



EMUNAH

BELIEVING IN ISRAEL'S FUTURE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



*“...with the strength of EMUNAH (faith)
we will realize our goal and go
from strength to strength.”*

Rabbanit Sarah Herzog

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EMUNAH - STABILITY THROUGH CHALLENGE

The year 2023 symbolized change and challenge for Emunah, for Israel and for Jews all around the world.

At the beginning of 2023 we welcomed new leadership at Emunah: Yifat Sela came on board as the new Chair of Emunah Israel, Tema Klausner took on the role of President of World Emunah, and Dina Hahn moved from President of World Emunah to Chairman

of the Board of World Emunah, just as she continues to be Chairman of the Board of Emunah Israel.

The traumatic and tragic events of October 7th and all that has unfolded since have brought many new challenges to us all. But through it all, our dedication to the children and underprivileged of Israel has remained unchanged. Moreover, the needs of

the underprivileged have become that much more pronounced. Just as children all over Israel are experiencing war and trauma, the children of Emunah are experiencing that trauma as well. But unlike the majority of Israelis, Emunah's children don't have families or stable support systems to lean on to see them through that trauma. That is why it's so critical to have the support of people like you to ensure that our children have access to therapy, social support and other services that only Emunah can provide for them.

You, our friends, supporters and affiliate members around the world, are important and integral partners in helping to create a better and healthier society throughout Israel.

It has been wonderful to meet and greet many of you this year. Despite the war, so many of you have come to Israel, to show solidarity, to volunteer, to visit Emunah projects and to meet with those who have been affected most by the war. Visitors to Israel are always welcome and it is our great hope that these visits continue (and increase), so that we can continue connecting with our friends and partners around the world, in person, and will be able to show you all the power and impact of Emunah projects here on the ground. There is nothing like seeing Emunah's work for yourself! We have also seen the horrific rise in antisemitism around the world since October 7th and we stand with our brothers and sisters in fighting that senseless hatred and violence against Jews, just as you have supported us in Israel.

The year 2023 has also seen a shameful

abandonment of Israeli women and female victims of Hamas's brutal assault. As one of the world's largest Jewish women's organizations, Emunah has taken a strong stance in condemning the violence that took place against women on and since October 7th. Emunah also continues to fight to have the female victims of Hamas recognized by the international community and have their trauma be condemned by the UN and other international organizations. We know that you, our friends and supporters also stand with us in this fight and in everything we do to promote women's rights and representation in Israeli society.

We know that Emunah will continue to be an essential part of Israel's efforts to build a stronger, healthier and more resilient society. Emunah was a first responder in the psychological war that has impacted so many Israelis this year. Israelis are grappling with a national collective trauma and we will also be there for the long-term support that many will need, long after this war is over. We are extremely grateful for your partnership and support for this mission, which makes a real difference to the lives of Israel's most vulnerable children and families. We never take your support for granted.

We hope and pray for more peaceful times in the near future and for the safe return home of all of our soldiers and hostages.

Thank you,

Tema Klausner
President,
World Emunah

Yifat Sela
Chairwoman,
Emunah Israel

OUR MISSION



Emunah walks the path of life side by side with the most disadvantaged people in Israel.

From birth through the golden age we use the power of Emunah (Faith) to rescue, support and empower children, women and families, towards a better future.

Through the activities of Emunah, we also strengthen the bond between Israel and communities abroad, reinforcing Jewish identity and values of Zionism.



With Emunah in Israel...

Your child is in safe hands

At **102 Day Care Centres** Emunah provides early childhood education and care within a warm, loving, traditional Jewish environment.

At our **5 Multipurpose Day Care Centers** we give support to at-risk children from dysfunctional homes and their families.

Miracles happen every day

Emunah's **5 Children's Homes** provide residential care for abused, traumatized and neglected children and teens who have been removed from their families by child protection services.

Society is stronger

Emunah promotes **the status of women** in the rabbinical courts and supports legislation in the Knesset advancing the rights of women and families in Israel.

Emunah **strengthens Israeli society** through projects such as Mechinat Lapidot Emunah, Bat Ami National Service, Midreshet Torah Chesed, Midreshet Be'eri and 26 Emunah chapters around the country.



OUR WORK

No woman or child needs to be afraid

Emunah's 2 Crisis Centers are on call day and night to receive abandoned or neglected young babies, children and teenage girls, in need of immediate shelter and protection.

Emunah's Women's Refuge is a safe haven for abused women and their children where they are given legal, financial and emotional support to start rebuilding their lives.

The family is stronger

Emunah's **13 Family Counselling and Trauma Centres** offer psychotherapy, alternative treatments and therapies for individuals, couples and families.

