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VISION:
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1. Interviews with Holocaust survivors
   - Filming interviews
   - Publishing Videos
2. Lectures and implementation of projects at educational institutions
   - Encounters with Holocaust survivors at schools and universities
3. City work
   - Visits to Holocaust survivors, celebrating Jewish feasts together
   - Trainings for multipliers
4. Educational journeys
   - German-Israeli exchange program (partner organization in IL)
   - Journeys to memorial sites (Auschwitz, Terezin)

GOALS:
- Enable encounters between the last generation of Holocaust survivors and the young generation
- Pass the memory of the Holocaust on to the young generation
- To counter anti-Semitism in all its appearances
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