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# ANNUAL REPORT 2010

## 25 year

settled in Tilburg in the Netherlands



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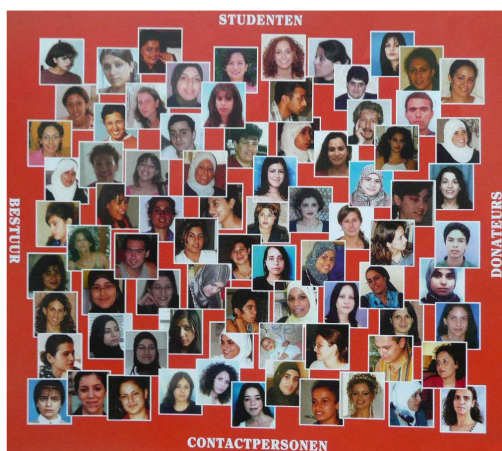
## FOUNDATION FRIENDS OF NAZARETH

### Introduction

Herewith we would like to present our Annual Report of 2010 of the Foundation Friends of Nazareth. It was a year with a Jubilee: the Foundation did reach the 25<sup>th</sup> year of its existence! Since the beginning in 1985 we now present the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, in which we want to submit to all readers our actions and the financial report on the gifts and regular donations of our 'Friends' and the expenditures, mainly for the Scholarship Project, benefitting Palestinian students in Israel.

We also would like to inform you about the progress of our students in the past year and developments in the Project. Since we wanted to make this year of Jubilee a festive one, it was also extra busy for the Board. We like to share the festive activities.

There was also substantial progress in the establishing of our counterpart Sana Foundation in Israel in 2010.



The Annual Report is every time a welcome occasion to express a sincere 'Thank you' to all our Friends and donors!

Through their involvement and financial support they make the work of the Foundation possible. We even received extra contributions because of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This made it possible to invite two Palestinian students (Lana and Lobna) to visit the Netherlands and Tilburg and to share with us at this happy occasion. A festive and colorful edition of our *Contactbrief* (nr.46) was made possible by a special solidarity-donation from the joint religious orders through the Committee of Netherlands Projects (PIN).

We have been, and we feel, supported by the moral and financial contributions to our common goal. In Israel it was again a trying and very difficult year for our Palestinian students. But yet: we are facing the year 2011 with the confidence and determination:

*Carrying on together defying opposition*

### Foundation Friends of Nazareth

In November 1985 the Foundation was created in the framework of contacts between an ecumenical community of Christians in Tilburg (the Netherlands) and the (Anglican) Christ Evangelical Church in Nazareth. Later on the Foundation has broadened its contacts to other towns in Israel.

**The Foundation's objectives** are the promotion of 'equal' rights for the Palestinian 'minority' in Israel and thus genuinely democratic relations among all Israel's citizens. The Foundation tries to achieve its objectives through:

**Fund raising for the scholarship project** in Israel which will offer to some young Palestinian youngsters, mainly women, a scholarship paying at most 50% of the costs of studying at a higher education institute within Israel.

**Cooperation with Sana Foundation** Sana Foundation is a new initiative and a sister foundation in Israel of the Foundation Friends of Nazareth. Like the Foundation Friends of Nazareth it aims to offer opportunities of higher education for Palestinian women by providing grants. These grants are financed by scholarship repayments made by graduated students to the Foundation Friends of Nazareth.

**A publicity project** which in the Netherlands gives information on 'the other Israel' that is to be the home ('al watan') also for the Palestinian citizens of Israel.