At the **Machon Be'er Emunah Institute** professional training prepares educators to work in the fields of marriage counselling, healthy sexuality, parenting and gerontology.

Everyone can achieve

Emunah's **4 High Schools** provide high quality education in art, drama, music, technology, biomedical engineering, computing and Torah Studies.

The Emunah Appleman College of Arts and Technology offers unique learning opportunities for religious women to earn a degree in fine arts, graphic design, visual communication, drama, and Jewish studies.





OUR IMPACT



5

Children's Homes



13

Trauma and Counseling

Centers treating
750 clients weekly



97%

success graduating
high school



102

Day Care Centers



550

Students at Emunah
Appleman College
of Arts and Design



1000

Children in Residential
Children's Homes



2000

Students in 4 High Schools



2500

Emunah Employees in Israel



5000

Children in Day Care Centers

EMUNAH CHANGES LIVES

Emunah provides diverse, life- changing services and programs, helping Israel's most vulnerable to **break the cycle** of dysfunction and build their own rewarding and stable lives and families.

The impact of Emunah's work is visible throughout Israeli society. Our successes belong to the individuals and families who find their strengths, character, and skills thanks to thousands of Emunah professionals, who dedicate themselves to ensure that their stories have a happy ending.







YONI'S STORY

Yoni* (name changed for privacy), is a 14 year old boy living in Emunah Neve Landy Children's Village. He is just one of the 51 boys who live there, being cared for and receiving therapy and warmth every day from the staff who are directed by Shoham Nagar. This is their story.

On October 7th, 14-year-old Yoni was woken very early when the sirens started wailing. Yoni lives in Neve Landy, a residential home in Even Shmuel, only 20km from the Gaza border and on that day the huge

barrage of rockets sent from Gaza meant long hours spent in the safe room.

On October 7th Yoni's counselor tried hard to distract him and to keep him calm, even though he himself was increasingly worried. As the Emunah staff understood what had happened, they knew the priority had to be to keep the children safe from any potential terrorist incursions while doing everything they could to make the children feel safe and reassured in a

time of terror and uncertainty.

While Yoni was in Neve Landy on October 7th, many of the other children were away, celebrating Simchat Torah with their relatives or a host family. On October 8th, Shoham and other Neve Landy staff drove out to Sderot, Ofakim and other local communities, risking their own lives, because at that time many terrorists were still in the area, and brought the children back to the home. They knew that the children needed to be back in the secure environment that Emunah provides. Our dedicated staff put the children's welfare first, even above their own safety.

In the first two weeks of the war the children at Emunah Neve Landy were deeply traumatized. They spent long hours in the safe rooms, sleeping there and staying in there all day as the sirens sounded so frequently and many were too afraid to leave at all.

Experiencing this secondary trauma is potentially very damaging for children like Yoni, so it was important to try to maintain routine where possible and to allow all the children to express and acknowledge their fears. These children have experienced so much pain already in their young lives, so Emunah's expert staff are the ones to comfort them and to give them the practical, emotional and psychological tools to be able to begin to process the tragic events of the war in a way that they can cope with. Shoham Nagar, the Director of Neve Landy explains, "We need to create a 'bubble' around the children, away from the war, by making sure that at Neve Landy they can still have birthday parties and enjoy 'normal' activities. These activities are not just for 'fun'. They are therapeutic and vital for the children's well-being, safety, and happiness."

Many of the staff members at the home were called-up immediately to serve in reserve duty. As this is a home just for boys there are many male staff who act as wonderful role models, but their absence left a large hole. Having staff members disappear from their lives was another challenge for Yoni and his peers. Many have experienced being let down and abandoned by the adults in their lives and reacted with violent outbursts or regressions in their behavior. Emunah staff work hard to create trusting bonds that will be the basis of the young person's successful future relationships.

Fortunately, Emunah was able to recruit young women who had previously worked as National Service volunteers at the home, and as they knew the boys and their routines, they were able to provide the consistency and familiarity that was so desperately needed.

Additionally, when our wonderful counselors were given leave from the army, sometimes only for 24 hours, they made every effort to visit the children, giving them hugs and reassuring them that they had not been abandoned. This meant so much!

Emunah also had to provide educational support to all the boys. Some schools were closed for many weeks and even when they reopened the journey was potentially full of danger, as rocket attacks were a constant threat. Some children were too scared to attend and instead, staff had to facilitate their online education and to keep social contact with friends, even when physically getting together wasn't possible. Again, social isolation impacts at-risk children greatly, because they do not have secure family relationships to fall back on.

