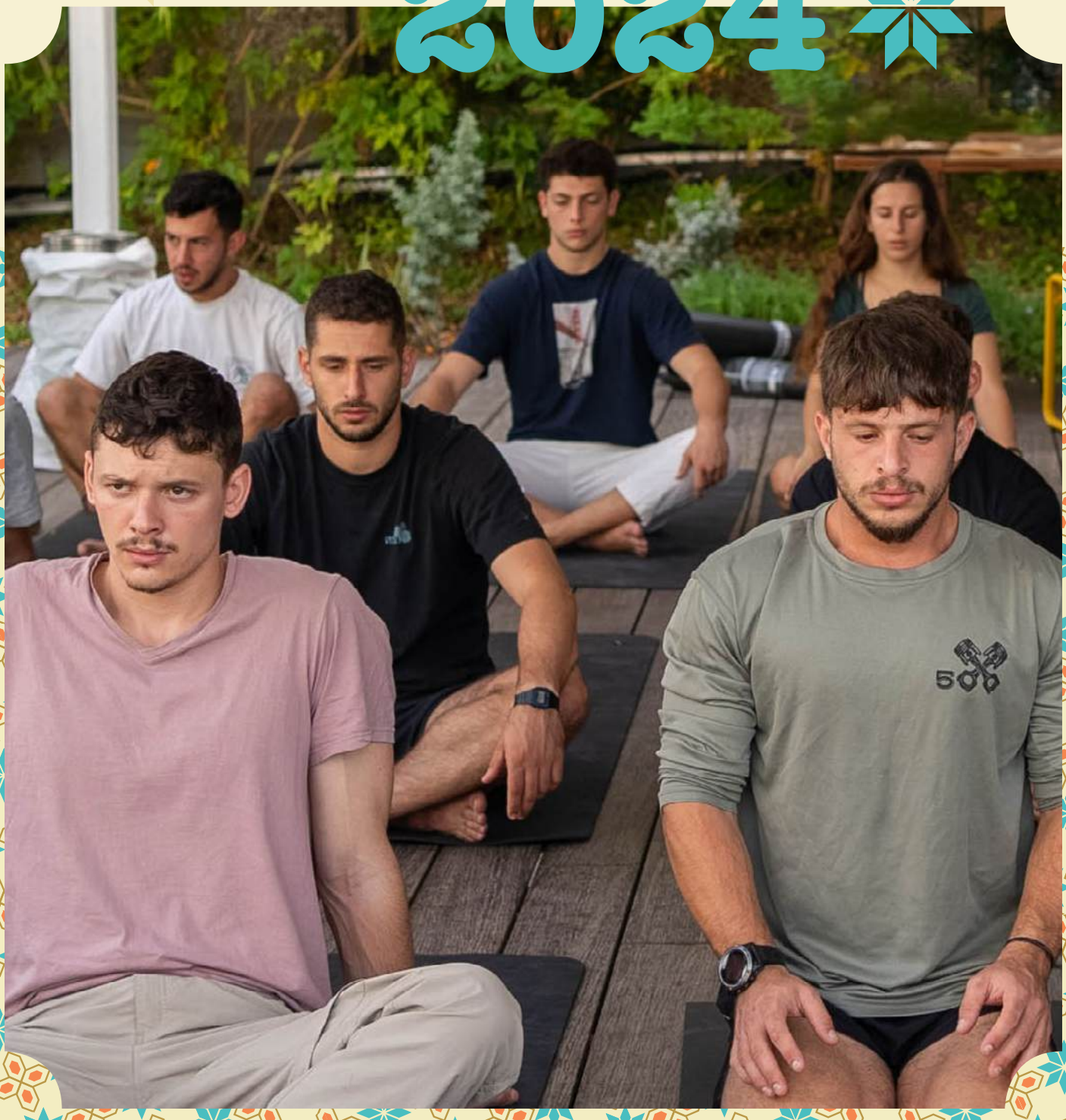
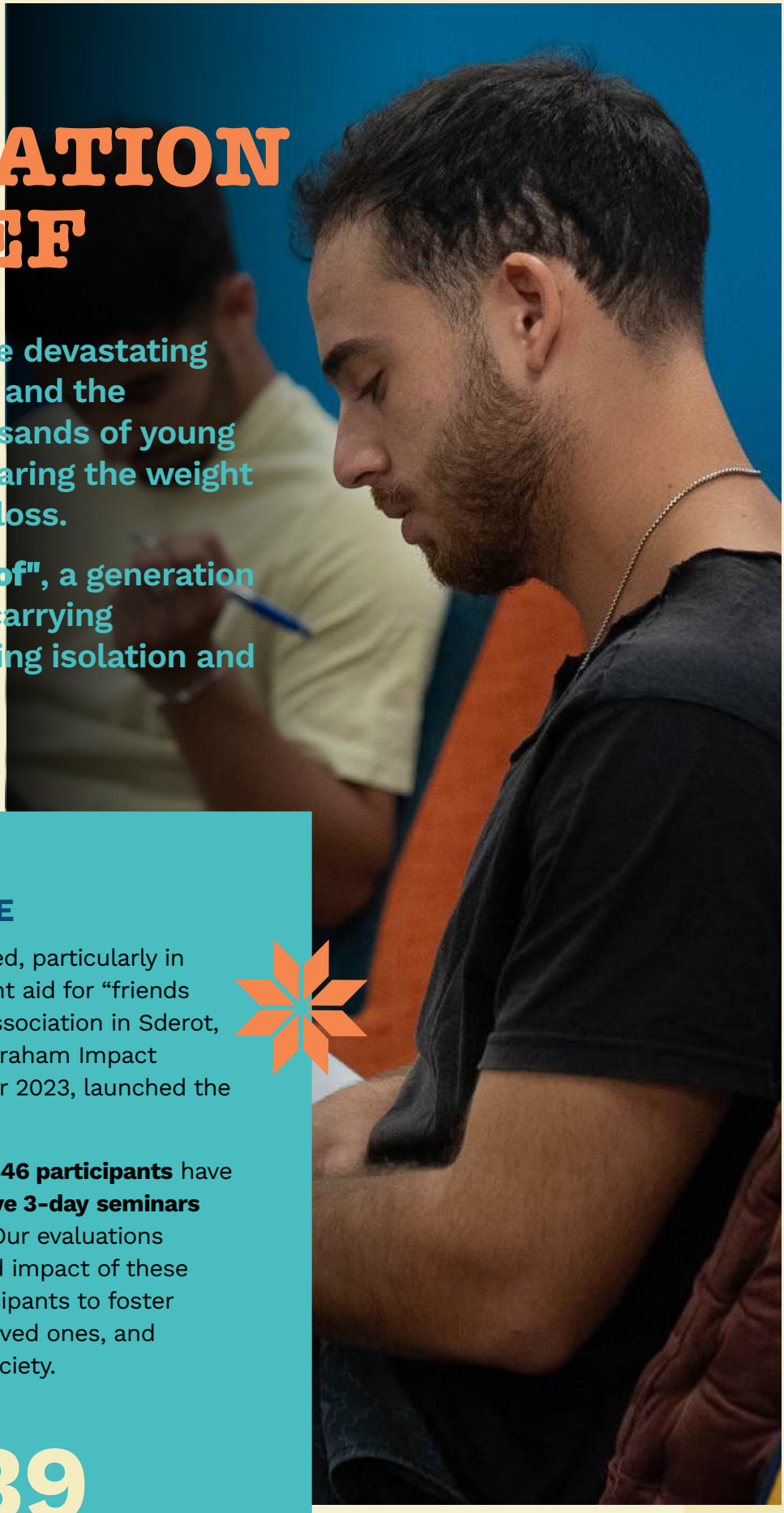
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ABRAHAM TENT PROGRAM 2024



