



## Remembrance and Resilience

Friends,

This week, as Israel marks the Memorial Day for Ethiopian Jews who Perished on their Journey to Israel, we remember those who lost their lives in pursuit of the age-old dream of returning to the Promised Land. Some 4,000 Ethiopian Jews yearning to reach the Holy City of Jerusalem perished on the treacherous journey from Ethiopia through the deserts of Sudan to Israel in the 1980s. Their courage and heroism, having set out on an unknown path while risking their lives, inspire and empower us to this day. Today, we are living a period of great uncertainty and distress, as a relentless virus threatens the lives and livelihoods of those we hold dear. Myself and everyone at ENP wish strength and health to all those enduring this difficult time, knowing one day we will be celebrating together again. We are inspired by all those playing a part to help in the fight to overcome COVID-19 and by those assisting our community members most affected by it.

As you will read below, ENP, too, is playing a key role in helping thousands as they adapt to the new situation. During this challenging time, ENP has forged exciting new partnerships and even welcomed a new team member! We will continue to work tirelessly to carry out our critical, shared work.

Roni Akale  
Director-General, ENP

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### ENP Carries On Through COVID Crisis



The coronavirus has not slowed us down! ENP is more determined than ever to making our SPACE students thrive and succeed. The lockdown enforced in March initially disrupted on-site learning activities, however ENP was able to quickly adapt and move the bulk of SPACE activities online thanks to the amazing dedication and creativity of our community coordinators and counselors. For Idan, a 10th grader from Ashkelon, the support provided by project staff was invaluable. "During the lockdown, the SPACE staff made sure we stayed on course and

continued our classes through distance learning so we could go forward and not forget everything we learned. The classes and the amazing staff helped me and a lot of others to stay on top of our studies."

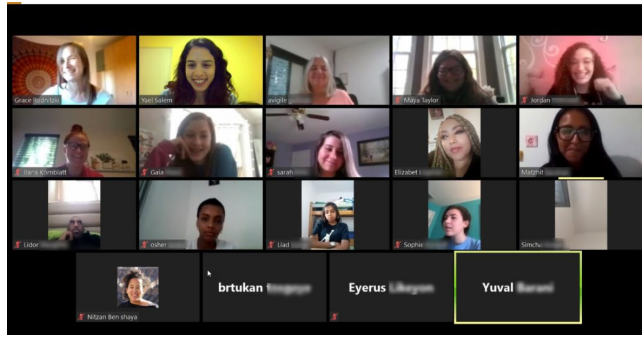
As restrictions are gradually lifted and schools reopen, SPACE staff are hard at work adjusting the after-school curriculum to the new reality, with the aim of fully resuming all on-site activities in the near future.

[Read more about ENP's COVID-19 activities here](#)

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## Bridging Oceans With BBYO

ENP continues to expand its network of friends and supporters with an exciting new collaboration. This spring, as part of ENP's SPACE Bridges program, which works to enhance Ethiopian-Israeli youth's spoken English capacity, ENP kickstarted a special pilot together with the Baltimore chapter of BBYO.



Ethiopian-Israeli 9th grade Bridges participants from Ashkelon and Jewish teens from Baltimore got together on Zoom -- the app of the day -- sharing their life experiences, exchanging thoughts, and just generally getting to know each other. For the ENP students, it was an excellent opportunity to practice their English, while the BBYO teens got to learn about the Ethiopian-Israeli community and life in Israel.

A resounding success, ENP seeks to expand the pilot to other cities, giving more Ethiopian-Israeli and Jewish American youth the opportunity to engage, learn from each other and make lasting connections. Would your local BBYO chapter want to become part of our initiative? [Contact ENP!](#)

[Learn More About Bridges](#)

## Introducing ENP's New International Relations Associate



ENP is proud to welcome Yael Salem to the International Relations division as the latest addition to the ENP family! Starting work at the height of the COVID-19 crisis in April, Yael quickly delved into the intricate work of fundraising and resource development. Yael boasts a close family connection to Ethiopia: "My mother, hailing from the Jewish community of Aden, was born in Asmara, Eritrea – a place she holds dear in her heart and from which she has the warmest memories. Some of our relatives even settled in Addis Ababa for a time, building successful

businesses there. Working at ENP has inspired me to re-explore that part of our family's history and to learn more about the traditions of the Jewish communities in those countries."

[Read more about Yael here](#)

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