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Shalom friends and supporters!

ENP welcomes the new year and all it has to bring! While 2016 has just begun, ENP is celebrating the mid-way point in the school year. Already we have seen so many successes- from ENP participants surpassing the performance of the general Jewish population, to increasing numbers of medical students. Step by step, child by child, ENP is transforming lives. And, with elementary school children now included in our ranks, the impact is bound to be greater with each passing year.

We thank you for your support, and wish to salute all the extraordinary staff who are so very dedicated to the future of the Ethiopian-Israeli youth, realizing our vision of full integration and academic success.

We are pleased to share just some of ENP's most recent highlights!
May 2016 be a joyous and successful year for all!

Dessie (Roni) Akale
Director-General, Ethiopian National Project

Facts and Figures: Unequivocal Success in New Evaluation

The most recent findings of ENP's SPACE program show significant progress in bringing Ethiopian-Israeli students up to par with the rest of Israeli society. Between 2001 and 2014, there has been about a 40% reduction in the gap between the average matriculation results in Israel and that of Ethiopian-Israelis. ENP SPACE, in which approximately 15% of all Ethiopian-Israeli twelfth-graders have participated over the years, has played a key role in this improvement.

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ENP Spotlight: Safato's Story

Name: Safato Ezra

Age: 18

Career Aspiration: Medical Doctor

"ENP SPACE gave me tools to study. I began to progress in mathematics and



language. I finished high school with excellent grades - 5 points in mathematics and 4 points in English. I want to thank all the people that helped me., and tell all students that education is important and opens doors to success."

Safato Ezra made aliyah from Ethiopia with her family in 2004, at the age of seven. When she arrived in Beersheva, she did not speak a word of Hebrew. Safato began lessons with ENP in 7th grade: it was then she began to understand how important it was to study and to take advantage of the extra help afforded to her. Through ENP, Safato received after-school instruction in English and math until she finished high school.

Safato is now doing her national service working as an assistant to a doctor. She told us, "There's no doubt that without ENP and the amazing support of the whole staff, I would not be where I am today. Their great support helped me to realize my potential!"

[Read more stories like Safato's >](#)

In the Field: New Notebooks for a New Year

ENP students throughout the country received ENP notebooks to start off the year right! The notebook included greetings in Amharic and in Hebrew, so the children's parents could also learn more about ENP's program nationwide!



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