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# An Overview of Our Impact

*Transforming conflict through song.*



What we do now and how you can help.

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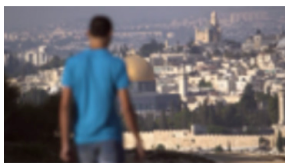
The Jerusalem Youth Chorus is a choral and dialogue program for Israeli and Palestinian youth. Our mission is to provide a space for these young people from East and West Jerusalem to grow together in song and dialogue. Through the co-creation of music and the sharing of stories, we empower youth in Jerusalem with the responsibility to speak and sing their truths, as they become leaders in their communities and inspire singers and listeners around the world to work for peace, justice, inclusion, and equality.



The Jerusalem Youth Chorus has been featured for its innovative musicianship and integrity of purpose and process from the Late Show with Stephen Colbert and the New York Times to Galgalatz, Scene Arabia and more than 100 other news sources. We have recorded with multi-platinum Israeli artist and peace activist David Broza in Jerusalem and in London with Duran Duran. Our music video "Home" has amassed over 400,000 views. We have toured to Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Switzerland, and have performed at venues as celebrated as the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, the United Nations in Geneva, and as a featured ensemble at the Yale International Choral Festival. In 2017, our Founder and Artistic

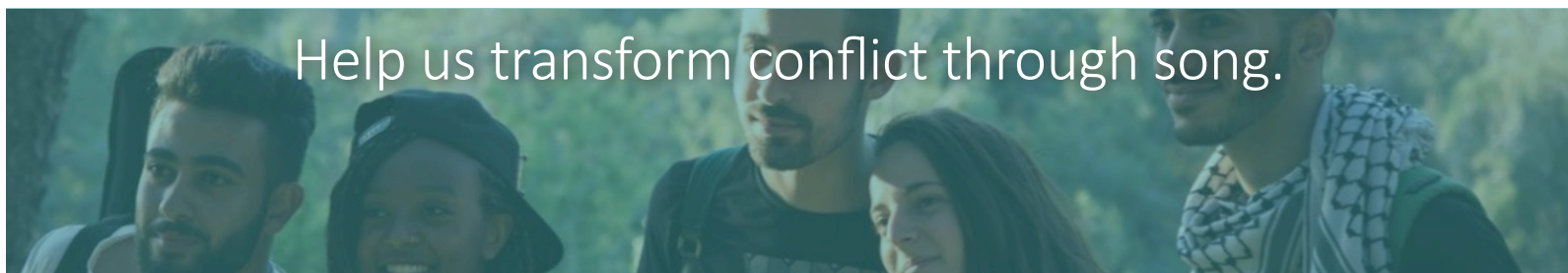
Director Micah Hendler was selected as one of the Forbes 30 Under 30, and in 2018, chorus alumna Eden Alene won Israel's X-Factor singing competition, going on to make history as the first Ethiopian Israeli selected to represent Israel in the Eurovision Song Contest.

The Jerusalem Youth Chorus is unique in its combination of music and dialogue programming, providing a transformative experience for our singers that yields both friendship and understanding on an individual and collective level across lines of religion, nationality, language, and culture. We go beyond simply singing together, delving deeper into one another's identities, life experiences, communal narratives, religious traditions, and national histories through dialogue, all within the safe space of the musical ensemble and the strong personal bonds and community it creates.



Musically, the Jerusalem Youth Chorus seeks to reflect the values of equality and inclusiveness upon which we are based, truly making manifest the concept of beauty in diversity. As our members come often from vastly different musical traditions, we draw heavy influences from both East and West in our repertoire and musical style. As such, we seek to innovate and challenge boundaries musically as we do in the non-musical elements of our program.

Help us transform conflict through song.





# METRICS

Empowering voices of local and global impact.