Yoni has now returned to school, and with additional psychological

counselling and therapeutic activities like basketball and cycling that Emunah is able to offer him, funded by donations, he and all at Neve Landy are gaining the social and emotional tools they will need to transform their lives, long after this war is finally over.

This is just one example of the incredible dedication that Emunah has to its children, to Israel, and to ensuring that no matter what Emunah will always be there to provide for and protect those in need.



EMUNAH at War

On October 7th, war broke out in Israel unexpectedly, sending shockwaves through Israel and around the world. Every Israeli was affected in some way, including the children in Emunah homes who had to run to bomb shelters, Emunah staff that was called to reserves and extended family of Emunah staff and children who were killed. In addition, countless Emunah facilities found themselves in desperate need of security upgrades including needing new bomb shelters and security gates. Therapy centers in the north and south braced

themselves for an influx of patients and prepared themselves to treat those who were suffering from some of the most difficult forms of trauma.

In this great time of need, Emunah stepped up and made a difference and made a real impact. In launching our Emergency Appeal, Emunah affiliates around the world met the challenge and were able to help so many who were most affected by the war.

This is the power and strength of Emunah. This is what our Emunah is able to achieve.

EMERGENCY APPEAL

In the aftermath of October 7th, Emunah immediately sprung to action and launched our Emergency Appeal. The purpose of this appeal was to raise emergency funds to help those most affected by the war and to help support our centers with security upgrades, trauma counseling and more.

In just the first six months after October 7th, donors from around the world helped Emunah to be able to provide the following:

In Emunah's Trauma Counseling Centers:

- Emergency counseling for individuals and families in the southern communities and across the country.
- A new safe room which will be built for the counseling center in Netivot
- An additional trauma therapy specialist counselor and

equipment for the Emunah Sarah Ronson Counseling Center in Sderot

- One-time bonuses for the Emunah counselors and the directors of our trauma counseling centers, in recognition of their ongoing efforts and tireless work to serve their clients since the onset of the war on October 7, 2023.
- Salary increases for the therapists and directors for the coming year, to meet those offered by the government since the start of the war and to attract and retain the much-needed staff.

In Emunah's Daycare Centers

- Emergency needs in the day care centers
- Emergency Campaign gift cards, given to needy people connected

with Emunah, for example Emunah staff evacuated from their homes in the south, and parents of children in our Day Care Centers across the country affected by the war

- Help towards subsidizing fees for parents who are struggling to pay for Day Care fees, including those with children at Emunah Multi-Purpose Day Care Centers, who are already identified as being vulnerable and dysfunctional

families, and who have been impacted by the war.

- Enhanced facilities in our Day Care Center safe rooms including improved bathroom facilities where needed.

In Emunah's Children's Homes

- New emergency electricity generators for the Emunah Neve Landy and Emunah Afula children's homes



- Trauma counseling and emotional support for Sherut Leumi (National Service) volunteers in Emunah Homes
- Additional security cameras (and other enhancements to security at Emunah Neve Landy Children's Village in Even Shmuel)
- The Safe Room project (Emunah Afula)
- Emergency needs and respite therapeutic activities at Emunah Afula Children's Home, Emunah Achuzat Sara Children's Home and Emunah Neve Landy Children's Village
- An Emergency Classroom at the Emunah Afula Children's Home
- Electric security gates at the Emunah Afula Children's Home

In Emunah's High Schools


- Emergency needs and respite activities at Emunah Elisheva High School, Beit Weinstein High School and Neve Sarah Herzog High School
- Trauma counseling within the school environment and extra educational support for students who are experiencing disruption to their studies caused by the war

In the wider community affected by the war

- An Emergency Trauma Hotline staffed by Emunah counselors offering psychological first aid
- Programs offered by Emunah Machon Be'er to provide services and assistance to seniors and Holocaust Survivors who have been displaced due to the war
- Therapeutic activities for the evacuees in hotels.

We are tremendously grateful for your support of the Emergency Appeal and your continued support for Israel and for Emunah!





EMUNAH COUNSELING CENTERS **CONFRONTING TRAUMA**

Emunah Counseling Centers are playing a crucial role during the ongoing war in Israel. All 13 of Emunah's counseling centers across Israel, are responding to the rising demand for psychological support created by the trauma of the war.

1. Need for Psychological Support:
Recent events, especially those on October 7th, have profoundly impacted the nation. The atrocities committed and ongoing concerns

for hostages, soldiers and individual security, have created a significant need for emergency psychological and emotional support.

