Top 10 achievements for 10 years of Gisha

Since its founding in 2005, Gisha has helped thousands of people overcome travel restrictions to access education, jobs and professional opportunities and to reunite with family members. In addition to providing individual legal assistance, Gisha is a leading voice on access policy toward Gaza and has contributed to ending sweeping restrictions on the movement of people and goods into and out of Gaza through advocacy in Israel and abroad.

Here are some of Gisha's accomplishments over the last ten years:

1. Helping thousands of people overcome travel restrictions to access education, jobs and professional opportunities and to reunite with family members.
2. Ending a ban on Palestinian students from Gaza studying abroad.
3. Ending a ban on Palestinian students from the West Bank studying in Israel.
4. Contributing to ending a ban on the entrance of most civilian goods into Gaza.
5. Exposing calculations of caloric needs and mathematical formulas used to determine food supply in Gaza to public scrutiny and ultimately - cancelation.
6. Successfully inserting, into international and local legal and public discourse, the principle that Israel's continued control over Gaza creates continued responsibility.
7. Obtaining transparency regarding military policies by compelling the defense ministry to comply with Israel's Freedom of Information Act.
8. Ending the consensus that restrictions on the movement of civilians and civilian goods into and out of Gaza serve Israel and its allies' security and political interests.
9. Creating trusted channels to communicate information and analysis about Gaza to influential Israeli, Palestinian and foreign policy-makers, journalists, civil society groups and individuals.
10. Removing restrictions on the entrance into Israel of Palestinian citizens and residents of Israel living in Gaza.