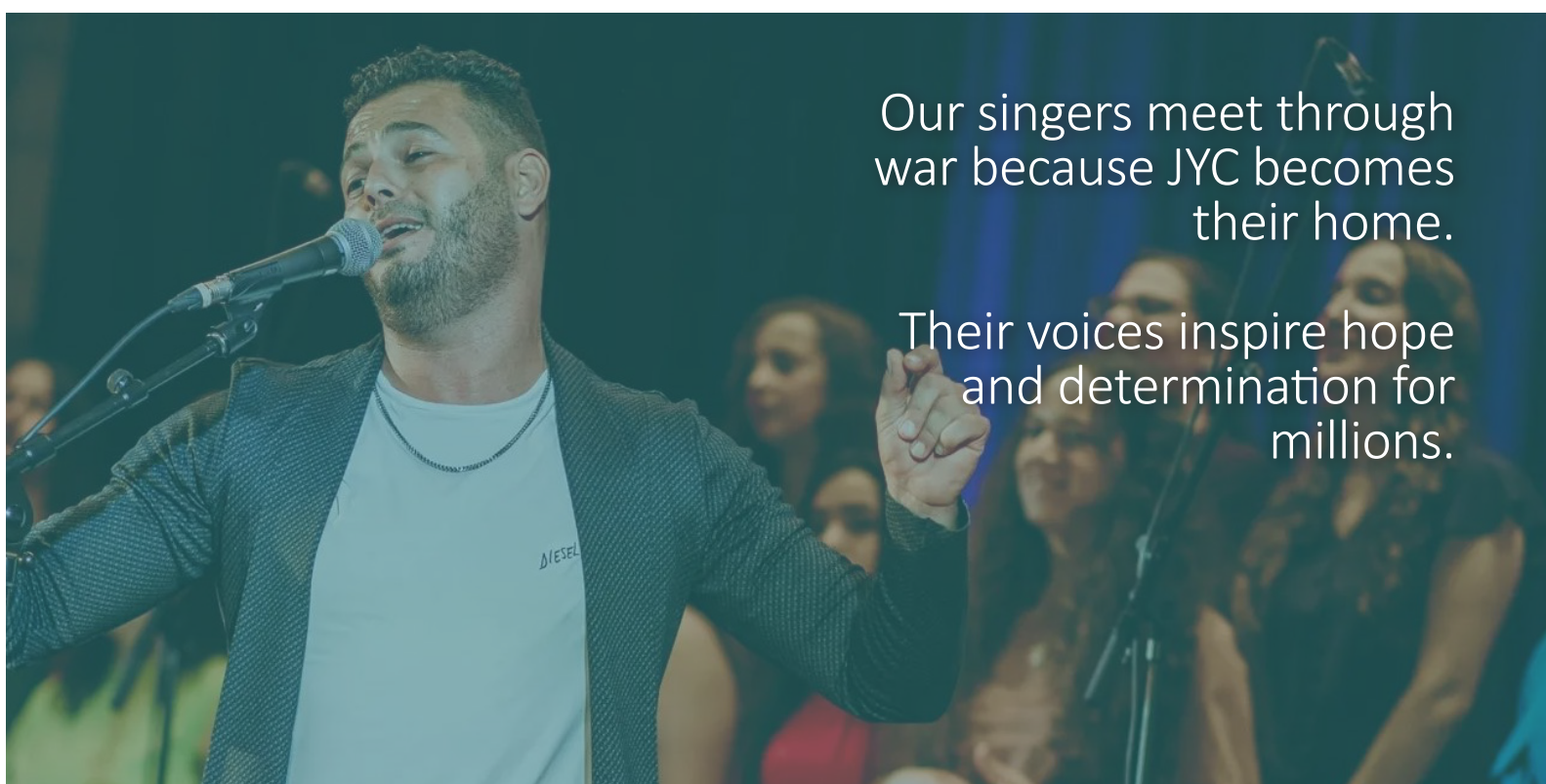
## JYC Spheres of Impact



PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS	Jerusalem and virtual music & dialogue programs
	BENEFICIARIES	Youth in East & West Jerusalem; across Israel & Palestine
	IMPACT	Positive youth development - alumni reported increases in: Empathy skills ( <b>86%</b> )   Navigating complexity ( <b>77%</b> )   Leadership skills ( <b>68%</b> )   Self-esteem ( <b>73%</b> )
	METRICS	<b>75%</b> multi-year retention (175 total participants) <b>37,300</b> program x people hours (37% dialogue, 63% music)
COMMUNITIES	PROGRAMS	Partnerships with schools, community centers Parents program, workshops, youth-led initiatives
	BENEFICIARIES	Communities in East & West Jerusalem, other stakeholders
	IMPACT	Increased capacity for nonviolent creative advocacy around common social development challenges Stronger community ties across East & West Jerusalem
	METRICS	<b>3,500+</b> workshop participants <b>80%</b> family involvement in parents program
AUDIENCES	PROGRAMS	Concerts, music videos, recordings
	BENEFICIARIES	Stakeholders in Jerusalem, Israel & Palestine, and globally
	IMPACT	Keeping hope alive, igniting the political imagination, inspiring listeners to take action
	METRICS	<b>7 million+</b> people reached ( <b>14,000+</b> via in-depth events) <b>50+</b> policymaker engagements, <b>120</b> news features

