



EMUNAH

BELIEVING IN ISRAEL'S FUTURE

2024 Year in Review



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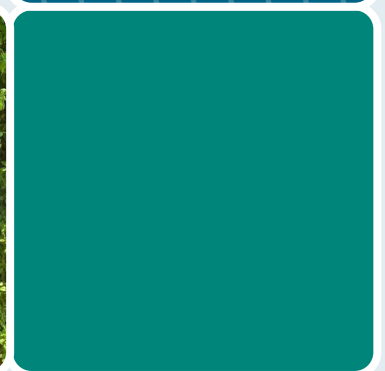


*“...with the strength of EMUNAH (faith)
we will realize our goal and go
from strength to strength.”*

Rabbanit Sarah Herzog

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Last year we had said that the year 2023 symbolized change and challenge for Emunah, and for Jews all around the world. The year 2024 symbolized resilience, learning to live with intense challenge and stress and integrating these into positive forces in our lives. We became stronger, more caring, more loving, more accepting, more open to embracing change.

The Jewish people have come to realize that we must believe in ourselves 100%, and not allow naysayers or doomsayers to set the tone for our lives.

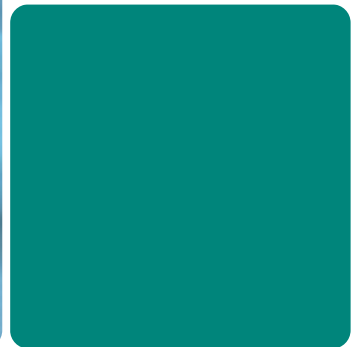
Emunah represents this completely. Emunah stands with each student, each therapy client, each resident of our homes, believing in their success and helping them believe in themselves.

From the youngest child in our daycare centers, to the children living in our children's homes, to the students in our high schools and college, to the B'not sherut, and the geriatric segment of society helped through Machon Beer Emunah, Emunah stands proudly with every segment of Israeli society.

You, our friends and family around the world, help make this all possible.

Tema Klausner
President,
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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.

At World Emunah, we use the tools at our disposal to create awareness and connection towards Israel and Emunah and ultimately create a sense of global community among our branches and Emunah members and those who are just learning about Emunah for the first time.





With Emunah in Israel...

Your child is in safe hands

At At Emunah's **100 Day Care Centers**

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's Rishonot Network is instrumental in achieving our goals of more women's representation in all fields.

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.



EMUNAH BY THE NUMBERS





5

Children's Homes



10

Trauma and Counseling
Centers and

3

Satellite Centers treating
750 clients weekly



97%

success graduating
high school



100

Day Care Centers



430

Students at Emunah
Appleman College
of Arts and Design



700

Children in Residential
Children's Homes



1500

Students in 4 High Schools



2500

Emunah Employees in Israel



5200

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** 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.



Emunah Pillars

Education, Welfare,
Women's Representation,
Zionism

At Emunah, all of our work centers on core values of social service and Zionism. The following stories illustrate how Emunah's work in these areas has impacted those in our care and in our community and how we at Emunah continue to be enriched by all who come through our doors...





URI'S STORY

Making Pesah Personal

For many of us, the holidays hold a special place in our hearts and our childhood memories of holidays spent at home with our families are especially cherished and meaningful. For the children of Emunah's children's homes, we endeavor to ensure that their memories are no less special.

Uri Chaim* (name changed for privacy), 24, a graduate of Afula and now a counselor at the home, is responsible for organizing the Seder on Pesach at Emunah Afula and takes that responsibility on with special pride.

Uri does not celebrate Passover in his own home, but instead he spends it with the children from the group he looks after. For Uri, this is a particularly exciting event, since he himself lived and was raised in Emunah Afula, from a small child through to 12th grade.

After finishing the army with honors, Michael had a dream to return to the Home and be a counsellor. A special guest will be attending the Seder with Uri - his mother, who will come to celebrate the holiday.

"For me it's closing a circle," he concludes. "This place gave me a lot and shaped me to be who I am today - from second grade to the military. I did not give up on my dream both in the army and afterwards, I came back to Emunah Afula Children's Home and I had an ambition to be a counselor.

"It was my dream to come back here and give back to the people and community I came from."

SARAH'S STORY



Meet Sarah Weiss* (name changed for privacy), one of our Bnot Sherut/ National Service girls at the Emunah Afula Children's Home.

During these difficult days, with war waging on Israel's borders, Sarah's Zionist dreams and story fill us with hope.

Sarah was born and raised in New Jersey, and ever since she was a little girl, she dreamed of making aliyah.

As the years passed Sarah came to a decision - when she graduates high school, she will make the leap.

During twelfth grade, she researched national service options for herself remotely. She interviewed for positions on Zoom at night and still managed to do her school work and get to school on time in the morning. Sarah came to Israel by herself in August 2023 - two months before the war broke out.

She began her national service in a special education kindergarden in Jerusalem. Over the course of the year, she worked on improving her Hebrew and even worked with evacuated families. Because of her passion, the rest of her family made aliyah exactly a year after she did! Luckily for us, this year Sarah is doing her second year of national service at Emunah Afula Children's Home. Sarah already has plans for her future. Next year she plans to continue working at the children's home and to begin her academic studies - she's debating between social work and special education.

Sarah is an inspiration for all of us and in particular for the Olim and aspiring Olim community!

YEHUDIT'S STORY



Since October 7th, 2023, so many in the Emunah family have been affected by the war - none less so than the soldiers and reservists that we count amongst our staff, graduates and students. These men and women put themselves on the front lines, put their lives on hold, and gave all of themselves to their country and their people and we cannot thank them enough.

One of those students is Yehudit* (name changed for privacy).

Yehudit was registered to begin learning Art at the Emunah Appleman College at the beginning of 2023 as a first year student. But on October 13th, 2023 she received a draft notice for reserve duty at the Central Command Division. During her reserve duty, Yehudit tried to participate in her classes over Zoom and she did everything she could to serve and learn simultaneously. Her reserve duty was extended over and over and participating in class

remotely became harder and harder. The college staff did everything they could to make things easier for Yehudit and to help, but ultimately she had to make a choice and Yehudit chose to leave school and commit herself completely to her reserve duty. Yehudit served in the reserves for a full year and was released in September 2024! But she never gave up on her dreams for her career and she re-registered for Emunah Appleman College. Despite the college wanting to help her by recognizing all of the work that she did last year and give her credit, help her with makeup courses and anything else she needed to be recognized as a second year student, Yehudit decided that she wanted to start from scratch as a first year and dedicate herself completely to her studies.

Yehudit is a model of what it means to be a young woman in Israel today. We thank her for her service and for being such an inspiration to us all!

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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, replacing old, broken equipment with new, safe playground toys and placing shade over the play areas so that our children can learn and play safely and happily.



PROVIDE

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



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, especially pertaining to miluim families, returning soldiers, and those who were directly affected by Hamas and Iranian attacks over the last year.



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.



AND SO MUCH MORE...

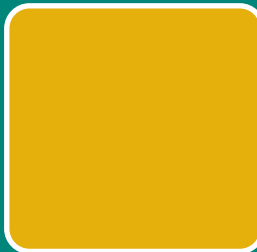


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