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To provide hope and opportunity
to those whose lives have been visited by hardship
or marked by special challenge, and to give them not
only compassion but to offer them, too,
an enhanced Dignity.

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EDMOND AND LILY SAFRA



EDMOND J. SAFRA 5692-5760 (1932-1999)

Mr. Edmond J. Safra was one of the most accomplished bankers of the 20th century, having established an unparalleled reputation for financial acumen and trust. Born in Beirut to a family that had started in banking at the time of the Ottoman Empire, he built a business that spanned more than thirty countries across the globe.

Edmond Safra was just fifteen when he went to Milan to work on behalf of his family's banking business. Following Edmond's recommendation, the Safra family moved to Brazil, where father and son founded Banco Safra S.A. Edmond Safra was Founder and Honorary Chairman of the Republic New York Corporation and Republic National Bank of New York, and he was Chairman of its European private banking subsidiary, Safra Republic Holdings S.A. In 1999, Mr. Safra sold all of his holdings in Republic New York Corporation and Safra Republic Holdings to London-based HSBC. Throughout his career, Mr. Safra was also an extraordinary philanthropist. Rarely taking personal credit, he supported tens of thousands of students, underwrote medical research, built and restored schools and synagogues, endowed professorships, and contributed to countless humanitarian, religious, educational, and cultural causes worldwide.

Mr. Safra endeavored to ensure that needy individuals and organizations would continue to receive assistance and encouragement for many years to come. Following his passing in 1999, and under the chairmanship of his beloved wife Lily, the Edmond J. Safra Philanthropic Foundation draws continuing inspiration from its founder's life and values.



FOREWORD BY LILY SAFRA

Dear friends,

We continue to call our book “Dignity” because it was such a central concept in my husband’s life, and it will always motivate the activities of the Edmond J. Safra Foundation.

Edmond believed that in the eyes of God we are all entitled equally to dignity, and that everyone has a right to a dignified life. He also believed that those to whom God had given more than they needed were obligated to share their blessings with those who didn’t have enough.

Together, these beliefs animated the soul of a loving man who joyfully embraced every opportunity to help others. What possible higher blessing could he have received, Edmond felt, than the ability to give generously to the needy.

In the following pages I invite you to learn about some of the remarkable organizations and people throughout the world that the Edmond J. Safra Foundation and I have been proud to support over the past few years. They are caring for the sick, researching new therapies for Parkinson’s and other terrible diseases, providing high-quality education at all levels, enabling Jewish communities to pray and study together, feeding the hungry, protecting the elderly, and offering services aimed at improving quality of life for millions of people – in short, working to ensure dignity for all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lily Safra". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and "S".

