



Ethiopian National Project (ENP) E-News

Shalom from snow-covered Jerusalem!

With electric outages due to snowfall becoming a more common occurrence in Jerusalem and throughout Israel, I fondly recall village life, where there was no electricity at all, nor snow, in our remote mountaintop homes. Today, the participants in ENP's SPACE Scholastic Assistance Program have all the luxuries of modern-day society- give or take an outage or two- but their parents, mostly farmers and shepherds in Ethiopia, struggle to provide their children all they need to catch up to their other Israeli peers.

Day by day, through ENP's work, we are helping them catch up, come snow, rain or shine.

With a blessings for the approaching spring,

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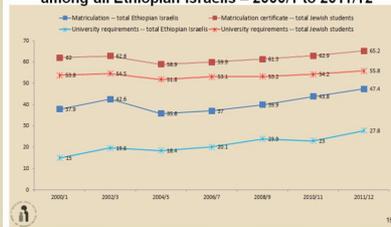
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Facts and Figures: ENP, Pulling Up the Curve

Over the years, there has been an increase in the eligibility for matriculation certificates and certificates meeting university requirements among all Ethiopian Israelis – 2000/1 to 2011/12



Only 15% of the Ethiopian-Israeli 12th grade population is being reached by ENP's programs. With thanks to ENP, these participants are closing the gap with their other Israeli peers, and well-surpassing the performance of comparison groups with similar demographics that do not benefit from ENP's program. Despite this small percentage being reached by ENP- many more are in need of this critical support- the curve of the performance of the nationwide Ethiopian-Israeli population is being pulled upward: and the Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute attributes this upward trend to ENP's work with that mere 15%.

Imagine, if instead of 15%, 40% were reached. What, then, would the trend be?

ENP's [full array of Evaluation Reports](#) can be viewed here. An explanation of the reports that assists in better understanding the data can be viewed in ENP's Board protocol reports, such as this protocol from [ENP's June 2014 Board meeting](#) and its data presentation.

In the Field: Remembering the Holocaust with ENP

A rite of passage for many Israeli students is a trip to Poland that takes place their senior year. Many ENP participants are privileged to take part in this journey. ([Read about some of them here](#)). For most of these youngsters and their parents, the Holocaust was unknown to them until they reached Israel. At ENP's Youth Centers, ENP carries out special workshops and leadership groups in preparation for this monumental journey, to help them understand, interpret and retell the story, so they, and others will never forget- and even learn about it, for the very first time. [Read more](#) about ENP's Youth Centers and the work ENP carries out in 16 cities throughout Israel.



ENP Visits: An ENP Medical Student Shares His Story in Florida



David Mashasha, one of 16 recipients of the ENP Yanoff-Master Ethiopian-Israeli Healthcare Scholarship, made the decision to become a medical doctor in large part due to personal tragedy- his older brother, the first-ever Ethiopian-Israeli Company Commander in the Combat Engineering Corps, lost his leg in a military operation in Gaza when David was just 13. David joined ENP on a recent trip to North America, and shared his inspirational story of determination in January 2015 in communities throughout Florida that support the Ethiopian National Project's work in Israel. Read more of [David's inspirational story](#) here and see how one Federation [shared news of ENP's visit](#). The Ethiopian National Project shares the story of its work through outbound visits to communities throughout North America: [contact ENP](#) if your community, too, wishes to be inspired during one of ENP's upcoming visits.

On the Front Lines: ENP Prepares Community Leaders

With the generous support of Federations across North America, hundreds of Ethiopian-Israeli children and their families were removed from harm's way during the summer hostilities. Now, with the continued support of Federations through the Stop the Sirens Campaign, hundreds more community leaders will be taking part in intensive workshops that will enable them to take action and help organize if conflict strikes again.

On behalf of the multitudes who were supported- and now will be better prepared in case of further hostilities- with thanks to Federation campaigns, ENP extends its gratitude.

[Read here about the work carried out by ENP](#) to date with thanks to Stop the Sirens.



Volunteer Spotlight: Running for ENP!



Spring is marathon season in Israel and around the world. No matter where you are located, and what marathon you choose to run in, you can [Run for ENP](#). Ten kilometers, half or full, virtual or real, marathons can help you be a part of ENP while helping ENP make a difference.

Raise funds to enable ENP to include additional children in our program (a total of \$500 raised, matched by the Government of Israel, supports one child in ENP's SPACE Scholastic Assistance Program!). Friends and family, co-workers and Facebook acquaintances can assist in your efforts. Every runner [gets a personal fundraising page](#) and an ENP's runner's shirt!

In Israel? Get friends together, [run as a team, raise as a team!](#) Groups of runners can enjoy a special meal and gathering before the race, and celebration after! Be in touch with ENP to find out more, or sign up and start getting psyched for your next run!

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