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**ENTER**

The Jewish Peoplehood Alliance

היוזמה לקידום עמיות יהודית

*ENTER's vision is to ensure the Jewish people remain a dynamic, diverse, global community that is united, secure and inclusive.*

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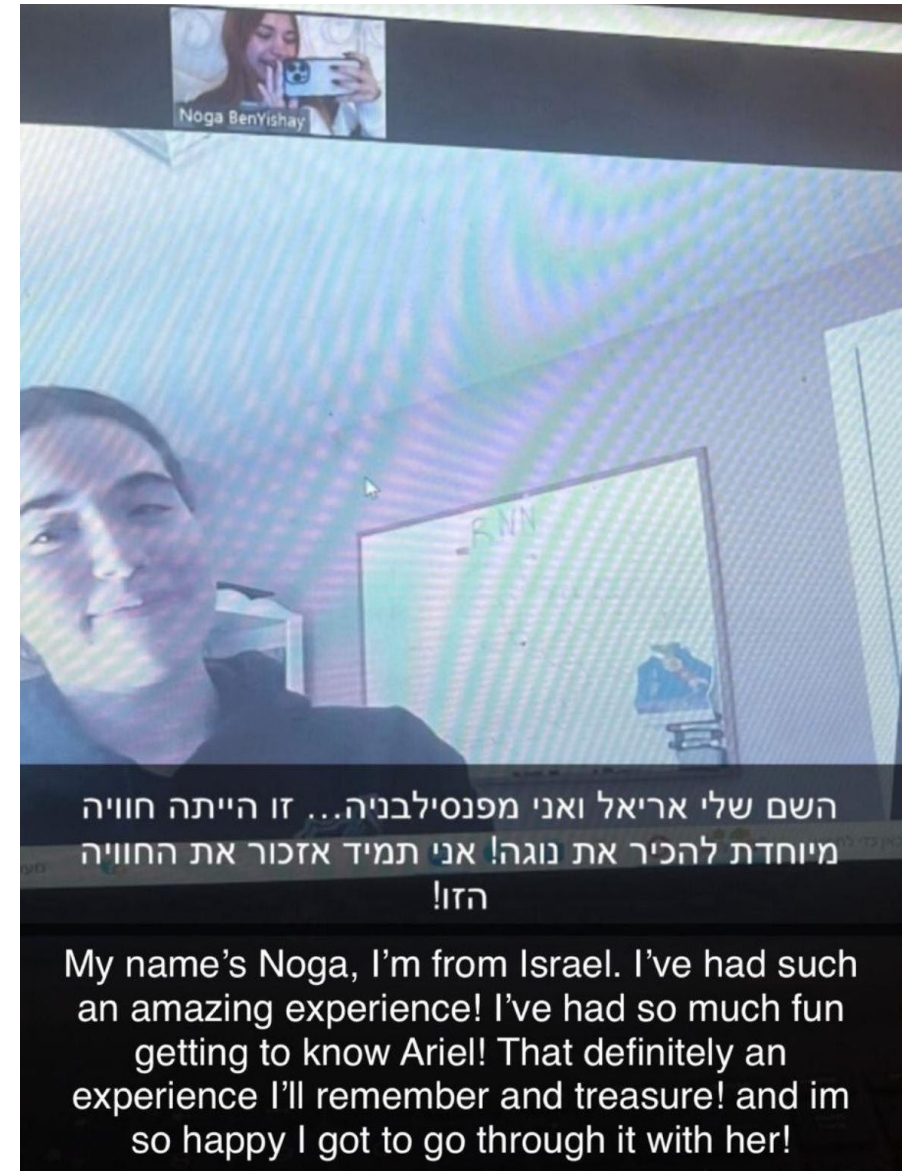


## One2One – Israel–North American high school exchange

One2One became an even more important *mifgash* (encounter) opportunity in the aftermath of October 7th. Despite the daily challenges, our “Interaction as First Aid” campaign successfully brought together Jewish teens from around the world, pairing them with Israeli teens in February, March and April 2024.

We established new partnerships with over 70 Jewish teen-organizations that didn’t previously take part in One2One. Many of them were able to gather teens quickly to join our One2One cohorts and we look forward to working with them and with additional new partners in the coming year, and we look forward to working with them and those that didn’t take part in the last cohorts towards the upcoming year.

This year, we enriched our curriculum by prompting conversations about the current situation, alongside other themes outlined in the general syllabus. We observed that the concept of *Arvut Hadadit* (Mutual Responsibility) became more prominent in this year’s conversations.



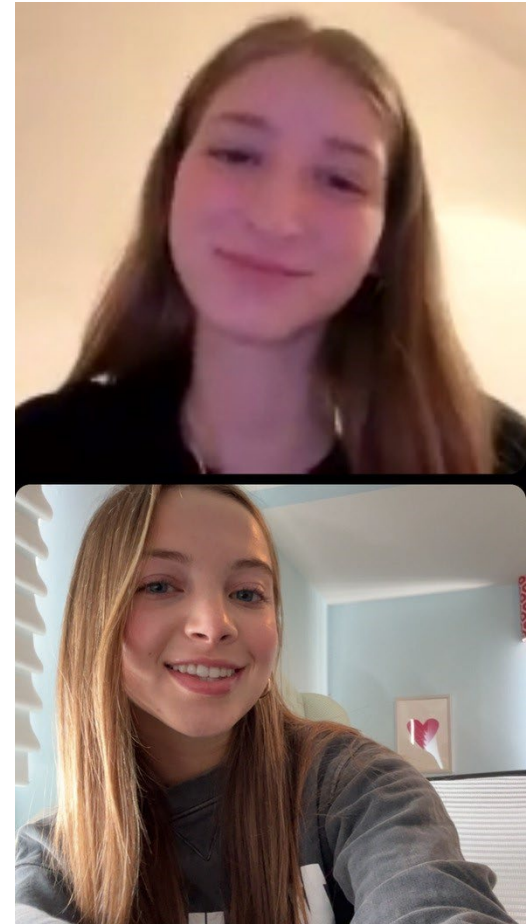


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As always, the program was supported by ongoing evaluation, including entry and exit surveys, conducted by Dr. Ezra Kopelowitz.

