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Dear friend

New Israel Fund is proud to be hosting our second Human Rights Awards Dinner on Tuesday 2 December 2008. Your invitation is enclosed, and we sincerely hope that you will be able to join us on this truly memorable evening.

This year we have chosen a theme that guided us in selecting our three Israeli human rights activist award winners. In Israel's 60th anniversary year, we focus on the "equality of social and political rights" guaranteed in Israel's Declaration of Independence "irrespective of religion, race and gender."

We will be recognising three outstanding winners, each of whom having demonstrated exceptional commitment and achievement in promoting rights and equality in the categories of religion, race and gender.

Rabbi Shay Piron – a bold and creative Orthodox rabbi, educator and activist in issues of religion, and one of the founders of Tsohar, which bridges between religious, traditional and secular Jews.

Aida Touma-Sliman - an untiring and outspoken activist for racial equality in Israel, and pioneer of service development for Israeli-Palestinian women.

Prof Alice Shalvi – a lifetime social entrepreneur for gender equality in all aspects of life, founding the first advocacy organisation for women's rights and continuing to influence the status of women for decades.

Each of these extraordinary Israelis has an impressive record of promoting human rights and social justice in Israel. At the dinner, you will see and hear from each one about their experience and vision, and how we all can share in and support their work for a stronger and more just Israel. Each will receive a trophy and a small grant towards a project of their choice in Israel.

This evening is important for New Israel Fund and for human rights in Israel, since we hope to raise significant funds for this work. Please join us and be moved and inspired.

Yours sincerely,



Ellen Goldberg
Executive Director



Mark Goldberg
Chairman