



## Springing Into Action

Friends,

This past month has served us with powerful reminders of the miracle of the State of Israel. From Holocaust Remembrance Day to Memorial Day to Independence Day, we all unite in celebration of 73 years of the State of Israel, in loss and in celebration. The Ethiopian-Israeli community proudly contributes to all aspects of Israeli life, and we at ENP are honored to be a part of the beautiful story that is Israel at 73.

This month, ENP has been making tremendous progress not only in SPACE, but also with the launch of critically-important training of leaders from within the Ethiopian-Israeli community, providing them with tools to help change Israel from within, bottom up and step by step, to ensure Israel is more inclusive and more democratic.

We invite you to be excited with us as below you will find updates on the status of SPACE, ENP's new leadership program, and an exciting new partnership with Hillel.

With deep respect,

Roni Dessie Akale  
Director-General, ENP

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### SPACE Is Back at School



With the success of Israel's vaccination campaign and easing of COVID-19 restrictions, schools across Israel have recently resumed in-person learning for all age groups. Currently, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders are permitted to be vaccinated, and it is anticipated that youth aged 12-16 will be soon be eligible as well. ENP has been closely adhering to Government of Israel health regulations since the pandemic began, and in line with the latest directives is now enabling in-person instruction as part of the SPACE (School Performance and Community Empowerment) program. For the remainder of the year, SPACE group instruction and extra-curricular activities will assume a hybrid capacity, combining both in-person

and Zoom meetings to best serve participants' needs.

While the Ministry of Education is advancing the possibility of extending the school year through July, ENP is working on various summer plans for SPACE participants, including an overnight 3-day seminar combining instruction, workshops and social activities.

[To read the full article click here](#)

**Learn More About  
SPACE**

## A Seat At the Table With ENP

ENP is thrilled to announce a new program and partnership launched this month! One of ENP's core objectives is the empowerment of the Ethiopian-Israeli community as a means to advance full integration into Israeli society. As such, and with the support of the German Federal Foreign Office's funds by ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen), funding Programme zivik, ENP has crafted the ENP Municipal Leadership and Community Advocacy Training Program for Ethiopian-Israelis. The program aims to increase representation of Ethiopian-Israelis in municipal councils and state parliament and to encourage the community's political participation as part of local decision-making bodies.



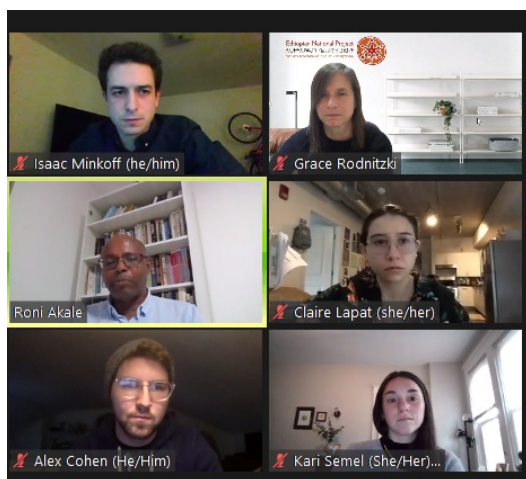
The program trains and empowers members of the Ethiopian-Israeli community who wish to become politically involved and serve as advocates for the community in municipal and state bodies, in a series of 10 workshops and through practical application in the form of a group project. Leading the program on behalf of ENP is Orit Taya, an Ethiopia-born social activist dedicated to making a difference and empowering the Ethiopian-Israeli community.

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## ENP Is On Campus!



As part of ENP's constant quest to innovate and share the story of the Ethiopian-Israeli community with new audiences, it has recently forged a partnership with Hillel JUC at Carnegie Mellon University and University of Pittsburgh aimed at inspiring students to get involved on behalf of the Ethiopian-Israeli community and ENP. Two online events have been held over the past two months which enabled Hillel members to learn about Ethiopian Jewry, the Ethiopian-Israeli community and ENP. In March, ENP Director-General Roni Akale shared his personal Aliyah story with Hillel students, while in April students met present and past Ethiopian-

Israeli recipients of ENP medical and dental scholarships.

ENP aims to expand this project to other campuses and inspire additional Hillel members to get involved. If you are interested in getting your Hillel connected with ENP, [contact us here](#).

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**Get Involved**

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Want to make a huge impact on a child's life?

SPACE provides the holistic empowerment and support that will allow our students to thrive and prepare them for future success. Every gift counts!

Send a student to SPACE and make a difference in their life today!

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