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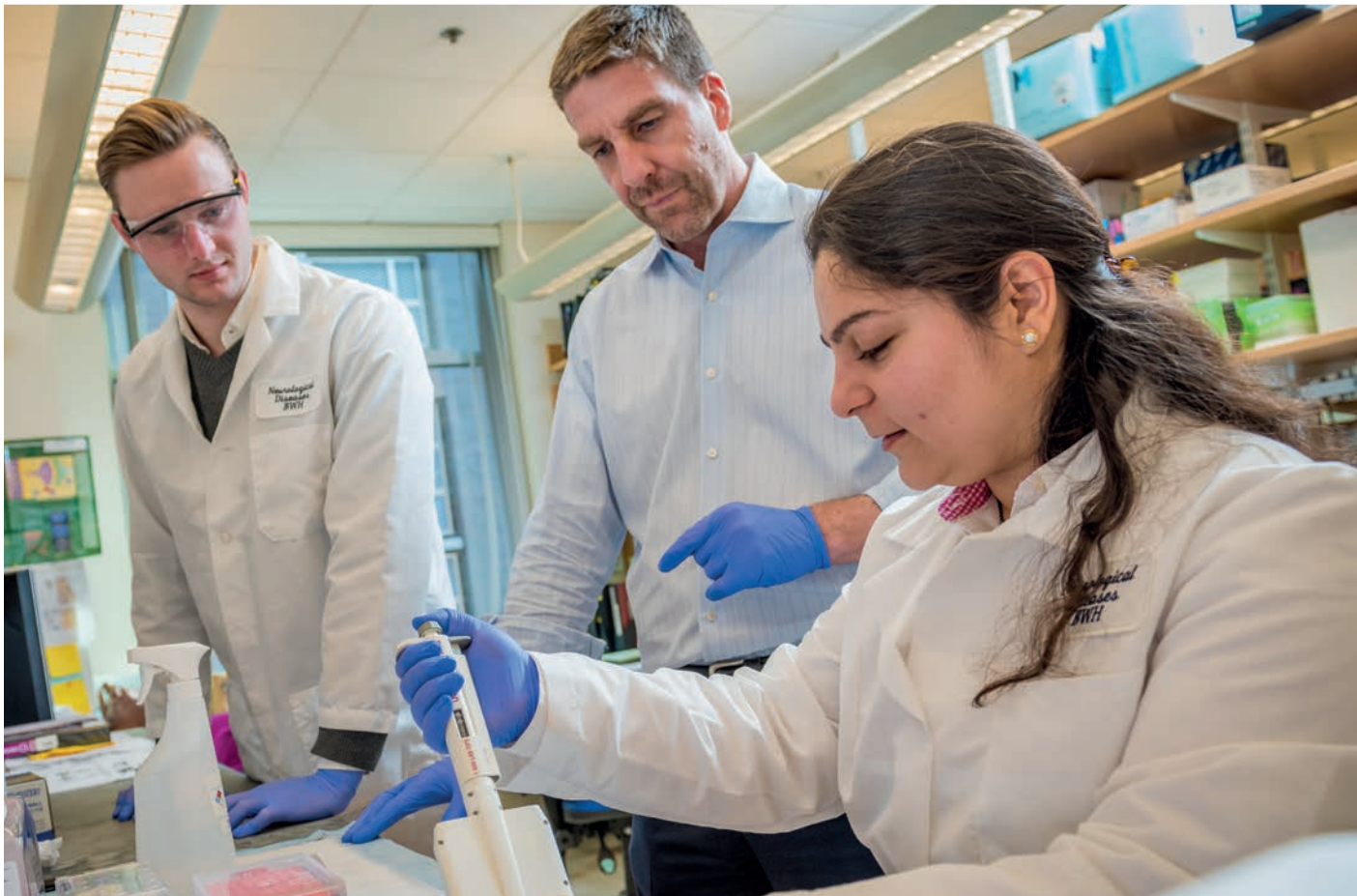
During his lifetime Edmond J. Safra donated millions of dollars to provide medical treatment for people who sought his assistance. Hospitals and research institutes across the globe benefited enormously from his generous support of their efforts to unlock the mysteries of disease and provide the best treatments possible for patients. Following this example, Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation sustain an extensive grantmaking program in the area of medical research and patient care, specifically focusing on Parkinson's disease in memory of Mr. Safra. Mrs. Safra and the Foundation support groundbreaking research in neuroscience, as well as initiatives aimed at improving training for medical professionals and empowering patients and caregivers.



Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

The world's largest non-profit funder of Parkinson's research, The Michael J. Fox Foundation is dedicated to accelerating the discovery of treatments and a cure for Parkinson's disease. It pursues a targeted research program through collaborations with industry leaders, academic scientists, and government research funders; increases the flow of participants into Parkinson's disease clinical trials with its online tool, Fox Trial Finder; promotes Parkinson's awareness through high-profile advocacy, events, and outreach; and coordinates the grassroots involvement of thousands of "Team Fox" members around the world. Through the more than \$1.5 billion in research funding it has provided to date, The Michael J. Fox Foundation has fundamentally altered the trajectory of progress toward a cure.

Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation have been among The Michael J. Fox Foundation's primary partners since its inception, supporting a wide range of research initiatives over the past twenty years.





Edmond J. Safra Program in Parkinson's Disease

TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL

The Edmond J. Safra Program in Parkinson's Disease at Toronto Western Hospital continues to be one of the world's most influential centers in research, education, and patient care in Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders. Over the past 20 years, Mrs. Safra and the Foundation have provided significant funding to establish fellowships, purchase PET imaging equipment, recruit professors and researchers, and renovate and expand the clinical space. Under the leadership of Dr. Anthony Lang – the Lily Safra Chair in Movement Disorders – the Edmond J. Safra Program is a model for Parkinson's centers across the globe.

