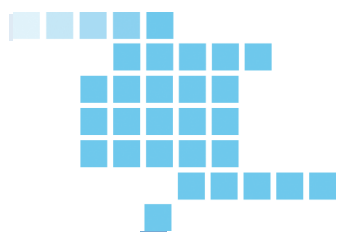




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Major News Stories

Funding

New Fund at the National Insurance Institute (NII): The Fund for the Development of Services for Children and Youth

The Fund will support activities which develop services for disadvantaged children and youth at risk or in distress due to special circumstances such as negligence and poverty. The strategic goals of the Fund for the next 3 years are targeted to systematically influence the five following areas:

- Providing a “Second Chance” to youth at risk: Preparation for Matriculation exams, higher education and employment skills acquirement.
- Diminishing and preventing violence among children and youth: System development for children and youth within educational and community frameworks.
- Program Development for victims of sexual assault.
- Program Development for the treatment of detached and drop out youth and teenage girls in distress.
- Promoting parenting education.

The Fund will operate in cooperation with local, public and governmental entities. The NII has not stated the financial scope of the Fund.

Source: www.btl.gov.il (NII website)

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/21/04

New Cinema Fund

The Fund, planned by producer Danny Faran, owner of “Drast Productions” will support the Israeli Cinema. Yankale Buaron is the proposed chairman. The Fund will be private and will consider funding projects that already have export agreements. (other foundations supporting cinema are: The New Israeli Foundation for Cinema and TV, The Origin Fund, Rabinovitch Fund, Geshar Fund, Dina Shagrir Fund, Alvin Fund, Snunit Fund).

(INPNR comment: the Israeli Cinema Law legislated in 2000 and responsible for much of the funding of Israeli movies will be abolished in 2004 due to financial constraints)

Source: Ruthy Suarez, Maariv

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/9/2004

Integration of Mentally Challenged Figures in Television and Cinema

The Shalem Fund will grant the sum of NIS 30,000 to the creator, producer and scriptwriter who integrates mentally challenged persons in television programs. The fund's goals are to diminish prejudice and create understanding and empathy with persons with special needs. Last year's grantee was Danny Faran creator of "Michaela", and Fox Kids for the program "Hidden Break".

(INPNR comment: "Michaela" is a local soap serial)

Source: Goel Pinto, Haaretz

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/21/04

Government Reports, Investigations, Policies

The Ministry of Welfare has published a report on the ministry's relations with civil society and non profit organizations

The report includes recommendations and guidelines for the ministry's work with NGO's

Source: Ministry of Welfare

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/28/04

Full report in Hebrew available at the following URL:

www.molsa.gov.il/Docs/News/2_2004-7-25_456.pdf

The Right to an Honorable Existence

The Israeli Supreme Court decides the basic income level needed to live

The continuous battle between social justice organizations and the Ministry of Treasury on the cuts made to the income allowance has been going on for some time. The issue debated currently is the definition of minimal standard of living. The discussion has gone global as both sides brought supporting data to prove their case. The Social Justice organizations that appeal to the Supreme Court are "Commitment to Peace and Social Justice", "The Movement for the War of Poverty", "The Association for Civil Rights in Israel".

Source: Yuval Yoaz, Haaretz

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/12/04

The article contains an international comparison of minimal living standards

A New Committee will inquire into the system in which the Government Support is granted to Public Institutions and non-Profit Organizations

A Government resolution coming after the State Comptroller report on the issue of government support and grants to non-profit organizations, resulted in a ministerial committee. The committee, headed by Minister Dr. Uzi Landau, is mandated to look into the system of government supports and grants to public and non-profit organizations.

The Committee invites all interested parties to present their positions and opinion on the subject. Positions papers may be sent, no later than 15.9.2004 to the committee's coordinator Mrs. Pnina Sofer, for the State Comptroller's Department, Prime Minister's Office, 3 Kaplan St., POB 13169, 91131 Jerusalem.

