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Meredith founded Amal-Tikva in order to address the gaps in civil society peacebuilding work at the level of NGOs and meanwhile engage other stakeholders in the process of building a more robust field of civil society peacebuilding. In her role as CEO at Amal-Tikva, Meredith has led strategic planning processes for over a dozen NGOs and is currently co-authoring a strategic planning guidebook that aims to standardize monitoring and evaluation language and tools for peacebuilding initiatives in the Israeli-Palestinian context.

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