In 2019, support from the Foundation helped the Program recruit Dr. Gabor Kovacs, a renowned neuropathologist specializing in neurodegenerative diseases. Neuropathology is a critical component of any world-leading research program, and Dr. Kovacs' work holds tremendous promise for new discoveries.





Edmond J. Safra Fellowships in Movement Disorders

For people and families with Parkinson's, seeing a movement disorder specialist – an expert who has additional training in diagnosing and treating Parkinson's – is one of the keys to an improved quality of life with the disease. Unfortunately, people with Parkinson's and their families often have challenges around seeing a specialist, such as few practicing within a reasonable distance or long wait times for an appointment. Today, there is a growing gap between the number of expertly trained specialists and the more than 6 million people living with Parkinson's around the world, a number that is expected to double by the year 2040.

The Edmond J. Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders, a partnership between the Edmond J. Safra Foundation and The Michael J. Fox Foundation, is helping to address this problem. By funding leading international medical centers each year to train new movement disorder specialists, the program is building a global network of Parkinson's experts to provide high-quality care, fuel research progress, and then train future generations of clinician-researchers themselves. The initiative is on track to graduate 72 new movement disorder specialists around the world by 2028.



University College London

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has been a longtime supporter of UCL, home to one of the world's most productive and highest-impact neuroscience centers. With over 2,000 neuroscientists – the largest concentration in the world – and over 450 principal investigators, it has for decades been at the center of major discoveries in Parkinson's disease and advances in patient care.

In addition to funding the Edmond J. Safra Chair in Functional Neurosurgery, the Foundation provided funding for the recruitment and start-up costs of a clinical research coordination team for the UCL Parkinson's and Movement Disorders Center (MDC). This group of three professionals – a clinical research nurse, a research assistant, and a data technician – enabled the MDC to take on many new clinical trials that would otherwise not have been possible.

With further support from the Foundation, UCL recently launched the Edmond J. Safra Accelerating Clinical Treatments for Parkinson's Disease initiative, aimed at establishing a multi-arm multi-stage clinical trial platform for Parkinson's. By permitting the testing of multiple therapeutics at once, and putting in place a system to rapidly assess early in the process which drug candidates are futile and which show the most potential, such a platform will significantly streamline the clinical trial process, greatly accelerating the evaluation of potentially life-changing new therapies.



Imperial College London

Consistently ranked within the top three universities in Europe and the top ten worldwide, Imperial College London is particularly known for excellence in teaching and research in engineering, medicine, science, and business. Its Division of Brain Sciences – headed by the distinguished Prof. Paul Matthews, Edmond and Lily Safra Professor of Translational Neuroscience and Therapeutics – has a long-standing interest and expertise in clinical and basic research for Parkinson's disease. It comprises more than 45 full-time senior investigators, 35 affiliated senior clinical staff, over 200 research staff, and 100 students.

In addition to providing funding for the appointment of Prof. Matthews and postdoctoral scholarships in neuroscience research, Mrs. Safra and the Foundation established the Edmond J. Safra Chair in Neuropsychopharmacology, held by Professor David Nutt. One of the UK's most distinguished scientists, Prof. Nutt is an international leader in the study of neuropsychiatric disorders such as addiction, depression, and dementia.

The Foundation has also recently supported the Edmond and Lily Safra Early Career Development Fellowships in Parkinson's Disease Research, helping the most outstanding young scholars start sustainable, independent research careers.





Clinatec Institute: Edmond J. Safra Biomedical Research Center

GRENOBLE

The Clinatec Institute, a joint initiative of the French Atomic Energy Commission and the University Hospital of Grenoble, unites medical experts and high-tech engineers in an entirely novel way: aiming to treat disease with technology, rather than drugs. Founded by the world-renowned neurosurgeon Alim-Louis Benabid, Clinatec's multidisciplinary teams recruited from around the world are developing new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to neurodegenerative and other diseases, translating developments in micro- and nanotechnology into better treatments for patients.

Featuring a medico-surgical facility directly within a research space, the institute's Edmond J. Safra Research Center allows engineers, biologists, and physicians to meet at the bedside and work directly with patients on developing, implanting, testing, adjusting, and improving new methods and prototypes designed in the same building's laboratories.