Source: State Comptroller's Office

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/28/04

Open Code Conference

At the Open Code Conference (Association for the Advancement of Free Programming and Open Code), representatives of the association declared that negotiations were in a very advanced stage to introduce Linux to the Israeli educational system – two schools in the North, a high school and a primary school, will begin working with Linux based systems next year, as will children in Perach program in the south. The association will assist Dr. Cohen, the head of computer studies in the Ministry of Education, to write educational programs for in open code for the 12th and 13th grades.

Source: Dailymail

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/28/04

[INPNR Comment: Perach is a publicly supervised national tutorial project. The project is designed to meet the educational needs of Israeli schoolchildren from disadvantaged families, while at the same time solving the tuition problems of university students who are paired up with a child in need of tutoring. (www.perach.org.il)]

Yad Vashem will receive exemption on local (Arnona) and property tax

Chairman of the Finance Committee MK Hirschson's proposal for a NIS 5 million a year tax exemption, was approved unanimously with the Ministry of Treasury's support.

Source: Knesset

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/24/04

Research Findings

Research on Food Security by the Ministry of Health and Brookdale Institute

Research recently completed provides for the first time national estimates on the nutritional safety situation. The research carried out during the months of March – May 2003 shows that 22% of the population does not have nutritional security.

Source: Brookdale institute

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/24/04

The research is available in English and can be purchased through the Brookdale institute website: <http://brookdale-en.pionet.com/default.asp?catid={119D20C0-4B52-4E67-81DC-FF86B1C7A455}&itemid={3247E40F-8053-4B25-A380-3B1419A8E4CF}>

Publication: Nurit Nir'el, Bruce Rosen, Shira Erez, Ayelet Berg, Jenny Brodsky, Dorit Nitzan-Kaluski, Amalia Haviv-Messika, Rebecca Goldsmith "Food Security in Israel and Its Relationship to Patterns of Nutrition" Brookdale catalogue no. ES-23-03

85% of Teenagers sent to Parole Officers are not cared for

200 Parole Officers deal with 20,000 cases a year. Only 15% of teenagers sent to Probation Service (the most difficult group) are dealt with.

Source: Ruty Sinai, Haaretz

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/26/04

International Relations

Jewish Agency's Response to School Nutrition legislation

Mr. Salai Meridor, Chairman of The Jewish Agency, asked the government not to address donors on contributions for the School Nutrition Program, established by the government. Meridor says "Israel, having a growth of 4% and a governmental budget of billions – can not address philanthropists abroad to feed Israeli children as if we were a third world country".

Source: <http://news.walla.co.il/?w=1/578492>

<http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-2956054,00.html>

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/1/04

The American Jewish Leadership, the Israeli Establishment and the Falashmura

In an article published in Haaretz, American Jewish Leadership blame Israel for delaying Aliya of the Falashmura, Israel leadership on the other hand inquire why Americans do not absorb more black Jews. The American Jewish organizations have contributed to the Aliya of Ethiopian Jews to Israel most significantly by lobbying the American Congress for the budget earmarked for refugees' assistance (50 million dollars for Ethiopian and former USSR refugees). The Jewish American Organization operates the passage camps in Addis Ababa and Gondar in which 20,000 Falashmura are waiting.

Source: Amiram Barkat, Haaretz

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/23/04

Organizations/Programs

Al-Sam Association will close on September 1st.

The organization, which helps youth with drug problems, will close due to financial problems. In response to questions as to why the organization was closing, Chairperson Liora Ofer explained the organization had a difficult time fundraising.

Source: Reuben Weiss, Yedioth Ahronoth

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/8/04

Additional information: another article on the financial problems of AL-SAM:

<http://www.nrg.co.il/online/1/ART/760/243.html>

Beitar Movement Closed in Great Britain

The non-profit status the Beitar movement in Great Britain was canceled after a report of the British Non-Profits Commissioner determined the organization overstepped its purposes.

Source: Sharon Sadeh, Haaretz

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/9/04

Food Not Bombs

FNB is an organization, which distributes free food every Thursday to people coming and going at Dizengof Center in Tel-Aviv. The food is cooked in the Salon Mazal's kitchen in Tel-Aviv and collected the day before from what is left in bakeries and markets. "FNB - Food Not Bombs", first founded in Boston in 1980 facilitates the distribution of thousand of meals every week in North America, Europe, and Australia and for the past two years in Israel.