Our singers meet through war because JYC becomes their home.

Their voices inspire hope and determination for millions.



# PROGRAM ARC

Music and dialogue skills for leadership.

Program Arc	Focus	Details
<b>Year One: Fundamentals of Music and Dialogue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vocal technique</li><li>• Musicianship skills</li></ul>	High-quality music attracts an ideologically diverse array of singers from across the city, who may not otherwise be interested in a dialogue program.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dialogue fundamentals</li></ul>	Participants internalize the values that make JYC safe and inclusive despite profound differences and learn listening and nonviolent communication skills
<b>Year Two: Complexifying Perspectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complex diversity of music</li></ul>	Our singers come with vastly different musical backgrounds; appreciating one another's musical traditions is a key access-point for intercultural collaboration.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exploring the conflict through music and dialogue</li></ul>	More deeply exploring central conflict issues from a multiplicity of perspectives will equip singers with historical and current knowledge needed to find their own voices, and hear and amplify alternate perspectives even across disagreement.
<b>Year Three: Skills for Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dialogue into songwriting</li></ul>	Advanced dialogue will ground a collaborative songwriting process between Israelis and Palestinian, leading to original and timely musical co-creation.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Musical activism strategy and tactics</li></ul>	Through the regular creation of short-form music video content, our singers will truly be able to leverage their musical platform in real-time to influence the conversations happening in their communities around critical issues. <sup>6</sup>
<b>Year Four: Leadership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leadership skills</li><li>• Facilitation training</li></ul>	Singers mentor first-years and receive training to design and lead workshops and projects based on <a href="#">JYC's model</a> . To avoid duplicating other orgs' efforts, we will leverage the Jerusalem Model network and integrate fourth years and alumni as



We equip singers with tools to hold complexity and change society.