In late 2019, Clinatec's Brain-Computer Interface project published exciting results in *The Lancet Neurology*: a quadriplegic patient was able to move all four of his paralyzed limbs using a brain-controlled exoskeleton suit. Clinatec also recently began a four-year clinical trial of a novel infrared light therapy for Parkinson's, a neuroprotective technique that researchers hope could slow or even stop the progression of the disease.





Paris Brain Institute

PITIÉ-SALPÊTRIÈRE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation remain the largest private supporters of the Paris Brain Institute (ICM), a hospital and international research center focused on diseases of the nervous system. The ICM allows physicians and scientists to constantly collaborate on translating laboratory discoveries into practical treatments for patients suffering from neurological and psychiatric disorders.

Based at the Pitié-Salpêtrière hospital, the largest neurological hospital in France, the ICM's vast laboratories and cutting-edge technology are used by more than 700 researchers, technicians, and students recruited from around the world and from a wide variety of fields within the neurosciences, all working to understand the causes of brain diseases and to develop mechanisms for their prevention and cure. The institute aims to translate ideas into the most promising applications by helping its scientists in developing prototypes and creating spin-offs and alliances with companies (guided by its robust technology transfer office). In recent years the Edmond J. Safra Foundation has provided support for a Parkinson's research initiative and the acquisition of a custom-designed Bi-Photon microscope.





Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Brain Sciences

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
OF JERUSALEM

Created in 2009, the Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Brain Sciences (ELSC) has established its reputation as a world-leading brain science center, integrating Hebrew University's deep experience in theoretical neuroscience with cognitive, biological, and computational neuroscience. With the Foundation's support, ELSC has hired 14 new faculty members; expanded its highly competitive PhD program; and forged collaborations with leading neuroscience centers at University College London, Columbia University (New York), and the Max Planck Institute (Germany), among others.

In 2019, ELSC moved into its new home, a magnificent building designed by British architect Norman Foster. The 15,700 square meter facility comprises two parallel wings that frame a central courtyard covered by a retractable roof. Twenty-eight labs, a 200-seat auditorium, classrooms, cutting-edge equipment, an art gallery, and numerous social hubs promote ELSC's interdisciplinary ethos.

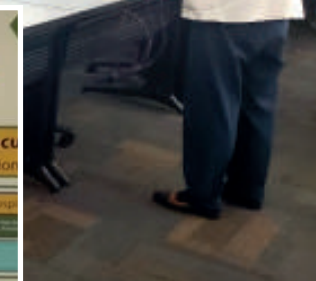
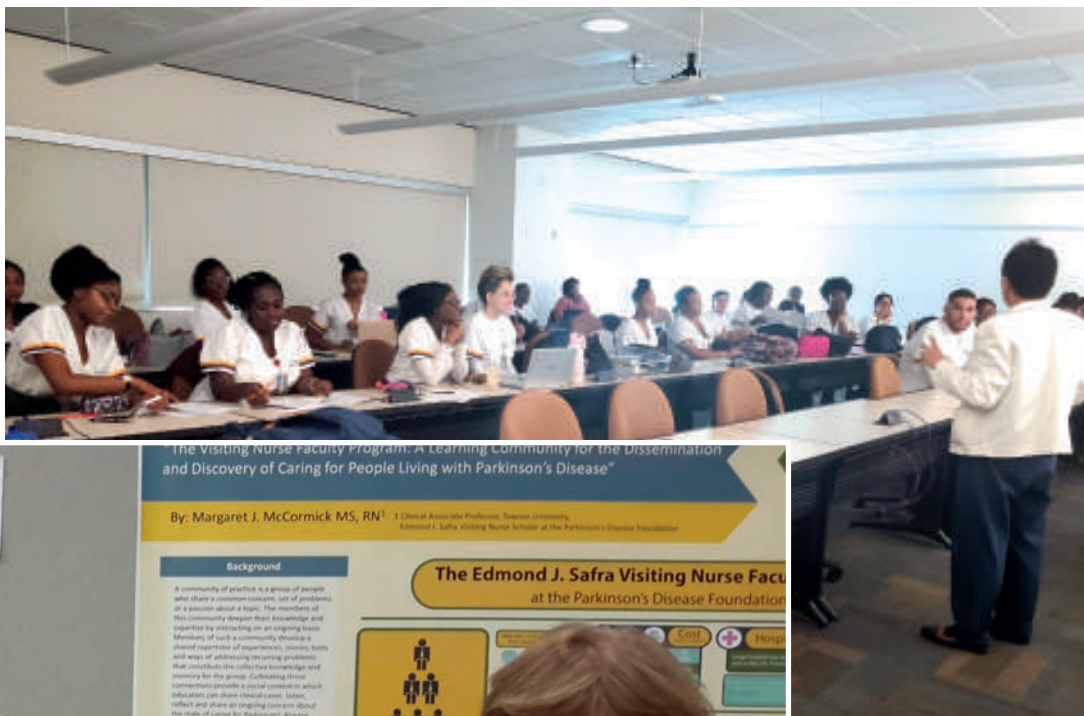




