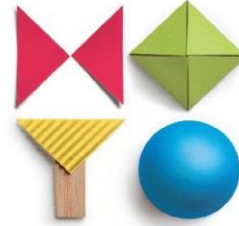


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## “BRIDGING THE GAP”

### BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR



**REPORT TO THE GERMAN FRIENDS OF THE  
ISRAEL MUSEUM**

**JANUARY 2025**

## **BRIDGING THE GAP 2024/25 – BEGINNING OF THE YEAR REPORT**

We are pleased to share that Bridging the Gap has started as planned and on schedule this academic year, despite the challenges and uncertainties due to the ongoing war.

In August 2024, the Yafe Nof (Jewish) and Ein Rafa (Arab) schools confirmed their participation in the coming year's program, which officially began on November 6, 2024. However, two additional schools who were supposed to begin in November as well, Tali Bayit Vagan (Jewish) and Al-Ula (Arab), cancelled their participation only a week before the program was scheduled to start. Their withdrawal came as a result of parental opposition to joint activities during a heightened time of war. Following their decision to withdraw, we immediately reached out to other schools who we believed would be suitable and find interest in participating in the program, and the Keshet School (Jewish) and Abu Ghosh School (Arab) joined the program, with the intention of sending 8th-grade students, aged 13-14).

Learning from last year's insight and experience, we decided to begin this year's program with joint meetings, to introduce the participants, providing a positive and safe environment that allows them to form initial personal connections, a crucial aspect of the program, especially at a time of conflict. A decision was also made to invite the students' parents to the first session. The get together included an introduction the program, followed by a brief tour of the Museum, and a drawing workshop in the Impressionist Gallery led by the program staff.

### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

As usual, the program is divided into "chapters." The first part of the year will focus on team building, fostering connections among the participants, and introducing them to the Israel Museum and its treasures. In the second part the participating students will delve into this year's annual theme, "Plants," for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and "Animals" for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, which will be explored in a in the workshops held in the Youth Wing classrooms, through visits to permanent and temporary exhibitions in the Museum, and a special visit to the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens and the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. the participants will work in groups, collaborate on a final project. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will initiate a puppet theatre with animals' poppets that will be presented to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and the parents at the final session.

### **PROGRAM FRAMEWORK AND ANNUAL OVERVIEW**

- As of November 2024, Bridging the Gap activities take place in the Israel Museum, every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, between 4:00 and 6:00 PM, and are scheduled to run through the beginning of June 2025, as outlined below.

- **On Wednesdays, we welcome a total of 30 students:**
  - 12 Jewish students on 4th grade, from the Yafe Nof School, located in Beit Hakerem, Jerusalem.
  - 18 Arab students, on 4<sup>th</sup> grade from Ein Rafa school, located in Ein Rafa, a village near Jerusalem.
  - 22 sessions are planned to take place on Wednesdays, from November 6, 2024 – June 4, 2025.
  
- **On Thursdays, we welcome a total of 28 students:**
  - 10 Jewish students on 8th grade, from Keshet School in Jerusalem.
  - 18 Arab students on 8th grade from Abu Ghosh, a local council near Jerusalem.
  - 19 sessions are planned to take place on Thursdays, from November 28, 2024 – June 5, 2025.

In 2025, aligning with the Ramadan and Passover holidays, the program will take a break During the month of March and April. The students' parents will be invited to two special meetings, scheduled in January and April 2025. The annual activity schedule is provided in the appendix.



## **FUNDING REQUEST**

As you know, Bridging the Gap is also partially funded each year by the Hans Seidel Foundation which has been an essential source of support for the past 7 years. However, the Foundation has updated us that they will not be able to secure their annual contribution to the program this year.

**To ensure the continued success of our program, we kindly ask The German Friends of the Israel Museum to consider supporting the full budget required to sustain our activities in 2025, as outlined below. Your generosity would play a vital role in helping us achieve our impactful goals in the coming year.**

## APPENDIX

### ANNUAL SCHEDULE 2024 - 2025

Meeting	Topic	Date	Notes
Teachers Meeting	Start of the Year	29/09/2024	
1	Tour and joint work in the museum exhibition Introduction Meeting with the Parents	06/11/2024 7/11/2024	
2	Icebreaker Game with Thread Spool	13/11/2024 14/11/2024	
3	Icebreaker Game + continued work on the group project	20/11/2024 21/11/2024	
4	Icebreaker Game + Completion of the group project	27/11/2024 28/11/2024	
5	Icebreaker Game	4/12/2024	Design personal T-shirt
6	Icebreaker Game	11/12/2024	Design personal T-shirt
7	Game and Beginning of the Annual Theme Work	18/12/2024 19/12/2024	In class 1 Visit to the exhibition and work in the gallery
8	Game Work on the Central Theme in Class 1	25/12/2024 26/12/2024	
Teachers Meeting	Teachers Meeting with Hadas	06/01/2025	
9	Game Work on the Central Theme in Class 1	08/01/2025 09/01/2025	
10	Visit to the Exhibition and Joint Meeting with Parents	15/01/2025 16/01/2025	

11	Educational Tour Outside the Museum	22/01/2025 23/01/2025	
12	Game and Photography Workshop	29/01/2025 30/01/2025	
13	Game and Photography Workshop	05/02/2025 06/02/2024	Separate workshop for parents
14	Game Work on the Central Theme in Class 2	12/02/2025 13/02/2025	
Teachers Meeting	Teacher Meeting with Hadas	17/02/2025	
15	Game Work on the Central Theme in Class 2	19/02/2025 20/02/2025	
16	Game Work on the Central Theme in Class 2	26/02/2025 27/02/2025	
	Summary of the project with Eldad+ meeting with Hadas	24/03/2025	
17	Meeting for the Holidays of Passover and Ramadan with Parents at the Museum	02/04/2025	Both groups together
18	Game and Work on the Final Project	07/05/2025 08/05/2025	
19	Game and Work on the Final Project	14/05/2025 15/05/2025	
20	Game and Work on the Final Project	21/05/2025 22/05/2025	
21	Game and Work on the Final Project	28/05/2025 29/05/2025	
22	Final Meeting with Parents + Including exhibition, feedback, and joint meal	04/06/2025 05/06/2025	
Teachers Meeting	End-of-Year Summary	09/06/2025	

