

# Program Update



ENP-Atidim

## The Challenge

Arriving in Israel is just the beginning of a long journey for Ethiopian Jews. While there are more and more success stories, for the majority of the Ethiopian-Israeli community the situation remains bleak — the transition to Israeli society still elusive.

- The poverty rate among Ethiopian-Israelis is estimated at 70% — the highest in Israel
- More than 65% of those over the age of 45 are unemployed, leaving families without a single breadwinner
- Only 17% of Ethiopian Israeli students pass Israel's matriculation exams with scores high enough to enter university, compared with 53% of all other Jewish Israelis.

The good news: when opportunity is available, Ethiopian-Israelis are motivated, capable and successful.

We have a time-limited opportunity to move thousands of Ethiopian-Israeli youngsters onto the path to success. They hold the potential to change the future—of their own families, the Ethiopian-Israeli community, and the State of Israel.

## The Response

ENP-Atidim for Ethiopian Israeli Youth is a powerful initiative to educate and advance Ethiopian-Israeli youth with high academic potential. It is a partnership of the Ethiopian National Project (ENP) and Atidim, a highly successful academic leadership program.

ENP-Atidim for Ethiopian-Israeli Youth focuses on education, empowerment and academic exposure:

- Students receive after-school tutoring in math, physics, chemistry and English, as well as reinforcement in any other subject the individual student needs.
- Trained professionals encourage students to believe in themselves, build a dream for their future and strive for academic success, which will lead to better lives for themselves and their families.
- Visits to universities and high-tech companies across the country expose students to career opportunities.

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## Unmet Need

With your support, ENP and Atidim will identify high-potential Ethiopian-Israeli teens throughout Israel.

These young people will have access to special enrichment curriculum and support—not just for one year, but throughout high school.

As the motivation and performance of these youngsters increases, their success will have a ripple effect, inspiring achievement throughout their schools, families, and communities.

## In Real Life

“Just” being in Israel is not enough for Rachel, a young Ethiopian-Israeli: “I’ve decided – I want to become a doctor,” she explains, crediting her decision to her captivating experiences in the medicine workshop at the ENP-Atidim enrichment center in Ashdod. Rachel fought to be admitted to her school's pre-med track, where she is striving to excel: “All of the other kids have tutors. My parents could never afford one. I am so lucky to have Atidim.”

## Funding

The Number of People Helped: 1,000

Annual Budget: \$1 million; Atidim matches \$300 for every \$1,000 donated and covers non-Ethiopian student costs.

Funding Period: On-going

Compared to last year: same as previous funding period



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