Edmond J. Safra Visiting Nurse Faculty Program in Parkinson's Disease

Most undergraduate nursing students receive little or no training in Parkinson's disease. This program, run in partnership with the Parkinson's Foundation (USA), addresses the problem through intensive seminars and clinical experiences for nursing school faculty, who are then prepared to incorporate Parkinson's information and case studies into their curricula, develop and deliver clinical lectures, and provide improved mentoring to their undergraduate students. Participating faculty learn from a variety of medical professionals, spend time in patient encounters with physicians, nurses, and therapists, and pursue an independent project related to Parkinson's nursing care. Through "teaching the teachers", thousands of nursing students each year enter the workforce better prepared to care for Parkinson's patients and their family members.

As of the end of 2021, 312 nursing school faculty members (representing 160 nursing schools from the United States and six other countries) and 58 other medical professionals have participated. These faculty provide an estimated 26,000 student nurses each year with a working knowledge of caring for Parkinson's patients and their families. Additionally, as a result of their experience with the program, a number of faculty have made major shifts in their careers, deciding to devote themselves to Parkinson's research and care, publishing book chapters and leading journal articles, and creating innovative ways to reach other nurses and teach about Parkinson's.





Struthers Parkinson's Care Network

As Parkinson's advances, many people seek the services of home care or senior living communities, however most of these agencies and facilities have very limited knowledge of the disease and how to develop and maintain best practices in Parkinson's care. The Struthers Parkinson's Care Network (SPCN) was created to educate, empower, and motivate staff of these organizations through comprehensive training programs and ongoing support from the highly regarded Struthers Parkinson's Center of Minneapolis.

Funding from the Edmond J. Safra Foundation has helped the network grow to over 90 members across 13 states: senior residential communities and home care agencies that have recognized the need for specialized Parkinson's care and have committed themselves to providing this support to people living with Parkinson's and their families. Almost 12,500 staff of member organizations – including administrators, direct care providers, dining staff, housekeeping and maintenance workers, and others – have now completed the curriculum designed by SPCN.





Parkinson's Foundation

The Parkinson's Foundation works to improve the quality of care for Parkinson's patients through research, education, and outreach, in the United States and around the world. The organization's 47 "Centers of Excellence" are medical centers with a specialized team of neurologists, movement disorder specialists, physical and occupational therapists, mental health professionals, and others who are up to date on the latest Parkinson's medications, therapies, and research. They also provide patient education programs, community outreach programs, and specialized Parkinson's training for healthcare professionals.

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation provided leading support for the Parkinson's Foundation's "Aware in Care" campaign, a program aimed at improving hospital care for people with Parkinson's, who often encounter medication mismanagement and lack of awareness of the disease's complicated and irregular symptoms. To help patients and caregivers receive better care in the hospital, the Edmond J. Safra Foundation supported a "hospitalization kit" that contains practical materials and tools – such as information sheets and identifying cards and bracelets – to ensure that a patient's Parkinson's will not be overlooked. To date, almost 115,000 kits have been distributed.



