

OUR WORK DURING WARTIME



Immediately following the horrors of October 7th, we expanded our work in order to help Israelis with and without disabilities across the country.

1,000+ THERAPY SESSIONS AND RESPITE VISITS FOR EVACUEES AND RESIDENTS OF ISRAEL'S NORTH AND SOUTH

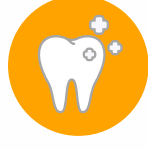
Providing the following therapeutic services free-of-charge:



HYDROTHERAPY



EMOTIONAL THERAPY



EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENTS

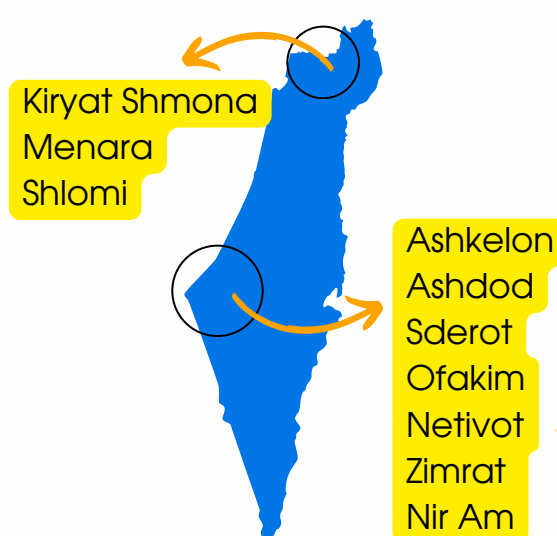


SPORTS THERAPY



MULTISENSORY THERAPY

We have welcomed evacuees from across the country



"We live in Netivot, constantly hearing explosions from Gaza bombings. It feels like they're right outside our homes. Our children are tense. At Beit Issie, amid respite, they swim, play, and enjoy lunch without the sounds of war. The building isn't vibrating; windows aren't shaking. **Thank you Beit Issie for giving us a sense of calm during the storm that is war.**"

IMPACT STORIES FROM EVACUEES



Avichai, a 13 year old boy with cognitive disabilities and his family were forced to leave their home in Kiryat Shmona on the Lebanon border. Change is extra challenging for Avichai. He is struggling with his new routine, adapting to his temporary community and new school. Avichai has been coming to Beit Issie Shapiro for weekly respite and loves his time in the pool, Snoezelen and sports center. His father shares **"Beit Issie has become his happy place during this challenging time."**

The Cohens are 7 year old triplets from a Moshav that borders Gaza. **Their uncle and cousin were brutally murdered by terrorists on the morning of October 7th.** The triplets and their family were evacuated from their home immediately following the attack and have been living in a hotel room. **They have been coming to Beit Issie Shapiro weekly to use the pool which their mother shares is the highlight of their week.** Splashing in the water, they are filled with such joy and made friends with other children who have been evacuated from the South and have also come for respite. **Watching these children play and swim, you would never know what they have gone through and what they are dealing with.**



WATCH how Beit Issie is providing trauma therapy to people in need



"They don't know when or if they'll be back home, but somebody is taking care of them now, somebody is going to help their child"

2,000+ PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT EACH MONTH

Beyond day-to-day services received at Beit Issie, we are providing additional:



EMOTIONAL THERAPY



SUPPORT GROUPS



HOME VISITS



PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE



COPIING MECHANISMS AND TOOLS

WATCH a mother's story of how Beit Issie has been a lifeline during the war for her family and her 2 year old son with disabilities



"The only thing that we decided for sure was that he will come to gan during the war. It's the only thing that keeps him regular" - Ashira

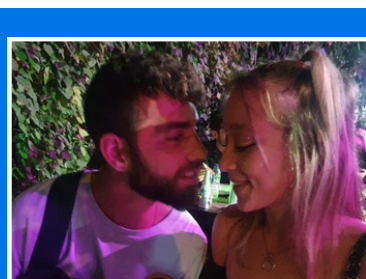
1,120+ PROFESSIONALS TRAINED AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES COACHED ON HOW TO COPE DURING TIMES OF CRISIS

WE HAVE WORKED WITH:

- IDF CASUALTY OFFICERS
- DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS
- DOCTORS, NURSES, SOCIAL WORKERS
- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES



HELPING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES ACROSS ISRAEL



Beit Issie's webinars have played a crucial role in aiding individuals like Maya, **who has bipolar disorder and is dealing with the tragic murder of her boyfriend at the Nova Festival on October 7th and a family friend held hostage in Gaza.** The webinars have equipped her and her single mother with valuable tools on handling trauma and anxiety including emotional regulation techniques and coping mechanisms, resulting in a reduction in her nightmares.



Beit Issie's Tech Center is leading a national project to **create an accessible smart bracelet that vibrates with alerts for incoming missiles and other emergencies.** This was designed for the hearing impaired and those with cognitive challenges. The project is in partnership with The Joint (JDC), Israel's Home Front Command, the Ministry of Welfare, and the Ministry of Defense.



THANK YOU TO ALL THE BRAVE SOLDIERS PROTECTING ISRAEL, INCLUDING OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL TEACHER, Yael



Before Yael became a 2nd grade teacher at Beit Issie Shapiro's Special Education School, she served 4 years in the IDF's intelligence unit. Immediately following October 7th, she volunteered to be drafted.

"I am proud to be serving in the IDF and helping the war effort. My main concern was leaving my students at Beit Issie. Beit Issie is like family and have been so supportive - it lifts my spirits to receive care packages and messages from the kids and their families. After missing my students, I came to visit Beit Issie. **Being able to be together and hug my students is giving me the strength I need to go on.**"

AM ISRAEL CHAI



TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER!

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