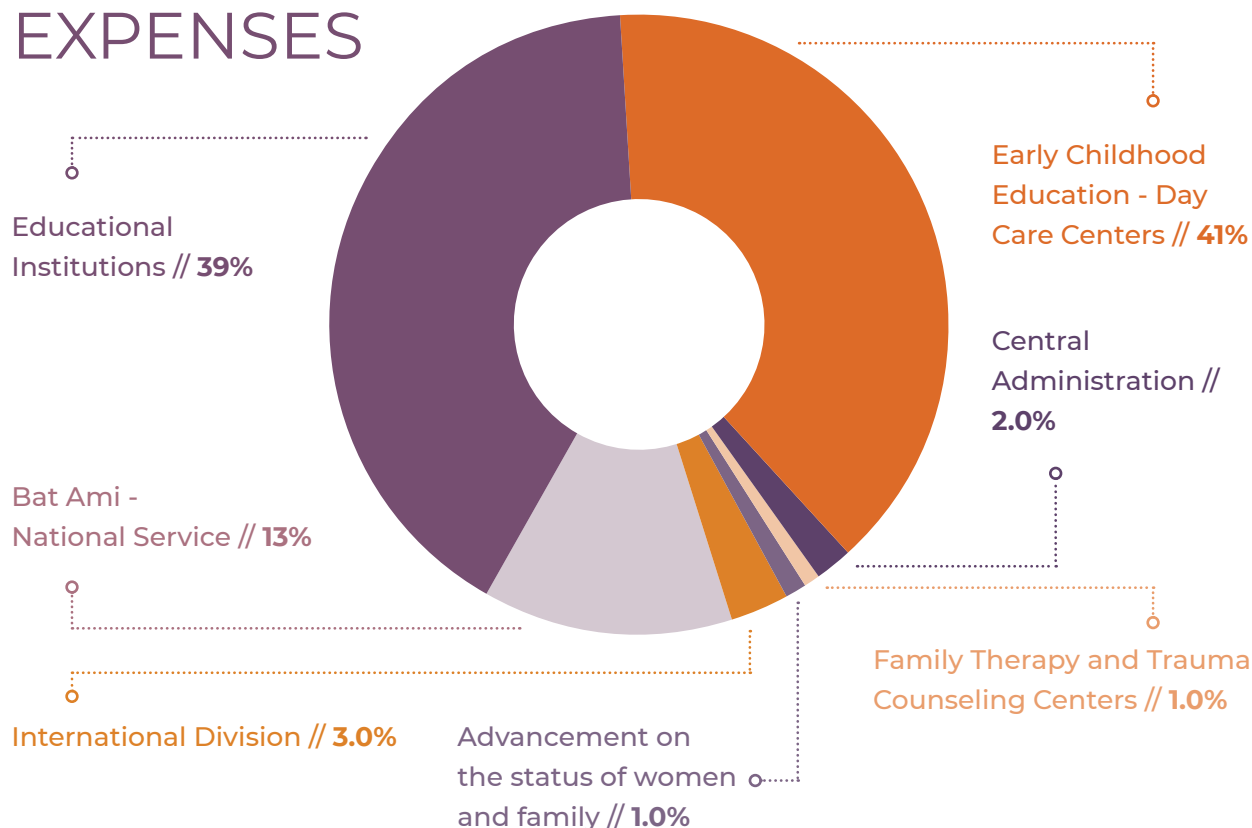
2. **Challenges in Providing Services:** Many Emunah counseling centers, particularly in the south, have been directly impacted by the war. Some centers are closed due to safety concerns, while others are operating remotely via phone or zoom. In some cases, therapists themselves have been displaced or are dealing with their own challenges. All Emunah counselors and directors are continuing to reach out and connect with clients wherever they are situated.
3. **Emunah's Ongoing Support:** Despite the difficulties, Emunah therapists are maintaining contact with vulnerable clients, acting as 'first responders!' They are helping families cope with the impact of the war on children and providing support for individuals and parents experiencing heightened stress and fear.
4. **Restoring Emotional Resilience:** Emunah's role is vital in helping individuals restore their emotional and psychological resilience. The organization recognizes that not every traumatic situation leads to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and aims to provide the right therapy to prevent PTSD.
5. **24-Hour Hotline:** Emunah launched a 24-hour hotline available to the general public in Israel, which provided crucial, immediate support during this challenging time.
6. **Funding Challenges:** Emunah centers rely on a combination of client payments and donations for their therapy sessions. Currently, they receive no government funding and are actively seeking additional funding sources. Resources within Israel are limited, making support from donors around the world particularly crucial.
7. **Long term support will be needed:** Supporters are urged to partner with Emunah in this vital work to help rebuild the resilience of the nation, emphasizing the importance of psychological strength during these challenging times.

