

An Unforgettable Summer: ENP SPACE Participants Experience Jewish Camping, and English Immersion, through ENP “Bridges”

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Countless Jewish children’s lives have been transformed by summer camp: this summer, seven ENP SPACE participants were given the opportunity to experience what for them was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Summer camp changed not only their lives, but also of all the campers who had the opportunity to share the experience with them.

ENP expresses its deepest gratitude to [Camp Young Judaea in Texas](#), [Surprise Lake Camp in New York state](#) and [Camp Kimama in Israel](#), this year’s pilot locations for an unforgettable summer. ENP’s deepest gratitude is extended to the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, whose vision and support enabled ENP to pilot “ENP Bridges”, of which one crucial component was summer camp attendance for a select few as part of this innovative spoken-English program.

ENP launched the pilot “ENP Bridges” program in 2017-18, thanks to the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. The primary goal of ENP Bridges is to encourage ENP SPACE (School Performance and Community Empowerment) participants to use, and improve, their spoken English, with the ultimate objective to enable the high school ninth graders to place in the highest tracking levels of English upon their entrance to tenth grade—literally, the key to college entrance. Regrettably, too few Ethiopian-Israelis are placed in the tracks that enable eligibility for university placement.



ENP Bridges Participants with their campmates at Camp Surprise Lake in New York



ENP Bridges Participants Tour Bahai Gardens... in English!!!

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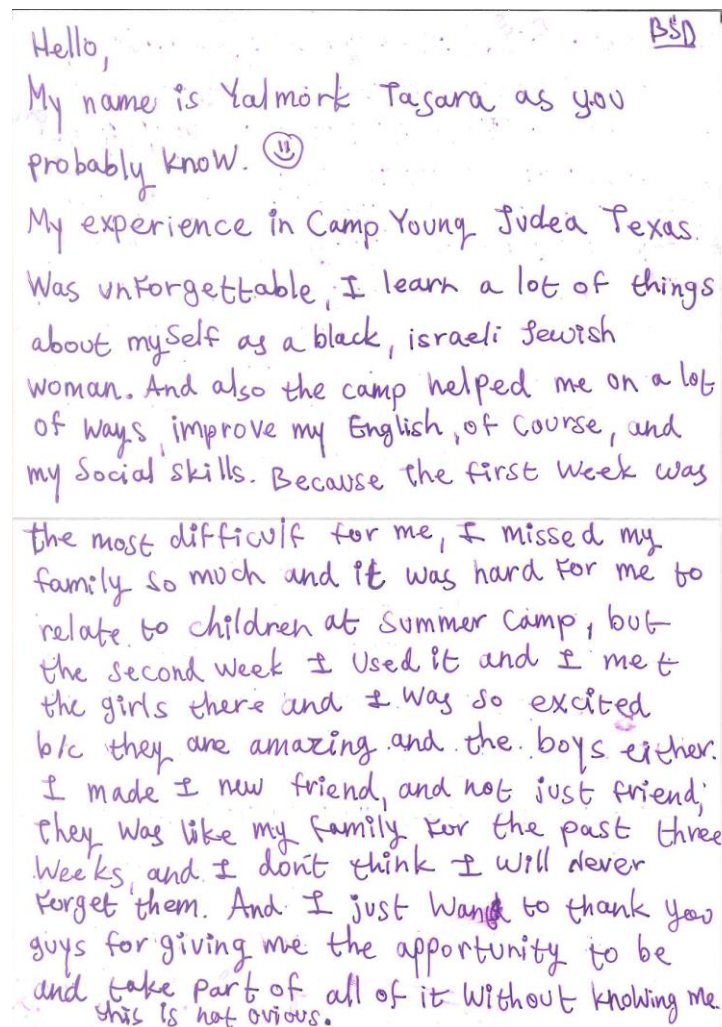
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The launch of ENP Bridges directly sought to reverse this phenomenon—and the first year has been a huge success.

In addition to weekly spoken English lessons and field trips with a focus on English, the highlight for a select few was their selection to utilize what they had learned, as campers in the United States or in Israel. Their selection also was an expression of appreciation for their investment in their studies and hard work throughout the year.

Over the course of the summer, ENP Bridges participants attended camp in three locations: Camp Young Judea in Texas (two campers), Camp Surprise Lake in New York state (two campers) and Camp Kimama in Israel (three campers).

The experience was amazing for each of the campers. Here, one describes the impact it had on her:



Hello, BSD
My name is Yalmork Tagara as you probably know. 😊
My experience in Camp Young Judea Texas was unforgettable, I learn a lot of things about myself as a black, israeli jewish woman. And also the camp helped me on a lot of ways, improve my English, of course, and my social skills. Because the first week was the most difficult for me, I missed my family so much and it was hard for me to relate to children at summer camp, but the second week I used it and I met the girls there and I was so excited b/c they are amazing and the boys either. I made a new friend, and not just friend, they was like my family for the past three weeks, and I don't think I will ever forget them. And I just want to thank you guys for giving me the opportunity to be and take part of all of it without knowing me. This is not obvious.

ENP aims to send as many children as possible to summer camp in America and to English-speaking camps in Israel. [Be in touch with ENP](#) if you wish to connect or provide the opportunity for another child to have their life changed as a camper at Jewish camp.

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