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Ethiopian National Project (ENP) E-News

Dear Friend,

It is with enormous pride that I commence my role as Director-General of the Ethiopian National Project. There is a saying in Amharic, "Here is the horse and here is the field." The meaning: lead the way, take initiative and fulfill your dreams, just as a horse will gallop forward when set before an open field. Indeed, the Ethiopian National Project is an extraordinary endeavor which is doing exceptional work, and I look forward to working hand in hand with all who care deeply about the future of the Ethiopian-Israeli community. Together, we will ensure the success of the entire community, and in doing so, we will create an Israel that is ripe with opportunity for all.

Read and be inspired, as I am, by the dedication of ENP's volunteers even in the midst of tragedy, at the coming together of youth across the seas, and of ENP's efforts, using the tool of Facebook, to share the miraculous story of Operation Solomon as we swiftly approach its twenty year anniversary.

Warmest wishes and blessings for a joyous Passover,

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After the Bus Stop Bombing: An ENP Volunteer's Determination to Make a Difference



Many junior year abroad students must confront their friends' and families' concerns about studying in the midst of terrorism and conflict when they choose to study in Israel. One ENP volunteer's personal encounter of the bombing spurred the visiting student to share her story of fulfillment in the face of terror.

When I decided to study abroad here in Jerusalem, many of my friends and family members back home could not comprehend my decision. For the three months before I left, I had people tell me time and time again that the Middle East was dangerous and that they were concerned for my safety. These claims, however, did not faze me, as I knew that traveling to and living in Israel was something that I wanted to do. I appreciated their concern, but I did not actually take their words to heart.

About two months into my stay here in Israel, there was a terrorist attack in Jerusalem near the central bus station. Knowing that the attack occurred so close to me, at a place that I visit quite frequently was frightening enough, and learning that the woman who was murdered in the attack was my classmate almost pushed me over the edge.

To read the full story click [here](#).

Ethiopian-Israeli and American Teens Come Together to Give This Purim



Making and giving mishloach manot is one of the best parts about the holiday of Purim... and it's a mitzvah! This year, teens from ENP's Youth Outreach Center in Kiryat Bialik and teens from the "Jewish Roots" program in the South Palm Beach, Florida area joined together to make these fun gifts and deliver them to new families in the Kiryat Bialik community. ENP volunteer Sarah Brammer-Shlay took part in the activities and writes all about it in her blog on the ENP website.

To read about Sarah's experience click [here](#).

To see photos from this event click [here](#) to visit our Facebook page.

The Youth Outreach Center in Kiryat Bialik is generously supported by the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

Did You Know...ENP is on Facebook!

The Ethiopian National Project's Facebook Page is one of the best ways to get all the latest facts, figures, stories, pictures from mission visits and more! Visit ENP on Facebook and "like" our page to stay up-to-date on all the latest news. Connect your Federation, synagogue and other Jewish Community sites to ENP's Page to broaden exposure about the miraculous story of Ethiopian Jewry and the impact that is being made in Israel with thanks to the support of global Jewry.



ENP aims to get 14,325 "likes" on Facebook by May 24th in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of Operation Solomon.

Like us on Facebook and suggest us to your friends!

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