In summary, Emunah's counseling centers are working tirelessly to provide critical psychological and emotional support to individuals and families affected by the ongoing war in Israel.

Your support is essential to making this vital work possible!

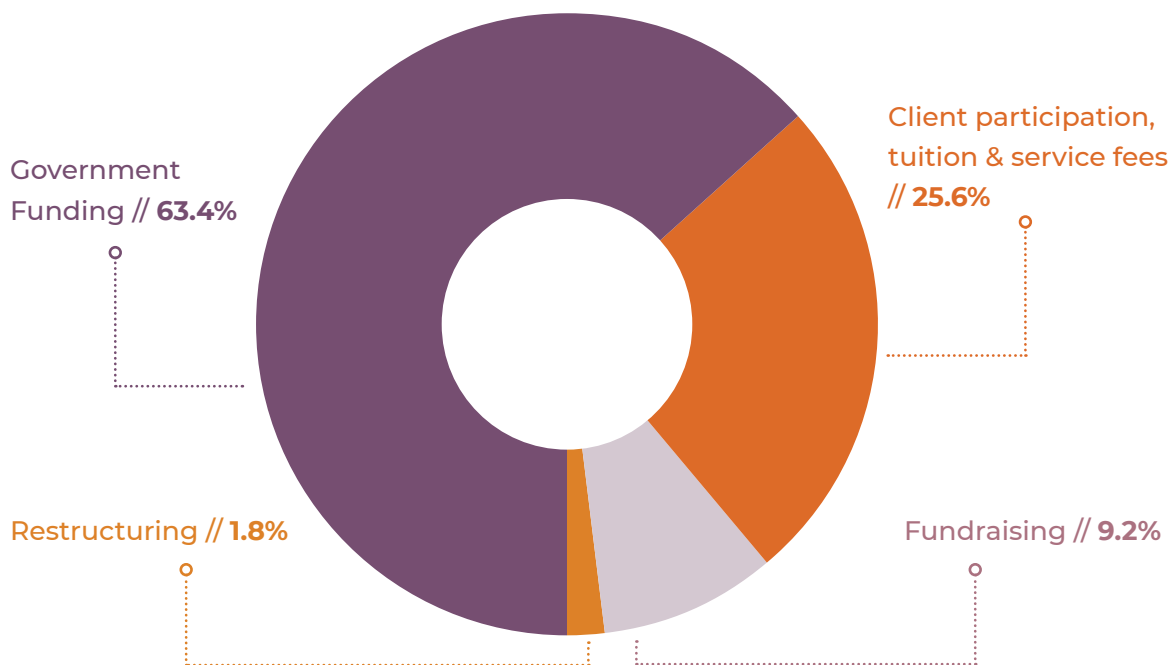
FINANCIALS

EXPENSES



	Expenses in USD
Early Childhood Education - Day Care Centers	\$47,265,628
Educational Institutions - Children's Homes, Schools and College	\$40,906,011
Bat Ami National Service	\$13,529,122
Advancement of women, the family and community activities	\$955,934
Family Therapy and Trauma Counseling Centers	\$1,160,397
International Division – expenses and transfer of funds raised for projects	\$2,124,297
Central Administration	\$132,768
TOTAL:	\$106,074,157

REVENUE



	Revenue in USD
Early Childhood Education - Day Care Centers	\$46,734,554
Educational Institutions	\$39,966,009
Bat Ami - National Service	\$13,529,122
Advancement of Women	\$557,628
Fundraising – Overseas, Emunah Israel	\$9,241,848
Fundraising in Israel	\$879,076
Family Therapy and Trauma Counseling Centers – Service Fees	\$1,088,702
Restructuring and efficiency	\$1,941,077
TOTAL:	\$113,938,016

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MAKE PLAYGROUNDS

in our day care centers safe and stimulating, especially in deprived areas - replacing unhygienic sand with AstroTurf-style surfaces, giving children a healthy environment in which to play and learn.



OFFER

the individual educational, therapeutic, and social programs that a child in our residential homes needs to thrive and succeed.



PROVIDE VITAL COUNSELING

and support to individuals and families in crisis; victims of domestic violence, those affected by sexual abuse, PTSD, or anxiety, particularly in the aftermath of October 7th and with an eye on the effects of war.



MAINTAIN THE FOOD FUND

providing vital nourishment for the needy and hungry pupils at our high schools, so the girls can concentrate, learn and reach their full potential.



PROVIDE

educational, psychological, and practical support for the recently immigrated Ethiopian students who make up a special ulpan class at the Neve Sarah Herzog High School.



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