



Ethiopian National Project NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Sigd, SPACE and School

Dear Partners and Friends,

Ethiopian National Project has started another year of programming! Our programs strive to empower Ethiopian-Israeli youth while highlighting the importance of engaging with the larger community of Israel and the world.

After the recent celebration of the holiday of Sigd, ENP is proud to serve our community by assisting students to grow, feel empowered, and move more confidently through their lives. It is because of your support that we are able to provide these tools and care for such wonderful individuals. ENP was thrilled to host several missions this past month, meeting with SPACE participants in Petach Tikva, Netanya and Migdal Haemek to see the progress that has already been made in the school year of 2022-23.

We are off to a thrilling start to the year and ENP staff is devoted to working around the clock together with our partners in Israel and around the world, including the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Absorption and Immigration, to achieve the best possible outcome.

Sincerely,



Roni Dessie Akale
Director-General, Ethiopian National Project

Program Overview

Ethiopian National Project is thrilled to

provide six programs to empower Ethiopian-Israeli youth and their families. Continue reading to learn about our programs:

SPACE (School Performance And Community Empowerment) is a holistic intervention that provides scholastic, social, emotional, and nutritional support to 7th-12th grade schoolchildren while working with parents and schools to ensure a seamless intervention.

Youth Leadership instructs students on the importance of leadership and challenges students to plan and implement a community project.

Bridges provides supplemental English immersion through experiential games, special activities, and global teen connections.

Ti'ud allows students to deepen their appreciation for Ethiopian Jewry and strengthen their identity by documenting and sharing Jewish life in Ethiopia and the journey their community made to reach Israel.

Medical and Dental Scholarships are provided to Ethiopian-Israelis who pursue an academic degree in medicine or dental healthcare.

Community Activism consists of events and conferences to empower Ethiopian-Israeli leaders to positively impact their communities.



International Relations Director, Grace Rodnitzki leading a discussion on ENP's programming at the Tamar Ariel School in Netanya.

[Want to learn more about our programs? Click Here!](#)

Back from the States

This fall, ENP's Director General Roni, and International Relations Director Grace traveled to North America for a multi-week trip devoted to visiting communities that are committed to the

future of ENP. By engaging face-to-face with ENP's partners and friends, international bonds are strengthened which encourages a greater sense of community.

Among the highlights were Federation visits across the east coast and a guest appearance at the Third Annual Africa Night to Honor Israel in Philadelphia.



To learn about ways to give to ENP, click [here!](#)

The Celebration of Sigd



Click here to view our recent post about the [Sigd Holiday](#)

"I described the meaning of the Sigd holiday, its origin, and how Beta Israel celebrated in Ethiopia. I showed the students how they celebrate it through a demonstration of how to wear traditional clothing."

Rachamim Malako, Regional Supervisor, in Migdal Haemek

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Meet ENP's New Intern

Ethiopian National Project has hosted dozens of international volunteers that have contributed to ENP's overall growth as an organization. This fall, Sabrina Rubenstein from the United States of America joined our team as a Masa Journey Intern! Read more about her below.

Sabrina Rubenstein is from the Washington DC area. She graduated from Tulane University in 2021 with degrees in Sociology, Psychology, and Gender & Sexuality studies. Having enjoyed the people and culture of New Orleans, Sabrina decided to stay for another year post-graduation and worked as a wedding planner where she learned extensive organization and people skills through her time in this industry.

Sabrina aspires to become a social worker and art therapist. She hopes to create a wellness clinic that

partners with a non-profit; ensuring those unable to pay for mental health assistance can access the help they need.

Upon acceptance into the Israeli Government's Masa Israel Journey Internship program, Sabrina felt drawn to working at ENP! Since joining in late October 2022, The Ethiopian National Project has provided Sabrina with a behind-the-scenes vantage point of a successful non-profit. With a love of digital art and design, she plans to use her creativity and contribute to ENP by strengthening its social media presence, writing and designing newsletters and posts, updating the material that is presented to both students and partners, and creating impactful video content highlighting the uniqueness and success of those participating in ENP programs. She plans to stay with ENP through the end of March 2023.



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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