Source: Source: Amira Nirenfeld

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/10/04

Additional information: full articles (Hebrew):

<http://www.nrg.co.il/online/15/ART/766/650.html>

To Salon Mazal: <http://www.salonmazal.org/zope/home/>

Uri "raun's "50-52" was granted the Doco-activism* prize

The project "50-52" directed by Uri Braun is about violence directed towards foreign workers by immigration police. Mr. Braun received a NIS 400,000 grant from the "The New Israeli Foundation for Cinema and TV " and Keshet Broadcasting from the Fund for Doco-activism established this year. Keshet will broadcast the movie.

Source: Source: Merav Yudilovitch YNET

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/10/04

Additional information: For the full article:

<http://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-2945354,00.html>

*Doco-activism is media action that triggers change

Latet

"Latet BeAhava" a TV program that facilitates food collection for needy families, is the joint effort of the organization Latet and Keshet Broadcasting. The program aired on September 12th was hosted by many local celebrities and prominent community members and raised 10 million NIS.

Source: Source: Boaz Grailesmer, Maariv

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/9/04

"Potchim et HaLev" (Open your Heart)

"Potchim et HaLev" organized a sports event with football and basketball celebrities. The event was aired in the Sport Channel on August 9, 2004. The Welfare Minister Orlev, Raanana Municipality, Sport Channel 5, Lineal Advertising, and "Idan Chadash BaTayarut" (New Age in Tourism) sponsored the event and all proceeds were donated to needy families.

Source: Welfare Ministry

Language: Hebrew

New Programs

Advanced Trauma Room was inaugurated at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

Dr. Ronit Lev, Trauma expert from San Diego, in partnership with the Shaar HaNegev Council, the Jewish Community in San Diego, the Jewish Agency, the Home Front Command, Kupat Cholim Clalit and the Kibbutz Kfar Aza, has established a trauma room to give first aid treatment to residents of the area and IDF soldiers stationed there, before they are evacuated to a hospital. The trauma room will also be used as a local clinic.

Source: www.nfc.com

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/1/04

Additional Information: full article:

<http://www.nfc.co.il/archive/001-D-51227-00.html?tag=21-53-39>

A New Hostel for Children with Severe Mental Retardation

The hostel will be built in Jerusalem and will include two classrooms, a treatment room and more. The building will be constructed by the Fund for the Development of the Disabled budget from the National Insurance Institute, the Jerusalem Municipality and the Shekel Association

Source: [Source: municipality of Jerusalem](#)

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/10/04

Special Rehabilitation Program for Drug Addicts in Lod

The National Authority for the War on Drugs, Ministry of Health and the Police has developed a treatment program for persons with drug addiction in Lod. Twenty participants are anticipated to join the new program.

Source: Galit Yitzak, NFC

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/1/04

Additional Information: the full article

<http://www.nfc.co.il/archive/001-D-51120-00.html?tag=21-52-26>

First Rehabilitation Hostel for Homeless and Persons with Alcohol Addiction opens in Petach Tikva

For the first time the Welfare Ministry will open a rehabilitation hostel for homeless persons and alcohol treatment. The programs' goals are to treat problems with alcohol addiction, to rehabilitate, and to facilitate integration into the community. Twenty participants are anticipated in the new program.

Source: Welfare Ministry

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/11/04

Management at a time of diminishing resources

“Management at a time of Diminishing Resources” – is a course for branch managers in social services. This course will take place at the “Tadmor” Hotel in Herzlia and will begin in October 2004.

Source: JDC-Israel

Language: Hebrew

Date: 14/11/04

Project contact person is Ms. Yarona Ben Shalom at JDC-ELKA

New Loan Fund for Business in the Arab Sector

The Fund, established by The Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development and the Koret Foundation, is available to Jews and Arabs, with grant loans up to 30,000 USD for opening new businesses or expanding existing ones.

