# **Closed Doors, Open Windows**

#### Friends,

In these challenging times, ENP is more determined than ever to address the most pressing needs of the Ethiopian-Israeli community, particularly its youth, made even more urgent by current circumstances, and to make sure each child has what they need to succeed. Even- especially- with the constraints of COVID-19, new opportunities arise. As you will see below, ENP continues to find creative ways to engage both participants and supporters to share the wonders of Ethiopian Jewry and the Ethiopian-Israeli community. We invite you in!

With deep respect,

Roni Dessie Akale Director-General, ENP



#### Reflections of SPACE

Participants of ENP's Bridges program are sharing what ENP means for them and how it inspires them to dream big and reach high. Click to be moved beyond belief!



Inspirational Stories

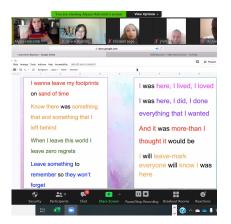
ENP recently had the pleasure and honor to be part of JFNA's first virtual GA, where ENP was highlighted at the Federation Together plenary and participated in the "If I Forget Thee" FedLab. Discussing how to maintain and expand connections between Israel and US Jewry in the COVID era and beyond, ENP believes that despite the many challenges, COVID-19 represents an opportunity to find new creative ways of connecting. The COVID-19 crisis has invariably placed greater emphasis on online platforms which have created exciting new opportunities for bringing people closer together. ENP has already made great strides in this field having successfully forged connections with Jewish teens as a BBYO On Demand Partner.



Indeed, ENP is hard at work developing and expanding new connections between Israel and US Jewry. For instance, ENP is crafting a curriculum that can be featured in Jewish day schools to inspire and share the story of Ethiopian Jewry using ENP's <u>Ti'ud Documentation project</u> as a basis for exploration. ENP also sends campers to Jewish summer camps, where US teens are exposed, sometimes for the first time, to Ethiopian Jews. There are so many more areas and opportunities in which to forge connections, and ENP invites you to <u>contact us</u> to learn more about the myriad ways you, your youth, leadership and broader community can connect to Israel through ENP.

ENP at FedLab

## **Crossing Borders Through Zoom**



Go online with ENP! ENP has embraced Zoom as an outstanding online platform for bridging distances and connecting with participants and supporters alike. In recent months ENP has held multiple Zoom events to great success and has reached a wide range of new audiences. One of ENP's most celebrated online events saw a <u>US-based intern</u> leading a workshop on sign language for participants of the <u>Bridges program</u>, taught through a popular English-language song. The activity was both informative and entertaining and received high praise from participants. Most recently, ENP's Director-General <u>Roni Akale</u> shared his personal Aliyah story with representatives from the Brandeis

National Committee. ENP is now developing virtual missions, enabling supporters to get an intimate impression of our programs, and engage directly with ENP participants from afar. From a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony, to a day in the life of an ENP student, there are a myriad of opportunities to get greater insight into ENP's crucial work and the richness of Ethiopian Jewish culture.

**Get Involved** 

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

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

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