

***M.A. Program in Nonprofit Management and Leadership***

Division of Graduate Studies, Rothberg International School  
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Course: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector and Civil Society in Israel and Internationally

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***Online Panel Discussion: The Many Faces of Israel's 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector***

Monday, January 18, 2021, 17:00-18:30

**PURPOSE OF PANEL DISCUSSION**

This panel discussion is intended to give our students a direct, first-hand look into the diversity and dynamic nature of Israel's 3<sup>rd</sup> sector, through an encounter with representatives of some of its main substantive areas. Ideally, the discussion will address issues that are both universal (common to the 3<sup>rd</sup> sectors of most western democracies) and distinctive to the Israeli experience.

**COMPOSITION OF PANEL:**

**Emily Zoffer**, *Hot Line for Refugees and Migrants*

**Jay Shofet**, *Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel*

**Don Futterman**, *Israel Center for Educational Innovation* (tent.)

**DISCUSSION FORMAT**

- A. Each panelist will make an initial presentation of some 15-20 minutes.
- B. Following that, I'd welcome a lively exchange between students and panelists in the form of questions and answers.
- C. Finally, each panelist will be given the opportunity to present a 2-3-minute closing.

**Recommended reading prior to Jan. 18:**

Emily Zoffer recommends the following: [20 Years of Human Rights Achievements](#), published by the Hotline as part of its 20-year celebration book. For an overview of the issues the Hotline addresses, "The Conscience of a Country" by Shahar Ilan, beginning on page 23. There are also three short notes from donors about why they support the Hotline beginning on page 120.

Jay Shofet publishes the occasional freelance article, and [blog post](#) on Times of Israel. He recommends your reading this piece explaining why [you should think twice](#) before letting the JNF plant a tree for you on the Tu B'Shvat holiday

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**THE PANELISTS**

**Emily Zoffer**

Emily Zoffer is the Director of International Relations & Development at the Hotline for Refugees and Migrants. She joined the Hotline in November 2018 as a Development Officer and stepped into her current role in August 2019. Prior to joining the Hotline, Emily earned a Master's Degree Summa Cum Laude in Nonprofit Management & Leadership from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a Bachelor's Degree Cum Laude from Harvard University. She is originally from Chapel Hill, North Carolina and currently resides in Tel Aviv.

**Jay Shofet**

Jay Shofet serves as the Director of Partnerships and Development at the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, Israel's oldest and largest environmental NGO. Jay previously served as the Director of The Green Environment Fund, a leading philanthropic partnership that supported the environmental movement in Israel. Prior to that, Jay served as the Director of Resource Development Consultation for SHATIL, responsible for a national team of consultants who provided training and support for NGOs in fundraising and income-generation. A resident of south Tel Aviv, Jay grew up in upstate New York and moved to Israel in 1986. He holds a BA in Government from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and an MA in Political Science from New York University.

**Don Futterman**

Don Futterman is the founding Executive Director of *The Israel Center for Educational Innovation (ICEI)*. ICEI was established in 2009 and is the leading organization for turning around underperforming low-income elementary schools in Israel, including many with concentrations of Ethiopian-Israeli students and several in Arab communities. Don has also been the Director of the Moriah Fund in Israel since 2005, a private American foundation which has been operating in Israel for 35 years. Don has led Moriah's efforts in Israel to strengthen civil society, human rights, liberal democracy and to promote equal opportunity in education, and has overseen Moriah's partnership with NGOs advocating on behalf of the Ethiopian immigrant community and Palestinian citizens of Israel. Don can be heard on *TLVI's The Promised Podcast*, a weekly review of politics and society in Israel, named on multiple lists as one of the leading Jewish podcasts in the world. Don has been a columnist for *Haaretz* and has written for *The Daily Beast*. He is married with three children and has lived in Israel since 1994.