



Olam Shalem – An Update on the Shalem Foundation's Activities

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Dear Friends and Partners,

In the spirit of renewal and reflection for Rosh Hashana, the Shalem Foundation invites you to usher in the New Year with Our **Olam-Shalem** newsletter.



In Hebrew, the word *Shalem* means to make whole.

To that end, the Shalem Foundation initiates, develops and supports comprehensive services and resources for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Israel.

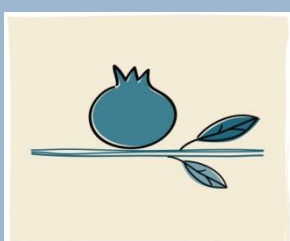
By encouraging new ideas and initiatives we foster an inclusive society and facilitate professional care through strategic partnerships with municipalities, non-profit organizations, government agencies, service providers and individuals. Moreover, we focus on enterprises which are developed in collaboration with people with disabilities themselves and believe that they are our most precious partners.

In this newsletter we provide a glimpse of some of our 200 life-changing projects and services for more than 1,700 individuals in 60 centers around the country.

We hope you will also view the interesting and informative short video clips which are embedded throughout the text and we invite you to stay up to date by visiting our internet site at: <http://www.kshalem.org.il>

May the coming year bring friendship, independence, teamwork, understanding, love and acceptance in a better society for us all.

**Yours,
Riva**



Shana Tova and a Happy New Year from Keren Shalem!

May all people with differing abilities,
Have an abundance of opportunities for growth,
Development and quality of life.

Inauguration of the Center for Occupational Services in Rishon LeZion

On January 14, 2015 we celebrated the inauguration of The Center of Occupational Services in Rishon LeZion after extensive renovations and additions. The center provides training and services for close to 100 people with developmental intellectual disabilities and has assisted many people to integrate into a supported work force following their training. The inauguration honored the organizations that contributed to its renovations and consisted of speeches and celebratory segments performed by the center's participants.



For more information [click here](#)

The Shalem Foundation assists with building, renovating and equipping of institutions for those with intellectual disabilities in the community



In the path of the Heart- a Play by Katznelson and Amal Schools' Theater Group

A unique theater group has been established composed of pupils from Katznelson State High School and Amal school for children with developmental disabilities. For the past two years the group has met weekly for acting and movement classes. Using the medium of theater and performing a play called "For the Heart" the group sends a message of creating a more just, accepting and tolerant society in Israel.

For more information [click here](#)

To watch a short film about the play [click here](#)

The Shalem Foundation supports the dramatic arts and theater productions of people with developmental and intellectual disabilities

Completion of a Course about Leisure for People with Developmental Intellectual Disabilities in Tel Sheva

A four month course for mothers, after-school day care instructors and educational assistants focused on recreational activities for children with disabilities. All participants remarked that the course was helpful in planning new activities for the children, inside and outside of school. The range of participants also led to increased communication between parents and educators, which will enable better care for the children at the center.

For more information [click here](#)



The Shalem Foundation operates unique training and instructional programs for professionals working in the field of developmental intellectual disabilities

A simple language database for people with developmental intellectual disabilities



The Shalem Foundation is a partner in creating an accessible database for people with developmental intellectual disabilities. Information is gathered and written in simplified language and includes information in written, audio and video format. Each article is followed by a short explanation, thus making it easier for people with intellectual disabilities to acquire knowledge and expand their horizons.

To see the list of contents in the database [click here](#).

The practice of work integration: Nonprofits, for-profits and Persons with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities

Hagai Katz, Ph.D. & Uzi Sasson, Ph.D., Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, 2014

This research project examined the occupational integration of people with developmental intellectual disabilities in business organizations and non-profit organizations. The researchers found that patterns of employment of people with disabilities are similar: rare and at a low level. It is suggested that it could be improved by explaining the business benefits of integration, and through exposing managers and allowing them to experience integration.

For more information [click here](#)

To watch a short film about the research [click here](#)



The Shalem Foundation supports innovative research in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.



"Filming from the heart"- the filming crew with developmental intellectual disabilities from the occupational training center in Kfar-Yona

"Filming from the Heart" is a film crew made up of people with intellectual disabilities from the Occupational Center in Kfar-Yona. They filmed the events of this year's "Good Deeds Days" as well as set up an impressive photography exhibition in the city's community center. The exhibition, entitled "At Eye Level,"

enables viewers to see the world through the lens of a person with intellectual disabilities. The exhibition has been displayed at various events throughout the country and generated excitement from visitors.

For more information [click here](#)

The Shalem Foundation supports social initiatives in peripheral areas of the country that enable people with developmental intellectual disabilities to be integrated in social activities



Integrating Children and Youth with Developmental Intellectual Disabilities in Youth Movements

In its second year of a five year plan to facilitate the integration of children & youth with disabilities into Israel's youth movements, much progress has been made in training coordinators, instructors, and leaders from around the country. A website with helpful tools, models and a forum for asking questions has been developed for instructors. A television campaign with the slogan, "Even if it requires more- don't miss out on a friend" has been launched alongside this initiative, to further teach children about making friends with those different from themselves.

For more information [click here](#)

To watch the video clip: [dancing together](#)

The Shalem Foundation took part in each stage of this program.



A series of cooking shows by six of Israel's top chefs cooking with people with people with developmental intellectual disabilities

As one of the Shalem Foundations initiatives that aim to encourage and develop unique social projects, Shekel association joined forces with the Ministry of Communications and Wizo to create a series of cooking shows where renowned chefs cook with people with developmental intellectual disabilities. Additionally the series was filmed and produced by people with developmental intellectual disabilities and mental illnesses.

The series was broadcast on channel 98 and also appeared on Ynet activism.

To watch the making of the series [click here](#).

The Shalem Foundation supports innovative initiatives in the field of developmental Intellectual disabilities

Just like everyone else: interviews with our most precious partners.

Meet charming eleven year old Eli, hear from him about his family, his favorite food and music. Learn about the things he still wants to do and his wish to go bowling....

To meet Eli and hear about his life and experiences [Click here](#)

Eli wants to go bowling....



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