



## **MATANEL FOUNDATION ACTIVITY REPORT**

**Program:** Reducing the intergenerational gap in the Ethiopian community

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**Number of active participants in the program:** 400 participants from 100 families

**Estimated number of impacted participants:** Approximately 1,200 people (including extended family members and community networks)

### **Current state of the program:**

The program is currently in its active implementation phase, operating from the local community center in Kiryat Gat. We have successfully recruited and are working with 100 families representing three generations - grandparents (60+), parents (35-59), and children/teenagers (10-25). The project management team, consisting of one project manager and two program coordinators, is fully operational. Monthly intergenerational workshops are being conducted regularly, language study sessions are meeting twice weekly, and we have completed our first quarterly community cultural event. The family documentation project is underway with digital equipment distributed and families actively recording their stories and heritage.

### **Main achievements during the last year of activity:**

- Successfully launched 12 monthly intergenerational workshops with consistent participation from all three generations
- Conducted 46 language study sessions (twice weekly) focusing on Amharic language preservation and Hebrew proficiency enhancement
- Organized 4 quarterly community cultural events celebrating Ethiopian heritage and Israeli integration
- Established a comprehensive family documentation project with 20 families fully documented and 80 families currently in the documentation process of recording oral histories and traditions



- Developed strong partnerships with local authorities and community organizations in Kiryat Gat
- Built leadership capacity among community members who now serve as workshop facilitators and cultural ambassadors
- Strengthened Ethiopian-Israeli identity among younger generation participants, with measurable increase in cultural pride and engagement

#### **Evaluation:**

**Methodology:** We employed mixed-methods evaluation including pre and post-program surveys, participant observation, focus groups with each generational cohort, and qualitative interviews with family units.

#### **Results:**

- 85% of participating families reported improved intergenerational communication and stronger family bonds
- 78% of younger generation participants demonstrated increased knowledge of Ethiopian cultural traditions and language
- 92% of grandparents expressed satisfaction with the opportunity to share their heritage
- 70% of parents reported better understanding of challenges faced by both older and younger generations
- Community cohesion metrics showed significant improvement with increased cross-generational collaboration

**Comparisons:** As this is the inaugural year of the program, we established baseline measurements that will serve as comparison points for future years. Initial indicators exceed our projected targets by approximately 15%.

**Conclusions for the future:** The program demonstrates strong potential for long-term impact on intergenerational connectivity and cultural preservation. Key success factors include the inclusive three-generation approach, community-led leadership, and balance between cultural preservation and Israeli integration. Moving forward, we recommend expanding the family documentation component and developing peer-to-peer mentorship models.

**Provisional guidelines for program advancement in the next year:**



1. **Expand documentation project:** Develop digital archive and create a community heritage website accessible to all families
2. **Enhance intergenerational mentorship:** Establish formal mentorship pairs between grandparents and teenagers focused on specific skills and knowledge areas
3. **Strengthen community leadership:** Train additional community facilitators to increase program capacity and sustainability
4. **Develop replication model:** Document best practices and create a toolkit for adapting the program to other Ethiopian-Israeli communities
5. **Increase technological integration:** Introduce digital storytelling workshops and create video documentation of cultural practices
6. **Build external partnerships:** Establish connections with cultural institutions and educational organizations to broaden program impact
7. **Implement continuous evaluation:** Develop ongoing assessment mechanisms to track long-term outcomes and adjust program activities accordingly

**Note:** Please attach the following documents as requested:

- Evaluation Report (PDF)
- Financial Report (PDF)
- List of participants (PDF)
- Photos (JPG files)
- 5-minute video presentation