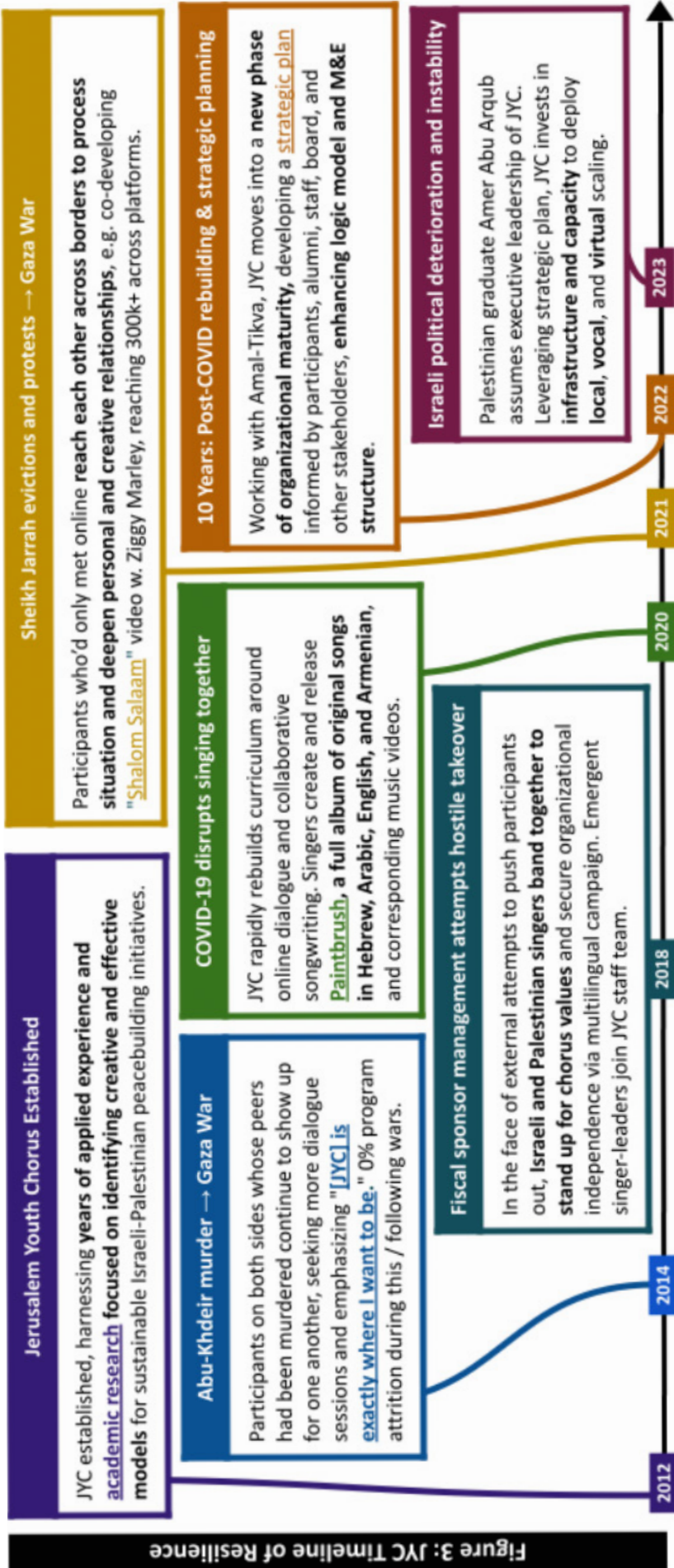


Figure 3: JYC Timeline of Resilience

# A TIMELINE OF THE JERUSALEM YOUTH CHORUS

# VOICES OF PEACE IN TIMES OF WAR

A virtual concert for common humanity.

*voices of* **PEACE**  
*in times of* **WAR**

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*with collaboration from*  
The John F. Kennedy Center  
for the Performing Arts

*guest artists*  
Mira Awad  
Yo-Yo Ma  
Ziggy Marley  
David Broza  
Achinoam Nini  
MALINDA  
and more!

This past October, JYC hosted a live, virtual concert to lift up the voices of our Israeli and Palestinian young singers and other powerful artists using their music to foster dialogue, understanding, and empathy.

**2000+** Viewers reached

*"I cried through most of it-- good crying. It was a moment of beauty and hope."*



Audiences watched from 6 different countries and 15 US states.



Watch the Concert



**Uplifting  
Moving  
Amazing  
Inspiring  
Heartening  
Powerful  
Beautiful**



# SUPPORT THE JYC



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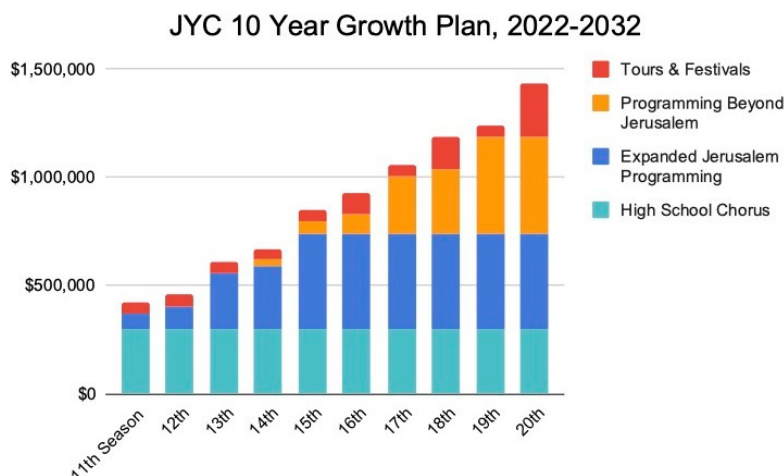
For tax deductible donations in the United States, checks should be made out to:  
PEF Israel Endowment Funds For/Memo Line (or add a separate note):  
Jerusalem Youth Chorus - Israeli Tax ID: 514607761

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***We are so grateful for your support in such a dark time.***





# LISTEN TO JYC



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[www.jerusalem youth chorus.org/music](http://www.jerusalem youth chorus.org/music)