A NEW GENERATION OF GRIEF



In the aftermath of the devastating events of October 7th and the ongoing conflict, thousands of young Israelis are silently bearing the weight of profound grief and loss.

They are the "friends of", a generation of invisible survivors carrying unspoken pain, fostering isolation and disconnection.

A BEACON OF HOPE

To address this urgent need, particularly in the absence of government aid for “friends of” circles, the Gvanim Association in Sderot, in partnership with the Abraham Impact Tourist Group in November 2023, launched the **Abraham Tent Program.**

By December 2024, **over 446 participants** have attended **39 transformative 3-day seminars** at the Abraham Hostel. Our evaluations demonstrate the profound impact of these gatherings, inspiring participants to foster connections, honor lost loved ones, and contribute positively to society.

446
Participants

39
Transformative Seminars

OUR MISSION

ILLUMINATING UNSPOKEN GRIEF

This year, we dedicated ourselves to shedding light on the "unseen" – the thousands of young Israelis silently enduring profound grief. The devastating losses of the past year have created a generation of "invisible survivors," each carrying the weight of unspoken sorrow and isolation. Our mission has been to offer these resilient young people recognition, community, and a path to healing.

HONORED TO RECEIVE THE BERLOWITZ PRIZE

We are proud and honored to be the recipients of the prestigious Berl Berlowitz Prize. This recognition underscores the significance of our work and fuels our commitment to supporting the young people who need it most. We extend our sincere thanks to the committee for their trust and support.

Berelowitz Family Foundation

2024 Achievements

We are proud to share key milestones and accomplishments of the Abraham Tent Program this year:

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

Our innovative methods are now being studied by researchers at the School of Social Work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

הביטוח הלאומי

Endorsed by Israel's National Insurance Institute (Bituach Leumi), our program has gained national recognition and support.

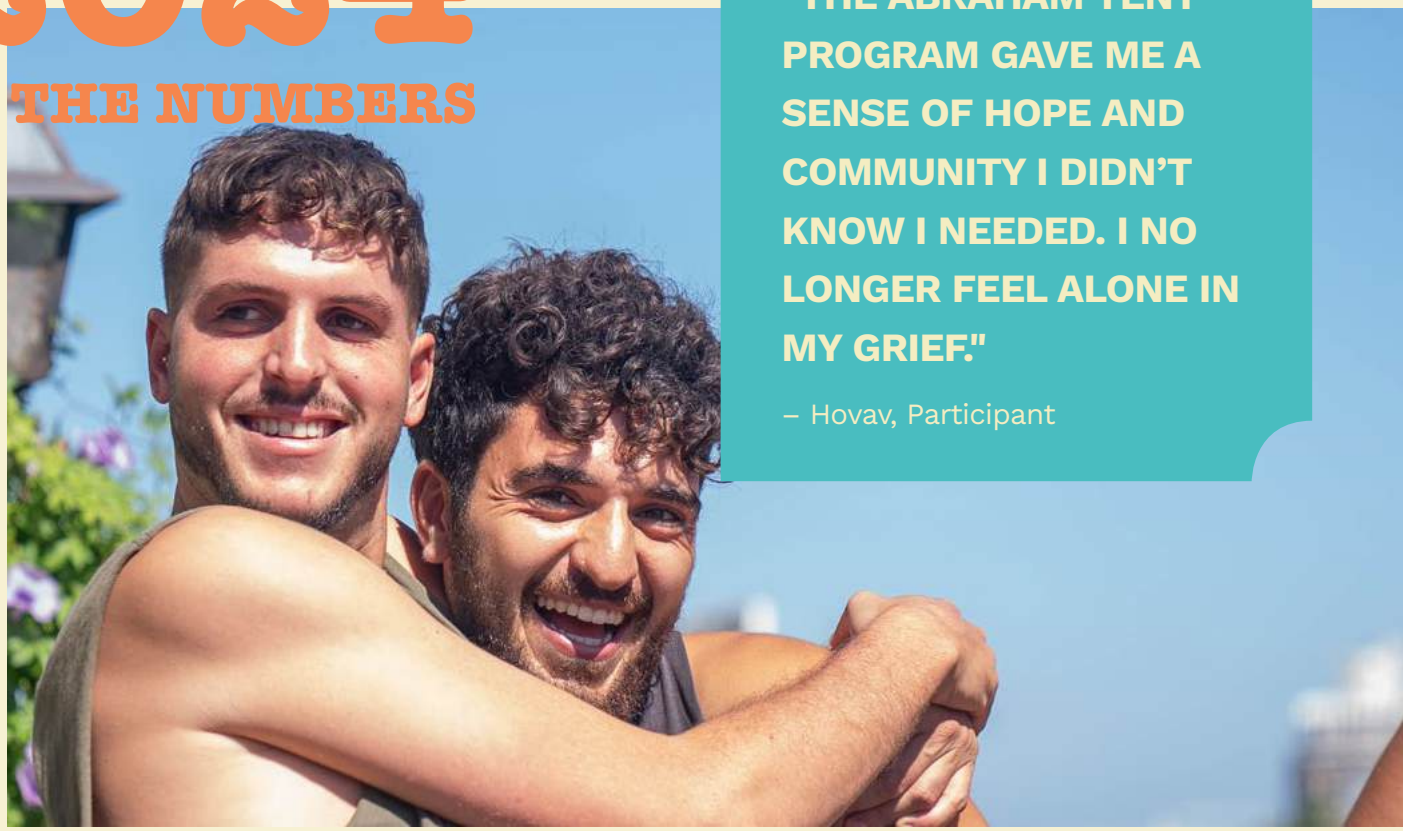
INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

The Abraham Tent Program was presented in an international conference in Austin, Texas, by Ayelet Shmuel, Director of the Sderot International Resilience Center, sharing our insights and experience with a global audience.

