

To whom it may concern

My name is Shmuel Kevrat, and I am a third-year law student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. My academic journey began with the Feuerstein Institute, whose support, care, and professional assistance have greatly influenced my life. Without the institute's

support, I would not be able to succeed in my academic pursuits.



My parents immigrated to Israel from Ethiopia in 1998, and I was born two years later. They worked hard and did their best to support our family. Naturally, coming from an immigrant background involves some challenges, especially with language barriers, social mobility, and access to higher education.

Initially, the law faculty at the Hebrew University didn't accept me because my high school grades and psychometric test scores didn't meet the faculty's admission requirements. I thought this was the end of my academic dreams, but a friend of mine mentioned that the Feuerstein Institute has a program that could help me get accepted to the Hebrew University. I applied to the program, and after taking a test required by the Feuerstein Institute in 2022, the Hebrew University (the first in my family to attend university) accepted me to the law faculty. The Feuerstein Institute supported me a lot by mentoring me during my years of studies – they provided me with tutors, made sure to follow up on my academic progress to ensure I was doing well, helped me secure a scholarship so I wouldn't have to work as much to support my studies, and worked to find any support that could benefit my academic journey and make the academic world, and specifically, the university, more reachable and inclusive.

I'm pleased to share that, with the Feuerstein Institute's help, I have achieved an excellent academic record (89 GPA) and started an internship at Israel's top law firm. I've served as a TA in two different courses, am a member of the Israel Law Review, and have been (and still am) a research assistant on one academic paper, with a book scheduled to be published next year.

All of this wouldn't have been possible without the support of the Feuerstein Institute. I'm forever grateful to the Feuerstein Institute for believing in me and recognizing my potential. The assistance the institute provides to marginalized groups fosters genuine and lasting change. My story stands as proof of the positive influence that the program and the Feuerstein Institute have had. Thank you so much for believing in me, giving me the chance to demonstrate what I can do, and helping me rise and improve my life.

Sincerely,

Shmuel Kevrat

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity given to me to participate in the Feuerstein program, and to share the experience



The personal and significant experience that I went through within it.

This is an exceptional program that addresses all the essential aspects of accompanying a student during intensive studies, including academic, financial, and personal support. The entire process, starting from the admission stage, was characterized by accessibility, understanding,

and a broad perspective that respects the background, abilities, and aspirations of each student.

Throughout my studies, I received supportive guidance when I encountered academic challenges, and also when I needed

For financial help or personal advice. The feeling that someone was there for me, seeing me and believing in me, strengthened my confidence.

I made significant contributions to my academic and personal growth. For me, the program was not just an aid, but an empowering framework. Thanks to the Feuerstein program, I focused on my studies, remained highly motivated, and experienced my period of study in a positive and growth-oriented way.

I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in such a valuable program and wholeheartedly recommend it to any student or students who need guidance that is both professional and humane.

Sincerely, Gaya Elbaz

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In honor of the Feuerstein Program team,

Hello,



My name is Yasta Yasmao, and I am a second-year law student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. About two years ago, I started a new path filled with hope but also with uncertainty. After finishing my military service as a recruit commander, I realized I was fulfilling my dream of becoming a lawyer, which would allow me to help others, my community, and most importantly, myself.

When I began researching which institution would be the best fit for me, the Hebrew University seemed like a distant dream. I didn't dare consider it a real option, mainly because I was afraid of the psychometric test, which I didn't believe I would succeed at. I did take the test, but its results did not reflect my true abilities. I didn't give up; instead, I started exploring alternative ways to reach my goal. One day, a close friend told me about the Feuerstein program, and from that moment on, it was all history. The Feuerstein program wasn't just an entry path; it was also a comprehensive experience. It served as a springboard for me, providing a supportive and personal framework that opened the door to academia, helped me realize my dreams, and boosted my self-esteem. Throughout the entire process, you supported me professionally, wholeheartedly, and persistently, constantly reminding me that I am capable and deserving. Now, as I pursue my law studies, I am earning good grades. Thanks to your investment and support, I also have the opportunity to intern at a large law firm, which will open many doors for me. I haven't forgotten where I started or who was there for me in those early steps. The Feuerstein program was, and continues to be, a pillar of security for me—a true partner along the way.

To your credit, the Feuerstein program definitely helps reduce the gap between community members and other students. It gives us essential tools to succeed, boost our confidence, and create a better future. I know I always have someone to rely on. When needed, you are there through tutoring, listening attentively, keeping an open door, and welcoming with a kind and generous heart.

