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E-News from the Ethiopian National Project (ENP)

On Yom Yerushalayim, ENP Remembers Those Who Perished While Making the Journey



Many of the youth served by ENP's programs have parents and older siblings who survived the perilous trek from Ethiopia and through the desert of Sudan, in brave efforts to reach Jerusalem during the 1980s. Many Ethiopian Jews, however, lost their lives. On *Yom Yerushalayim* (Jerusalem Day), a day the Knesset has designated as the National Ethiopian Jewry Memorial Day, Israel remembers those Ethiopian Jews who perished during this journey and their attempts to make *aliya* through Operation Moses. ENP marked this special day with memorial events and activities at youth centers throughout the country.

[Click here](#) to read what ENP volunteers had to say about their connection to memorial events in Jerusalem. Two of these articles were published to the [Jerusalem Day section](#) of the Jewish Federations of North America.

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Young Ethiopian-Israeli Leader Working in Beit Shemesh Receives Recognition for Excellence



The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and its United Jewish Endowment Fund are changing the lives of Ethiopian-Israelis in Beit Shemesh through their support for ENP's important work in this city. And critical to this success are the many outstanding staff and volunteers at the ENP Youth Center who make a difference every day. Shira, an Ethiopian-Israeli serving in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and volunteering at the Center, was one of 120 soldiers to receive Israel's prestigious Presidential Award of Excellence.

[Read Shira's Story](#) and find out how she and the ENP Youth Outreach Center in Beit Shemesh are helping to turn dreams into reality for Ethiopian-Israeli teenagers.

Did You Know...?



ENP-participant girls are outperforming their other Jewish female peers scholastically. The latest evaluation from the Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute reveals that 68 percent of ENP-participant females pass matriculation exams. This is in contrast to 65 percent of other Jewish females in their schools.

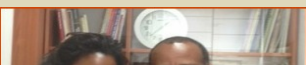
[Click here](#) for the full external evaluation on ENP's Scholastic Assistance Program, released November 2012.

Israel State Comptroller Reviews Integration of Ethiopian-Israelis into Society



In early May, [the Israel State Comptroller published a report](#) on the integration of Ethiopian-Israeli immigrants. The report offered a comprehensive review of integration efforts in the realms of education, army service, employment, and housing. The Ministry of Finance requested this investigation after attending an ENP-convened conference in December 2011 where ENP brought to light a serious lack of coordination and oversight of various initiatives intended to aid the Ethiopian-Israeli community. The report concluded with a recommendation of the need for effective, coordinated, and supervised management of the large-scale investment of funds in the Ethiopian-Israeli community. The report noted that ENP had been created to carry out this task and, if sufficiently funded, could perform this role effectively.

Meet Our Volunteers!



ENP volunteers hail from around the world to do their part to ensure a better future for Ethiopian-Israelis and for Israel. [Meet our latest volunteers](#) and find out how they are



A Special Day at the Office: An ENP intern from the Israel By Design program meets former MK Shlomo Molla

helping ENP.

Interested in getting involved?

There are many ways to support ENP. [Visit the ENP website](#) to learn more about volunteer opportunities, or contact Grace Rodnitzki, Director of International Relations, at grace@enp.org.il.

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