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Ethiopian Update...

Last month we informed you about the **Ruppin Academic Center** that focuses on the education of Ethiopian immigrants. This month, ICEJ AID would like to tell you about the **Israel Centre for the Treatment of Psychotrauma** that focuses on healing the trauma that so many Ethiopians endured to come to Israel.

The first major group of Ethiopians Jewry, nearly 12,000, came to Israel between 1983-1984, with only 8,000 completing the trek alive. During the 3 month march they faced hunger, thirst, attacks by bandits and wild animals, and living in refugee camps with rampant disease and malnutrition. For the survivors, painful memories of those hard times were quickly buried and never really dealt with, producing new problems.



Today, ICEJ AID is supporting the **Israel Centre for the Treatment of Psychotrauma** as it seeks to break the endless circle of failure among Ethiopian immigrants caused by the trauma of their journey. With our help, the centre is providing individual psycho-traumatic treatments through many researched methods. Please consider giving towards Ethiopian projects to enable them to fully heal from their past.

Spotlight on...

Yad B'Yad

The **Yad b'Yad** (Hand in Hand) Association has helped thousands of children ages 3 - 7 from poverty stricken families in Israel, by offering 'Warm Home' preschools that give love, warmth, education and a hot meal. Screened by the welfare services, most of the children come from abusive backgrounds. At the 'Warm Home,' the at-risk children come after school and stay until 6 in the evening and receive hot meals, cognitive enrichment, emotional support, appreciation of values and normative behavior, and lots of warmth and love.



This May, a group associated with the ICEJ Australian branch visited **Yad B'Yad** and presented a check in support of the project to help the children. The visitors interacted with the children and can now put faces with the project name. Thank you to all who have given to **Yad B'Yad!** We continue to raise funds for them as they aid so many needy children.

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