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Racial Equality in Action

Advancing

Racial Equality and Combating Hate

Racism and xenophobia are on the rise around the world, and Israel is sadly not immune to this global trend. As if this was not terrible enough, racists in Israeli society often use Judaism as a justification for their discrimination.

Our work to advance racial equality and combat hate is based on and inspired by Israel's Declaration of Independence, which commits to "complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex," and our Jewish tradition which teaches "Beloved is man for he was created in the image [of God]" (Pirkei Avot 3:14).

Advancing racial equality and combating hate in all its forms requires a multi-faceted approach, with IRAC at the vanguard:

- Submitting criminal and disciplinary lawsuits against State-funded employees who incite against sectors of the population
- Disqualifying political parties and candidates with racist platforms from running in national elections
- Maintaining a Racism Crisis Center hotline for anyone to submit a report and receive legal assistance to fight race-based discrimination
- Creating a Voluntary Ethical Code for Equality and Diversity in the Workplace

