



For the past EIGHTEEN years, Traditional has proudly participated in the Adopt-A-Student program sponsored by NACOEJ (North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry). This program supports promising Ethiopian Israeli Jewish students who need financial help to continue their studies.

While tuition is covered by the Israeli government, students must pay for living expenses. Due to their own financial difficulties, the students' parents are not able to help. In many cases, the financial burden causes Ethiopian students to drop out of school. The support we provide our adopted students helps them stay in school and earn a degree. Ultimately, this education provides them a profession and helps them break the cycle of poverty.

Traditional is currently adopting three students. Two are supported with funds raised by the *Chesed* Committee and the third student is supported by funds provided by Louise and Mel Salzman in memory of Louise's parents.

Aragio Ayanan

Aragio graduated in August and we are adopting a new student to replace her. Below are excerpts from one of Aragio's recent letters:

Although I will soon be an engineer, I would like to continue studying in order to be a chemical engineer...I must complete my exams and then do a research project in the field of developing drugs...It is thanks to your great help that we are able to study and to keep striving forward. Acquiring an education is important for everyone, and I would like to thank you very much once again!!! Thank you for all the support you give us, which gives us plenty of strength and a will to keep going.

Gideon Trunech

Gideon is studying Law and is very appreciative of our help. Isabel Boniuk corresponds with Gideon and he sends her an e-mail each week before Shabbat. The Boniuks plan to visit Gideon when they travel to Israel in February. Gideon equates the help he has gotten as being life saving. What others may take for granted he does not.

Zehava Ovanek

Zehava is studying Sociology and Anthropology. Below are excerpts from a recent letter:

My studies are going well...I have begun learning sign language to communicate with my pupils who are deaf. They are extremely charming children which gives my volunteer work extra value...I wrote you about my 22 year old brother and his health condition. The doctors decided that we could discuss a kidney transplant. Luckily he has a very strong spirit and this will not break him...I wish you and the entire house of Israel a good month and happy holiday!!



Thanks to everyone who has supported this worthwhile activity over the years!
To continue supporting our Ethiopian Jewish students, we currently need to raise \$2280.

Please send your contribution to Traditional Congregation *Chesed* Committee
and mark it for "Adopt-A-Student"

Name _____

Thank You!!