

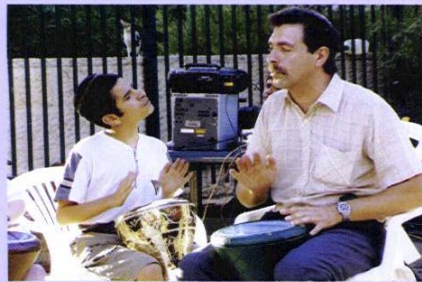
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Bridge to Society

Developing good work skills and habits are more important than ever as unemployment has risen to a high of ten percent in Israel. According to Trop, the sight impaired have always been difficult to place in industry as Israeli society regards them as having difficulty mastering work skills. "Perhaps we will also educate society a bit as they see how our students acclimate to a work environment, and just how much they can contribute to society."

Trop adds that each student has his or her own integrative program of study, and it serves as a bridge between the JIB as an educational facility and the move towards independent employment and activities. Take Joseph for example. He is well known in his neighborhood café and he has developed a relationship with his co-workers as well as customers. When he graduates from the Institute this year and returns to his hometown of Dimona in southern Israel, it is hoped to place him in a similar job in a food service establishment nearby.

"Even if a student continues with further academic study, his education for independence at the Institute is vital," adds Trop. "We are teaching skills that will be important to these students for the rest of their lives."



Enjoying music after school hours in dormitory

Recent Visitors to the Institute



AUSTRALIA

Rabbi Berish Weiner, Melbourne
Dr. Ron Weiser, Pres. Zionist Federation of Australia, Sydney



DENMARK

Mr. & Mrs. Arne & Nina Melchior, Copenhagen



ENGLAND

Mr. Arie L. Handler, London



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Mrs. Seela Sella, Helsinki



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HOLLAND

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Insights from Abroad



*In a lovely testimonial from Barranquilla, Colombia, a generous contribution was sent to the Jewish Institute for the Blind from the charity collected by the children of the community. These young people shared a true expression of the Chanukah spirit — Gracias!

* Institute Director Chaim Reshelbach was recently invited to visit the Bartimeus Educational Institute for the Blind in Zeist, Holland. Highlights of his tour included the living facilities, gymnastic education and varied workshops. After the successful visit, four professionals from the JIB have been invited for a 10-day exchange of ideas and knowledge.