Source: Nevit Zomer, Yedioth Ahronoth

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/2/04

Additional Information: Web sites for The Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development <http://www.cjaed.org.il> Koret Foundation <http://www.kiedf.org/home.html> both sites are in English

Corporate Giving

Sakal Duty Free Passengers at Ben Gurion Airport can now purchase a leather binder for US \$3.5 Proceeds will be donated to the Israel Cancer Association.

Volvo's importer in Israel will be the main sponsor of the *Cancer Association's 'Riding Israel'* bicycle trek, which will be called VOLVO FOR LIFE 2004

Source: Source: Nava Inbar, cancer association spokeswomen

Language: Hebrew

Date: 8/5/04

Additional information: website - www.cancer.org.il

Variant for "Matan"

Variant is in the midst of a fundraising campaign for the community in cooperation with "Matan". The campaign combines a donation with volunteer activity. During this campaign NIS 150,000 in donations were collected from Variant's employees and administration. The volunteer activity takes place with Matan and includes regular volunteer work in a club operated by the Association "TZEVA Youth Building a Future" in the neighborhood of Neve Sharet in Tel-Aviv, as well as other activities in the neighborhood. Variant is an international company traded in NASDAC, with 1,000 employees.

Source: Source: Daily Maily

Language: Hebrew

Date: 7/19/04

"ezeq for the Karten Institute

In July Bezeq (Israel's government owned telephone company) will donate an amount close to NIS 250,000 to severely disabled people with limited employment possibilities through the Karten Institute. The funds will be used for a 6 months training program in which persons with severe disabilities will be taught marketable skills such as how to operate computers, marketing and administrative duties.

"ezeq "enleumi ("ezeq international) for Youth taking part in the "Chetz v'Keshet" Project.

Bezeq Benleumi (International phone call arm of Bezeq) will grant overseas dialing cards to all participants in the "Chetz v'Keshet" project. Bezeq Benleumi decided to help teenagers from abroad living in Israel through the "Chetz v'Keshet" project, to keep in contact with their families abroad through the company's dialing cards.

The Education Force, The Jewish Agency and the Scouts Movement organized the project. Officials and soldiers administer the project, and participants are in a military framework.

People in the News

Yaron Keidar was appointed as Head of the Registrar of Associations

The Justice Minister, Joseph Lapid appointed Adv. Kidar as Head of the Registrar of Associations (Rasham HaAmutot).

Rotary Governor Exchange

An “Exchange of Governors’ ceremony and a celebration commemorating the 100 year anniversary of ‘Rotary’” took place last week at the President’s Residence. During the ceremony, the departing Governor – Mrs. Iran Lewit, and the arriving Governor – Mr. Gad Schaefer, the President of the Rotary Club, and former Governors all presented the President with the “Paul Harris Fellow”, award, named after the founder of the Rotary Club in Chicago. Mrs. Katzav was awarded an honorary member certificate to the Carmel Club.

Internet web sites

The Ministry of Absorption has a new web site explaining the many changes in the absorption system. The new system includes a personal absorption plan for each new immigrant. The site is in 4 languages <http://www.moia.gov.il/click/klitaishit.html>

Source: www.maala.org.il

Languages: English, Hebrew, French, Spanish, Russian

Date: 8/10/04

“Conversations with Disbelievers” is the name of a new site, which is the initiative of consulting firms and business associations from around the globe including the Israeli Maala. The aim of the new site is to convince corporations to invest in the community. The site is in English

Source: www.maala.org.il

Language: English

Date: 8/10/04

Additional information: site address

<http://www.conversations-with-disbelievers.net/site/>

[INPNR Comment: Maala - Business for Social Responsibility in Israel, is a non-profit membership organization, founded in September 1998, to promote the concepts of corporate citizenship and social responsibility in Israel's business arena. MAALA is a partner of Business for Social Responsibility (BSR) - a global non-profit partner to companies pursuing commercial success in ways that respect ethical values, people, communities and the environment.]

Glossary

National Insurance Institute (NII) – Bituach Leumi (hebrew)

Matriculation Exams – Bagrut (hebrew)

Bow and Arrow – Chetz v'Keshet the name of a program bringing youth from the Diaspora to Israel (hebrew)