RIGOROUS EVALUATION

At the conclusion of each workshop, all participants are invited to complete a detailed reflection and feedback questionnaire. This valuable feedback informs our ongoing program development and ensures we are meeting the needs of our participants.

2024
BY THE NUMBERS



"THE ABRAHAM TENT PROGRAM GAVE ME A SENSE OF HOPE AND COMMUNITY I DIDN'T KNOW I NEEDED. I NO LONGER FEEL ALONE IN MY GRIEF."

– Hovav, Participant

By analyzing participant responses on a scale of one to five (One being "to a small extent" and five being "to a large extent"), we gain deep insights into the impact of our program

How meaningful was the workshop for you?

4.7

How likely are you to recommend a similar workshop to a friend who has experienced loss and grief?

4.8

How meaningful was the workshop for you in processing your grief?

4.2

39
Three-Day Seminars

446
Participants

30
Trained guides

1
Yom Hazikaron Event

Workplace Support Groups

Support for Bereaved Families: Focus on brothers and sisters

50% Equal participation
50% female, 50% male

TAILORED GROUP PROGRAMS

Our diverse group offerings cater to the needs of different communities and schedules. Through carefully designed seminars and workshops, we provide meaningful connections and tools for healing.

HONORING OUR FALLEN

We honor the memory of the brave individuals whose lives were tragically cut short. Their friends and loved ones have found solace and strength through the Abraham Tent Program:



Lieutenant Shahar Ben Nun z”l, a dedicated team commander in the paratrooper brigade, Shahar fell in battle in the southern Gaza Strip. His friends remain steadfast in their support of the Ben Nun family, and consider themselves an extended family. The bonds forged through shared experiences continue to provide comfort and strength.



Major (res.) Netzer Simchi z”l, a combat officer in the 87th battalion, tragically fell in battle in the northern Gaza Strip. His group of childhood friends from Masad found solace in the Abraham Tent Program. During a weekend seminar, Netzer’s parents and wife joined the group, fostering a sense of shared healing. Netzer was known for his loving and compassionate nature, always willing to listen and support others.



Lietenant Adar Ben Simon z”l, a beloved officer in Palchatz, was tragically killed on October 7th. Her close-knit group of friends from Neve Ziv, who grew up together, continues to support each other through their shared grief. Adar was a source of strength and guidance for her friends, always ready to lend a helping hand.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

In 2025, we aim to expand our reach, to support 1,000 participants. With mental health experts anticipating a surge of post-trauma cases in Israel, the Abraham Tent Program is crucial in mitigating PTSD and preventing long-term trauma by providing immediate emotional support.



A GROWING NEED

As the circle of bereaved friends continues to expand, we are receiving inquiries from across the country. We seek your support to ensure that every young person in need can join the Abraham Tent community and find **solace, strength, and hope.**

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We are profoundly grateful to the generous donors and friends of the Abraham Tent Program who stood by us in 2024.

OUR ESTEEMED SUPPORTERS

We are deeply indebted to the following donors who made 2024 a year of significant impact and growth:

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BUILDING A MORE RESILIENT FUTURE



LEARN MORE & JOIN US

For more information about the Abraham Tent Program, we invite you to visit our website, watch our promotional video, or contact us at - abtent@gvanim.org.il. Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient future for Israel's youth.

The road to healing for our nation and its young people is long, but the Abraham Tent Program is committed to walking it together. Here's what we envision for 2025:

AMPLIFYING OUR REACH

We aim to expand our impact, to support 1,000 participants and expand our outreach to additional communities in need.

EVOLVING SUPPORT

We are crafting compassionate, tailored programs to support employees easing back into work routines and to assist bereaved families on their healing journey.

STRENGTH IN PARTNERSHIPS

We plan to cultivate new partnerships with additional organizations to enhance our impact and share best practices.

SHARING OUR STORY

We'll increase our national and international presence, advocating for effective resilience and healing methods.

THANK YOU

ABRAHAM TENT WEBSITE