Below is a snapshot of the information collected. Final findings will be shared upon completion on the analysis

- 94% enjoyed meeting a teen who lives abroad/in Israel
- 88% "would like to stay in touch with their conversation partner"
- 80% discussed how the war is affecting their conversation partner
- 91% feel more knowledgeable about Jewish life in their conversation partner's country
- 91% of non-Israelis reported that the experience affected their connection to Israel
- 96% of Israelis reported that the experience affected their connection to Jews abroad



## Peoplehood Infused Schools

- Despite the challenges Peoplehood Infused Schools faced in the past year, we were able to bring more than 800 students to the ANU Museum for a day of exploration and learning. Due to the growing interest in the concept of Jewish Peoplehood among teachers in a variety of subjects area, we expanded our reach and offered the program's professional development training to nearly 200 teachers for implementation in their classrooms
- Eight of the 12 participating schools have now completed their third and final year of the program. Due to their expressed desire to continue the relationship with ENTER, working on the establishment of an alumni network.
- The Itamar school in Rishon-Lezion participated in an international online art gallery. Thirty 3rd graders have witnessed a demonstration of unity and solidarity with Israel, observing how Jewish students worldwide express their desire for the return of the hostages. In turn, the Israelis created their own art project and uploaded it to the world-wide online gallery, to be viewed by their Jewish peers around the globe
- Forty 7th grade students in the Har-Tuv school in Mate-Yehuda regional council had two online meetings on Zoom with students from the Luria Academy in Brooklyn; they discussed the differences and similarities in their day-to-day lives.





## Peoplehood Infused Schools

The year culminated with a study led by Dr. Ezra Kopelowitz and Dr. Hadar Franco, who interviewed teachers and principals from each school. The research showed that despite all that has happened, the concept of Jewish Peoplehood allowed the teachers and principals to feel supported by Jewish communities around the world, and helped strengthen the teens' Jewish identity.

**“One of the teens at our school, Ella, is the granddaughter of the Israeli hostage, Haim Peri. During one of our lessons, Ella told me: ‘You know, only in these classes I feel that I can finally express myself and my thoughts. Only while talking about my Jewish roots and identity, I can give expression to the pain we experience at home, this class gives me room to cry’. I realized just how much Peoplehood and identity make learning personal. It felt relevant and significant.”**

Liat Leder, a teacher at Yarkonim School



Chaim Peri Z”L  
Kibbutz Nir Oz (Courtesy)

## Conferences

- Earlier this year, ENTER’s co-founder, Jeff Solomon, participated in a panel discussion with Irina Nevzlin, Shira Ruderman, and David Hazony, entitled, “Forging Stronger Connections: Next Steps in Israel-Diaspora Relations,” which focused on how the crisis in Israel affected Israel-Diaspora relations and how philanthropy may need to adapt as a result.
- Jewish Peoplehood for Israeli Teachers: ENTER partnered with The Ministry of Education, The Jewish Agency, ANU Museum and Beit AVI CHAI, in hosting a two-day training conference for Israeli educators. As part of the conference, Shir Ben David, ENTER’s Director of Peoplehood Infused Schools, led a seminar demonstrating how to incorporate modules of Jewish Peoplehood into the classroom.
- The Elections in France: ENTER hosted a professional webinar inviting all partners of “The Israeli Peoplehood Coalition” to an analysis by Ariel Kandel, CEO of Qualita, the umbrella organization for French Olim. Kandel provided background and analysis of the implications that the French elections for Parliament may have on the local Jewish community (third largest in size after Israel and US) and on the State of Israel.



## What's to come?

### Jewish Peoplehood Podcast:

In partnership with the popular 103FM radio station, ENTER will be releasing a podcast series in Hebrew targeting the broader Israeli public. The podcast aims to familiarize Israelis with the notion of Jewish Peoplehood as well as presenting the main challenges and opportunities in Israel-Diaspora relations. There will be six episodes released over the next few months. Stay tuned for some promotional materials which we look forward to sharing with you soon.

### Peoplehood Pulse – Surveying top Jewish Leaders:

As part of our Measurement and Evaluation Pillar, ENTER is launching a series of surveys targeting high level Jewish leaders called “Peoplehood Pulse”. Surveys will focus on topics of broad concern (current events as well as evergreen topics) in order to enhance discussions about Jewish Peoplehood among leading Jewish figures. The first survey on the topic of sentiments in the aftermath of October 7th and the war in Gaza is already underway. We look forward to sharing more information about it in the next report.





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*ENTER's* vision is ambitious and bold,  
and our stakeholders remain deeply committed to  
“MOVING THE NEEDLE”







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