**The board of the Foundation**  
31 December 2010: Willem Arts, chairman;  
Hanneke Heisterkamp, deputy chairman;  
Ad Mol, treasure; Els Schots, secretary;  
Collin den Braber, member.  
Wil Verheggen is adviser of the board and  
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<b>INCOME</b>	<b>euro's</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
General contributions Friends		3,603	6,383
Earmarked donations scholarship project		39,367	70,077
Legacy		49,109	10,000
Interest		2,457	2,259
25 year Foundation Friends of Nazareth		5,038	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>99,574</b>	<b>88,719</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Scholarship grant		56,350	56,000
Publicity		8,359	3,599
Expenses of secretariat/telephone/internet		496	480
Expenses audit certificate / administration		765	632
Running costs		679	508
Representation costs + working visit 2008		127	170
working visit 2009		4,005	1,386
Costs notary for periodical gifts		179	-
Subscriptions		26	20
Expenses Bank + to transfer scholarships		349	421
book project		-	5,000
other costs		-	46
depreciation		116	116
<b>Total</b>		<b>71,451</b>	<b>68,378</b>
<b>Credit / deficit balance</b>		<b>28,123</b>	<b>20,341</b>

<b>BALANCE 31 December</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Debet</b>		
Inventaris	320	436
Asset	3,072	2,540
Assets bank	136,970	109,011
	<b>140,362</b>	<b>111,987</b>
<b>Credit</b>		
Short-term debts	1,342	1,090
Present capital	89,911	110,897
Earmarked fund	49.109	-
Not visible obligations in the balance promised scholarships: 2010-2014	82,250	108,500

### Some remarks on our financial situation

In the board meeting of February 10<sup>th</sup> all the annual financial reports were complied. The accountant could go through our records and gave his official approval of our Financial Report for 2010.

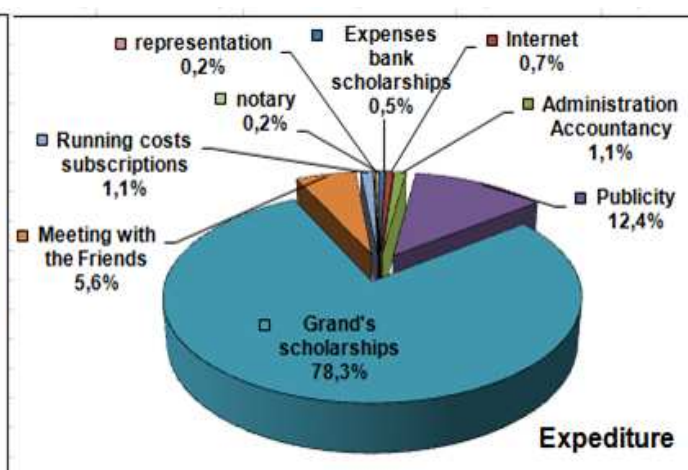
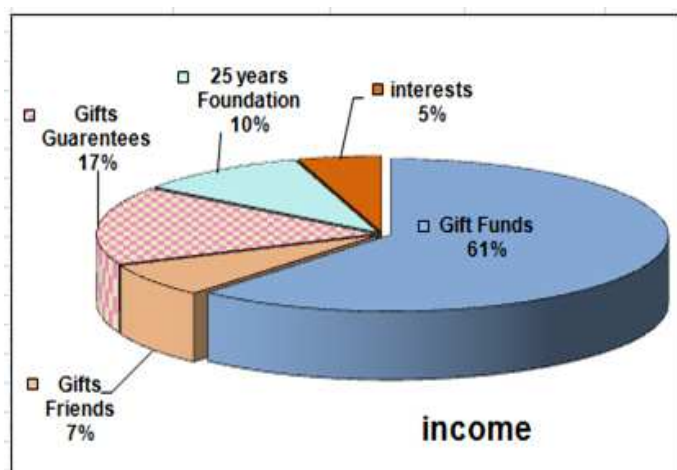
Our expenditures (about 80 % directly on the scholarships of the Palestinian students) have remained on the same level as in 2009 (about € 70,000).

The donations, that we received, decreased substantially. This was not a surprise to us. Some religious Funds stopped to exist or were joined together (together with the corresponding congregations) and in general: our 'Friends' are ageing. We will have to make an extra effort to acquire new funds and Friends in 2011.