I am deeply grateful to you, and I am delighted to be part of this remarkable project. Without this program, the gaps would have remained huge, but thanks to you, they are shrinking; our dreams are becoming a reality.

A huge thank you,

Yasta Yasmao

Hello,



My name is Petit Stowe, a third-year undergraduate student in Economics. and Accounting, as well as pursuing a first-year master's degree in Economics at Bar Ilan University.

I am the eldest of 7 girls, and the first to complete an academic degree and with God's help - I hope I can be an inspiration to my sisters. I'm originally from Jerusalem, currently living in the Bar-Ilan dormitories, and working as a student at the Ministry of Defense.

I was first exposed to the Feuerstein program in 2020, towards the end of my academic year at the Academic Preparatory Program for Exact Sciences. After being selected and accepted to the program, I enrolled in a degree in computer science at Bar-Ilan University. Unfortunately, I didn't complete the first semester of this degree, and the university stopped my studies.

After a year, I underwent career counseling, during which I was recommended to study computer science. I had attempted to do so before the preparatory program, right after my year of army service, by studying Computer Science, Mathematics, or Accounting at Ariel University.

I contacted Racheli, one of the coordinators of the Aim Higher program, who has been a constant source of support and guidance. She has accompanied me both during the first year of computer science and afterwards, until the beginning of my studies in economics, accounting, and, of course, to this day. Racheli, together with facilitator Leah, helped me cope with the feeling of failure that had gripped me at that time and encouraged me to get up and continue learning, rather than giving up. Based on the grades I achieved in the preparatory program, I was accepted into a degree program in Economics and Accounting at the university, without any connection to the psychometric test (i.e., without the help of Feuerstein). However, the program welcomed me back with a warm embrace.

The program helps me and all the other students to arrange our schedules properly. Throughout the study period and exams, we have face-to-face and Zoom meetings with facilitator Vicky, who helps us plan and effectively organize our learning. Personally, out of shame, I didn't go to ask for help – Racheli and Vicky, of course, were "angry" with me, and today they hold me "by force" and with their help I manage to get through the remaining year and a half every year, and with G-d's help, I will leave with two master's degrees.

Thank you for every donation. Please know that every shekel you donate goes directly to us. Your support can provide a living stipend, which is a crucial boost during the exam period. This stipend allows us to invest more in our studies and less in work, enabling us to focus on our academic goals. Whether it's for a living stipend or to offer guidance and a listening ear, every donation is appreciated.

Thank you

Petit Stowe

Dear Feuerstein Program

My name is Tehila, and I am a student in Communication Disorders at the University of Haifa, currently completing my second year of studies.



I came to my studies with a deep desire to integrate into the therapeutic world, but the path to my degree was not easy. A low score on a psychometric exam set the limit of a four-and-a-half-year study track, rather than a three-and-a-half-year program.

I turned to the Feuerstein Institute, and thanks to the guidance, encouragement, and focus I received, I was able to improve my grade and move on to the track I wanted.

It was a massive step for me, a significant achievement that would have been much more difficult to achieve without you.

Feuerstein's assistance continued even after I was accepted to the degree program. Already in my first year, I received a laptop from the Institute at a discounted price, which allowed me to access study materials and become organized just like my classmates. At the same time, a third-year personal mentor played a significant role as a model for me throughout the year. The combination of practical support and individual guidance significantly contributed to my academic success, enhanced my learning skills, facilitated my adaptation to the academic world, and laid a stable foundation that enabled me to begin my studies with confidence. Without the program, I would not have been able to get through the first year in a safe and strengthened way as I did.

What is so special about Feuerstein's program is that the accompaniment did not end at the beginning, but continued throughout the entire degree, with exam preparation talks, workshops to develop learning skills, and ongoing encouragement that helps me cope with challenges in real time. All of this creates the knowledge that I have an address, that there is someone who believes in me, who accompanies me, and who helps me see my abilities even in moments of difficulty.

Now, at the end of the second year, I can appreciate the substantial contribution of your accompaniment. Feuerstein not only helped me succeed in my studies but also contributed to the development of my professional identity and the strengthening of my sense of personal competence. Your approach, which believes in the potential for development of every person, has also permeated the way I relate to myself as a learner, not as someone who needs to meet an external standard, but as someone who can advance, improve, and set achievable goals for herself.

Your ongoing support has made a significant difference in my academic journey. It has allowed me to grow in a challenging environment, with a sense of security, practical tools, and real support.

With great appreciation,

Tehila Ayoub