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Years of the Jaffa Institute



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Impact Report 2021

Without YOU, we couldn't do what we do. Our impact, is YOUR impact.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I take great pleasure in sharing our 2021 impact report. As you will see, despite the challenges of COVID-19, our programming continued, with critical support provided to program participants, including over 200 Holocaust survivors in our project - *Accompanying the Elderly*.



We couldn't have done this without you.

All of us at the *Jaffa Institute* join together to express heartfelt appreciation and gratitude. This year, your support has special significance. We are entering our 40th year of service to over 4,500 children, young adults, and senior citizens participating in more than 40 programs.

We hope that 2022 will be a year full of joy and fulfillment for you, your families, and to those you cherish.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Portwicz
Founder, The Jaffa Institute



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of support!**

2021: In Numbers

5,000
volunteers in 40
programs

730
Holocaust
survivors
participated in
activities

500
bicycles
distributed

100
breakfasts
served to
seniors

400
children
received
tutoring

300
pairs of shoes
for children

15%
increase in
grades due to
Jump Start

18,000
hot meals
served at our
programs

40
home
improvements
for seniors

14,000
food boxes
distributed

5,500
families
received food
boxes

150
computers
for remote
learning

85%
Welfare to
Wellbeing
graduates
found jobs

76%
seniors who
reported a
decrease in
loneliness

280
scholarships
awarded

2021: By Month

January

Welcomed in a New Year with lots of exciting activities planned!



February

Dressed up for Purim & celebrated across all of our centers



March

Successful Passover Food Campaign - we delivered 5,000+ boxes!

April

Celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut at our program sites



May

Ran an emergency campaign for Ashkelon residents over Shavuot & Shabbat



June

BSEC graduation and end of year celebrations with certificate ceremonies!

July

Summer camp program officially in session!



August

Welcomed back international volunteer groups to the FDC



September

First social event for elderly participants - breakfast in Jaffa

October

Back to regular programming after the holidays!



November

Organized a shoe drive and distributed 300 pairs to participants



December

Hanukkah celebrations across all of our Centers and programs!

Goals for 2022

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our organization and services to the communities we help.



Here are some of the exciting things we are implementing in 2022:

- More international volunteers
- Adding 30 more adolescents to Jump Start
- Strengthening our professional training workshops
- Providing specialized professional training in trauma therapy and post-traumatic stress
- Widening our online presence
- Launching a brand new website
- Increasing overall social connectedness among all of our participants

Our Volunteers Shined

In 2021, we had **5,000** volunteers at the Jaffa Institute!



We were so proud to host:

- Corporate volunteer groups
- Youth groups
- Partner organizations
- International volunteer groups
- Intern programs



Volunteering included:

- Packing and delivering food boxes
- Assisting in After-School Centers
- Providing academic support to youth
- Delivering bikes & coats
- Participating in candle-lighting for Hanukkah

A special thank you to our long-term volunteers who have been giving their time and efforts to our programs for years.



**"We should not
leave a better
world for our
children,
we should leave
better children."**

**-Devorah,
Volunteer at our
Food Distribution
Center**

Combatting Food Insecurity



14,000 total food boxes distributed

- 730** food boxes distributed monthly
- 2,700** volunteers packed food boxes
- 4,000** special holiday food boxes each month during the holidays - Rosh Hashanah, Passover & Hanukkah
- 5,500** families received food boxes
- 7,650** food boxes delivered to the elderly



18,000 Hot meals served at after-school programs





**"This food package is
my lifeline."**

**-Efrat,
Single Mother of 4**

Caring for the Elderly & Holocaust Survivors

Regularly Scheduled Programming at
Accompanying the Elderly Resumed in 2021!



Individualized support from social workers & professional therapists



Bimonthly food package deliveries



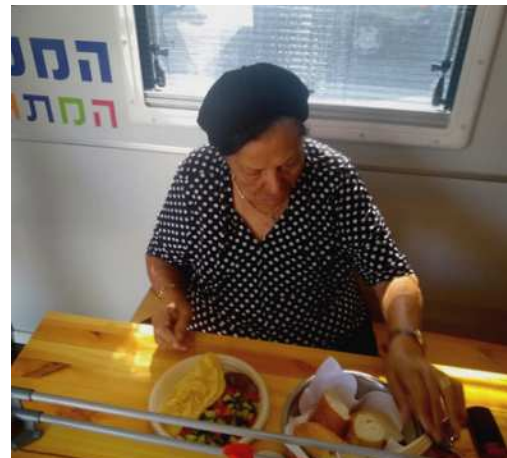
Home repairs and renovations



Volunteer visits and weekly phone calls with participants!



And SO many more special events!!



The STEM Café

We repurposed the “STEM Kitchen” to become a traveling café - staff drove the RV to elderly individuals’ homes to cook homemade brunch.

Reducing Social Isolation



- Reunited for breakfast with Accompanying the Elderly participants, friends & volunteers!
- Delivered warm winter essentials to homes - space heaters, blankets, hats
- Surprised participants with chicken soup during a stormy week
- Cooked special traditional childhood dishes & shared the meals with neighbors
- Ran various events with participants & volunteers to safely reconnect

Our Enrichment Centers

SO much more than just an After-School Center.



18 unique Centers that reach **hundreds** of children each year



Individualized support from social workers & professional therapists



Daily hot, nutritionally-balanced meals!



Fun recreational activities like biking & tennis, and so much more!