We also received a special legacy of €49,000. This we will keep in a separate fund, so we will be able to find the designation that fits best to the intention of the donor and our scholarship project. We will make an adjusted financial plan for this purpose in this present year 2011.

We did receive some extra gifts this year due to the Jubilee (PIN and Friends: € 5,000). We made an extra expenditure of € 3,000 for this celebration from our administrative reserves.

The board is satisfied our pure 'administrative costs' remained at the same level as the years before: 2.55% of our total budget. The board continues working with confidence and energy to realize the promised scholarships to the students. The board feels inspiration because of the guts the students have to develop and the involvement of our Friends.



## BOARD-BUSINESS

### Report from the Board.

'Looking back and looking forward' was the theme of the Jubilee-edition of *Contactbrief* 46. A theme, that we maintained in good spirit during this year. That this year 2010 was meant to have a festive character was already announced in the *Contactbrief*. With the advice of Felicia Dekkers, pr-expert, we made this special edition of the *Contactbrief* an extra colorful one. Fourteen students expressed in various ways their source of inspiration and motivation. Also our contact persons in Israel were given full attention and the Board members gave an insight in their driving topics. We received many positive and enthusiastic reactions.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of October was reserved as the special day, that all Friends could be invited to Tilburg. As special guests two students, Lana and Lobna, could be present from Israel on the invitation of the Board. Together with the 40 Friends, that could also come, it became an animated and interesting occasion.

The stories of both Palestinian guests about their lives and studies in Israel were impressive. Lana could also show us a YouTube-film with a short drama with the title 'My name is Rachel Corrie' with Lana as actor (with this short drama she could wind up her studies some time ago).

Lobna, through the same medium, could make us accompany her on her climb of the Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain. This climb was a joined effort by a number of Jewish and Palestinian students as part of a project 'Breaking the ice'.

Jafer Farah, one of our contact persons in Israel, sent us a DVD, presenting us with his congratulations and present experiences as graduated student. He surprised everybody with the official announcement, that one of the rooms in the 'Carmel Center' in Haifa has been named after *Wilfried Kok*, initiator of our Foundation.

Apart from their valued contributions to our 'Friends-day' in Tilburg, Lana and Lobna also gave lectures to a group of students of the AVANS-High school in Breda. This met with a good response!

The Board had the opportunity to discuss at various occasions the things, that concern us, with Lana and Lobna. Obviously this included the progress made with the establishment of the counterpart-Foundation Sana in Israel. Both students are members of the

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committee, that brought this about. The Sana Foundation will be funded through installments of a part of received scholarship-money after studies have been completed. Thus new scholarships can also be provided in future from this Palestinian Foundation. The official registration of the Sana Foundation has been accomplished in this year 2010. Also, just before the end of the year, a banking-account could be opened in the name of the Foundation in Israel. So a crucial phase in this initiative could be completed. We can now develop together our official cooperation as Foundation with Sana. There can now be a formal responsibility for the future of the Scholarship project.

In the meantime our students in Israel are performing very well in their studies. We are happy with their adequate reports and positive contributions. It confirms, every time, our confidence. See below for more details.

Our web-site, [www.friends-nazareth.nl](http://www.friends-nazareth.nl), underwent some changes. The basic information and various texts about our Foundation can now be read in English as well as in Dutch. Together with one of the 'Friends' we are still further developing the readability of the website and the accessibility as well.

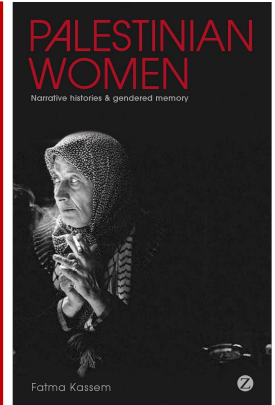
### Publication February 2011

Palestinian women's life stories, an alternative view on examining the complex intersection of gender, nationalism and citizenship in a situation of on-going violent political conflict.

