

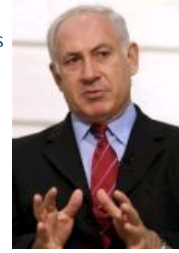
Prime Minister Netanyahu to Attend ENP Five Year Celebration

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The Prime Minister's Office has announced that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will attend a special celebration hosted by the Ethiopian National Project on 23 June 2010 to honor ENP as it marks five years of successful interventions with Ethiopian-Israeli teenagers.

"ENP is honored that Prime Minister Netanyahu will celebrate our shared achievements together with us," says Dr. Nigist Mengesha, Director-General of ENP.

The Ethiopian National Project is a partnership between the Jewish Federations of North America, the Government of Israel, representatives of Ethiopian Jewish Community Organizations, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Israel (JDC-Israel) and Keren Hayesod-UIA. **ENP is dedicated to advancing the Ethiopian-Israeli community, in particular through its Scholastic Assistance and Youth Outreach Center programs.**



"The Government of Israel has been a partner of ENP since it was first envisioned," explains Mengesha. "The Government's participation and support is tremendous and expressed in many ways, including financial. In fact, the Government's fiscal participation has remained steady and even grown from year to year, during a time of budget cuts in Israel and shrinking funds from North American Jewry."

"Full and successful integration of the Ethiopian-Israeli community can be achieved," adds Mengesha, who this week was bestowed with the prestigious Samuel Rothberg Prize for Jewish Education by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. "But success requires increased investment."

Mengesha concludes: "ENP is the shared responsibility of Jews of the Diaspora and the Government of Israel. Together we must, and can, effectively address this issue."

Additional guests of honor at the ENP Event include Minister of Education Mr. Gideon Sa'ar, Minister of Immigrant Absorption MK Sofa Landver and Minister of Social Affairs and Services MK Isaac Herzog. **Natan Sharansky, Chairman of the Executive of JAFI, members of the Jewish Agency for Israel Board of Governors, Federation representatives and other leaders will also be in attendance.** The festive event will be held in Jerusalem.

For more information about ENP or the event, contact Grace Rodnitzki, Director of International Relations, at grace@enp.org.il.

About the Ethiopian National Project

A unique partnership between the Jewish Federations of North America, the Government of Israel, representatives of Ethiopian Jewish Community Organizations, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Israel (JDC-Israel) and Keren Hayesod-UIA, ENP unites those dedicated to advancing the Ethiopian-Israeli community, adopting the following strategies:

- Empowerment: A grassroots effort on a national scale, ENP involves the Ethiopian-Israeli community at every stage of the creation, implementation and evaluation of ENP's programs.
- A holistic approach: ENP programs take a "bigger picture" of the cultural, social and emotional challenges faced by Ethiopian-Israeli teenagers that hinder their academic success.
- Meeting unmet needs: ENP carries out an extensive mapping of existing programs and services to ensure that ENP programs are filling an unmet, critical need.

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