Narrow academic gaps and encourage a passion for exploration

**We opened a new Center for children with developmental delays:
Aristotle Center!**



Making Sure Children have the Essentials

With your support, the Jaffa Institute:

- Ran a shoe campaign & distributed over 300 pairs!
- Provided school supplies & backpacks
- Surprised children with brand new bikes
- Ensured everyone had warm winter clothing
- Delivered care packages during lockdowns & quarantines



Summer Camp Highlights

- Hundreds of children - 2 months of daily hot meals, therapeutic support & activities
- Academic enrichment programs
- Field trips to a water park, amusement park & zoo
- Strengthening support networks & social connectedness

Jump Start Closes Academic Gaps

Because of your support...



- Average overall grade among participants improved by **15%**
- 1 student was accepted to a gifted STEM program
- 3 graduates matriculated with a **95% in math**
- 3 participants transitioned from a special education school to a mainstream classroom
- 1 student received a certificate of excellence from her high school

In 2022, we are increasing the number of participants in Jump Start, reaching more adolescents in need of academic and emotional support.



Our Future STEM Innovators

Some of the amazing things explored in 2021.....



Space food and life on the International Space Station



How food travels around the world and to our plates



Making drones with lasers and a 3D printer



"Upcycling" to make musical instruments - that work!



What is yeast & how it works - with matzah baking for Passover



Our Science Mobile program operates out of equipped RVs to close STEM gaps for disadvantaged youth.

Building Connections & Impacting Lives

2021 At Our Parent-Child Centers...



Over 500 parents and children attended our Centers!



121 parents participated in group parenting workshops



50 individuals joined online group parenting sessions



An average of 55 therapeutic treatments a month, totaling over 1500 hours of treatments annually



18 groups in Transition to Motherhood, including over 117 families



11 parents of newborns received dyadic developmental support



75 families & 100 children a month visited the Gefen location's playground



New Program Highlight

Em Le Em (Mother to Mother):

- Pairs volunteers - mothers and grandparents - with new mothers who lack familial support
- Cultivate meaningful & supportive relationships
- Volunteers make weekly visits to new mothers to share parenting tips & provide emotional and practical help



Empowering Women Everywhere

Welfare to Wellbeing:

- Vocational skills training
- Strengthening confidence & self-esteem
- Working through past traumas
- Therapeutic workshops
- Financial literacy
- Building a community of empowered, strong women



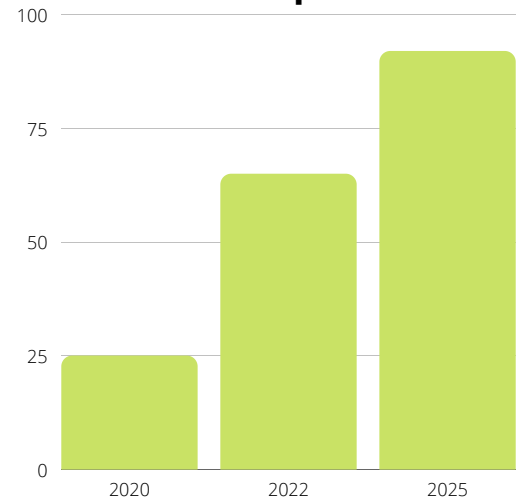
"From this program, I learned to make better decisions and adopt a different way of thinking. I learned how to accept myself.

*Today I feel **strong, valued and loved.**"*

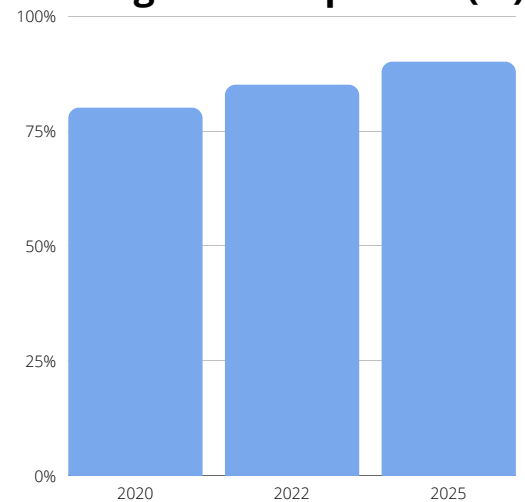
- Program Graduate

Program Growth 2020 - 2022 - 2025

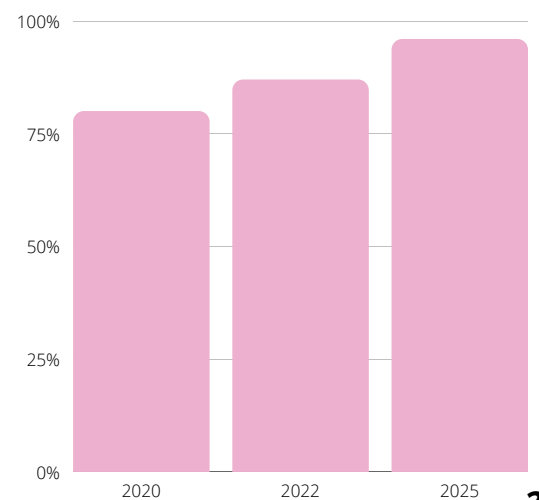
Number of Program Participants



Job Placements after Program Completion (%)



Program Satisfaction (%)



Beit Shemesh Educational Center

Class of 2021

We are so proud to share our boys' achievements:

- Entire 12th-grade class matriculated!
- Matriculation rate far exceeded national average among all tracks
- 19 graduates enrolled in pre-army prep programs
- 16 graduates enlisted in elite army units
- 8 graduates from Haredi track began advanced Talmudic studies
- 5 Haredi graduates enrolled in electrical engineering program
- 3rd-time winners of Israel's national film contest



Beit Shemesh Educational Center 2021 graduation ceremony.

Get Involved!

How can you help?

- Volunteer at one of our After-School Centers or Jump Start
- Donate through our website
- Share us on social media
- Plan a company event at our Food Distribution Center to help pack food boxes

... and so many more ways to get involved!



On behalf of all of us at the
Jaffa Institute...



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