Paperback £ 16,40 (± € 25,-)

**Fatma Kassem**

**Our congratulations  
Foundation Friends of Nazareth**



In the past year Fatma Kassem managed to finish the version of her thesis for public selling. The title: 'Palestinian Women, narrative histories and gendered memories'. People could already reserve a copy and so some sales could be realized beforehand.

In 2010 the Board completed its first full year in the present composition. Next to the activities for the celebration of the 25th year-Jubilee, this year saw good developments in the various Board-tasks. The Scholarship project, the contacts with the students, the fundraising, the financial administration, and the publicity have demanded our continuous efforts and consultations. The five Board members shouldered these various tasks.

Els Canoy, after 19 years membership, left the Board in January as agreed. The Board expresses its grateful-

ness for all the contributions and energy she has put into our Foundation during all these years!  
Ad Moll has announced, that he will complete his membership of the Board as treasurer in 2011 after nine years in this valuable role. We are actively looking for a replacement in this coming vacancy.

Winding up the accounts and reports of the year 2010

on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February the Board can look back on an intensive, festive and also financially satisfying year. The various achievements, here as well as through our Palestinian counterparts, show the real value of perseverance and confidence, so that developments and necessary changes are possible. We have good reasons to be satisfied and we are grateful for the confidence given to us. Together we look forward to 2011!

### **The Scholarship project in 2011 and beyond**

The scholarship project is an initiative of the Foundation. Palestinian students, mainly women, are carefully selected by contact persons of the Foundation in Israel. Students agree with the conditions for a 50% scholarship, which include doing voluntary work and a 25% repayment of the scholarship received. Young Palestinian citizens of Israel do not qualify for an Israeli government grant.

In January 2010 fifteen students received the guarantee for 50 % of their costs-of-study from the Scholarship project. Two of them are now busy with their last year of the study of medicine. In October they concluded the theoretical part of this degree; this year they have entered the final period of practical 'physician-in-training'. The thirteen other students have passed 2010 with good results and are continuing with their studies this year. In September 2010 two new recipients of a 50%-scholarship started. They do a study in nursing and in pharmacology respectively, which could take them a period of four years. One of them is from Um-el-Fahaem, the other from Araba Village. In general our students come from all parts of Israel: the north, south and the middle of the country.

*In January 2010 four students started with their practical year of 'physician-in-training'. During this period they receive income. Thus, the scholarship support can be stopped, but we do keep contact with them. After this year has been completed they can really finish their degree-studies. At the end of this year 2011 all the four of them hope to be full physicians.*

In September we thus have again fifteen students with a scholarship from the Foundation. We have given them the guarantee, that we will remain supporting them during the full period of their studies. As preconditions remain: a certain time-volume of volunteer-contribution to the respective Palestinian community. We think of a minimum of 160 hours per year, that the student will work voluntarily within her/his own field. The people within their respective communities thus learn to value the study of these young women and they themselves gain worthwhile practical experience.

*2011 will be a tense and extra busy year for seven of our students, since they hope to complete their respective studies by October of this year. For some, this winds up a period of four, for others a period of six years of study. Five are studying medicine and will after their theoretical exams (also a period of six months) enter the period (one year) of practical 'physician-in-training'.*

The fields of study are diverse. In October 2010 six students were doing medicine, one dentistry, one nutritional sciences, one mouth-hygiene, two are studying law, one pharmacology, one nursing sciences, one labor-therapy and one economy/accountancy. Thus our kaleidoscope of studies has again become more colorful. With our guarantee to all our students this year until the completion of their respective studies involves a financial commitment of € 82,250 by the Foundation.

Apart from the precondition of voluntary work mentioned above, we expect our students to send us a statement of their study-progress, using the forms for that purpose.

We are very much looking forward for the continuation of the good study-results. The experience has taught us, that with the efforts, perseverance and the capacities of our students, we seldom had a reason to be worried in this respect. Thus we can conclude also here:

***Carrying on together defying opposition***