to car accident.	After home repairs, referral to welfare for bed and safety items from Tagbur, washing machine via Ten Gav.
Jerusalem	Elderly woman, guardian of grandchildren, raises and cares for them. Daughter has mental health challenges and struggles to function.	After home repairs, washing machine via Ten Gav, pest control referral via welfare office, dining table purchase.

"We feel such a huge change-the comfort and quality of our daily life have improved significantly."

"For the first time, we sleep well, and we love being able to invite friends over!"

"This support gives me a sense of security and peace- finally, I don't feel alone in facing life's challenges."

City	Family Situation	Social Work Support
Jerusalem	Couple with mental health challenges +2 children in special education.	After home repairs, guidance and counseling, sofa bed via Ten Gav, purchase of bookshelves.
Jerusalem	Single father +7. Has mental health challenges; ex-wife struggles to function. Raising three young children with emotional difficulties.	After home repairs, children's beds via Ten Gav, food vouchers via CBN.
Jerusalem	Couple without children. Husband has mental health challenges; wife has physical health issues.	After home repairs, mattresses via Ten Gav, food vouchers, wardrobe purchase.
Jerusalem	Young single woman, orphaned from mother, estranged father. Lives with younger sister in parental home.	Food vouchers, gas-electric oven via Ten Gav, referral for youth center support.
Jerusalem	Couple +3. Mother has physical and mental health difficulties, receives disability allowance. Children have various difficulties.	After home repairs, guidance and counseling, children's wardrobes, holiday food vouchers.
Bet Shemesh	Couple +8 children. Divorced parents reunited. Father and 4 children have mental health challenges. Father receives disability allowance and rehabilitation services.	After home repairs, beds for parents and two children via Ten Gav, referral for refrigerator via welfare office.
Kiryat Gat	New immigrant, single mother +7. Lives in notable isolation. Suffers from multiple illnesses.	After home repairs, guidance and counseling, food vouchers, air conditioner via Myisrael, hospital transport referral.
Jerusalem	Elderly single man, no children, no supportive family, disabled, amputee.	After home repairs, hospital transport, volunteer for companionship, organization of documents.
Jerusalem	Single mother +6. Suffers physical difficulties affecting functioning.	After home repairs, holiday food vouchers, living room armchair purchase.
Bet Shemesh	Elderly father and daughter living together. Daughter has mental health challenges.	After home repairs, guidance and counseling, children's beds via Ten Gav.
Jerusalem	Couple +2, immigrants from the Soviet Union. Mother has cancer; father struggles to work due to her condition.	After home repairs, double mattress for couple via Ten Gav, toaster and heater, food vouchers.
Bet Shemesh	Holocaust survivor, widower +4. Lives in isolation.	After home repairs, gas-electric oven via Ten Gav, volunteer support providing companionship for lonely Holocaust survivor.
Jerusalem	Couple +3 children. Mother has chronic illness; father has mental health challenges.	After home repairs, guidance and counseling, children's beds via Ten Gav.
Bet Shemesh	Single woman, no children, physical difficulties due to car accident, receives disability allowance.	After home repairs, bed via Ten Gav, microwave and electric stove purchase.
Jerusalem	Elderly couple +4, father has cancer, mother has health problems, one child with mental health challenges.	After home repairs, guidance and counseling, toaster oven, refrigerator via Ten Gav, holiday food vouchers.

"The new beds have given us the comfort and rest we've been dreaming of for years."

"Thanks to the vouchers and new furniture, I finally have space to breathe and a place to truly rest."

"The home is finally comfortable and safe, winter and summer."



Our Vision

Tenufa Bakehila is the only organization in Israel with a focused, nationwide mission to eradicate housing poverty. Our full-time repair teams provide professional, comprehensive support to families living in difficult conditions—completely free of charge.

OUR GOAL To provide safe, dignified homes and improve the quality of life for every family and individual in Israel.

OUR VISION FOR ISRAEL We aim to strengthen Israel by creating homes that are safe, dignified, and nurturing for every child and citizen. Thanks to our work, more than 8,700 families have begun a new path—breaking free from the cycle of poverty and living with dignity and hope.

WE ARE PROUD to serve as Israel's most comprehensive and professional nonprofit home repair organization.



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