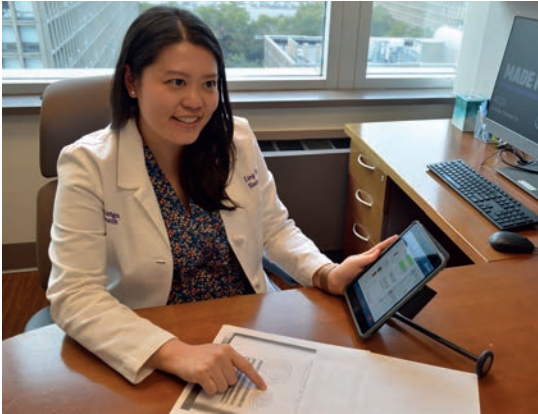


Edmond J. Safra Parkinson's Wellness Program

NEW YORK

Developed by Dr. Alessandro Di Rocco, currently Director of the Movement Disorders Program at Northwell Health, this groundbreaking program helps people with Parkinson's disease maintain an active lifestyle in a supportive and meaningful environment. Based at the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan, it provides a range of Parkinson-specific fitness classes, educational lectures, and programs for family caregivers.





Lily Safra Fellowship in Movement Disorders

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

The Marlene and Paolo Fresco Institute for Parkinson's and Movement Disorders at NYU is a recognized global leader in Parkinson's treatment and research. Mrs. Safra and the Foundation provided significant funding to help establish the center in 2007, to underwrite an innovative home care program for advanced Parkinson's patients, and to support the training of talented young neurologists through the Lily Safra Fellowship. Since 2013, nine Lily Safra Fellows have had the opportunity to learn from expert mentors about the most advanced and sophisticated Parkinson's treatments, participate in clinical trials and other research initiatives, and develop their skills to become eloquent and knowledgeable advocates for patients and families affected by the disease.





Parkinson's Disease Care and Education Program

MONTEVIDEO

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation provides continuing support for a therapeutic, rehabilitation, and education program it helped create for people with Parkinson's and their loved ones in Montevideo, Uruguay. A dedicated team of 13 professionals offers weekly therapy sessions for patients (speech therapy, physical therapy, and psychological help); weekly mental health counseling sessions; monthly informational conferences for patients, families, caregivers, and medical professionals; weekly water rehabilitation sessions in a local swimming pool; a monthly support group meeting for families and caregivers; and other activities and services based on individual needs. Most of the participants are elderly and of modest means, and the program's services are therefore provided free of charge.

More than 500 patients have now participated in the rehabilitation and therapy groups, with notable improvements in their quality of life. In addition, over 500 relatives and caregivers are involved in the program. The team has published 13 booklets containing transcripts of its almost 150 public lectures as well as other valuable information on Parkinson's disease for patients and medical professionals.



Association France Parkinson

France Parkinson was created in 1984 as a network for patients to feel less isolated facing a disease that was little known at the time. Today, there are around 200,000 people in France living with Parkinson's disease, and the association maintains over 70 local support groups throughout the country. The association has five missions: to support patients and caregivers; to educate the public and the media about the disease; to train medical professionals; to support research; and to advocate with public authorities on behalf of patients and caregivers.

As in many other countries, French schools for physiotherapists, speech therapists, and occupational therapists provide very little education about Parkinson's disease. To ensure that people living with Parkinson's have access to rehabilitation professionals with thorough training in the specificities of the disease, France Parkinson has been training medical professionals in the field of rehabilitation for nearly 10 years. The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has been supporting these trainings since 2018.



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- Pour se rencontrer et échanger entre proches
- Pour approfondir vos connaissances de la maladie de Parkinson
- Pour se préserver et prendre aussi soin de soi





World Health Organization

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation is sponsoring the groundbreaking work of the WHO's Brain Health Unit aimed at helping low- and middle-income countries improve the level of care offered to people with Parkinson's disease and other neurological disorders.

After a successful global consultative workshop (the first-ever such WHO initiative on Parkinson's disease) the Brain Health Unit published the first "WHO Technical Brief" on Parkinson's disease – a detailed document addressed to ministries of health and the wider public health community that outlines the latest information on Parkinson's, why it matters, and steps governments can take to improve care in their countries. This has set the foundation for the WHO to pursue further important work in this area, including its current efforts to make essential Parkinson's disease medications reliably accessible in low- and middle-income countries.





International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society

The International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (MDS) is the primary international professional society of clinicians, scientists, and other healthcare professionals working in Parkinson's disease and related neurodegenerative and neurodevelopmental disorders. The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has partnered with the MDS to support Parkinson's patient care and professional education projects worldwide – particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

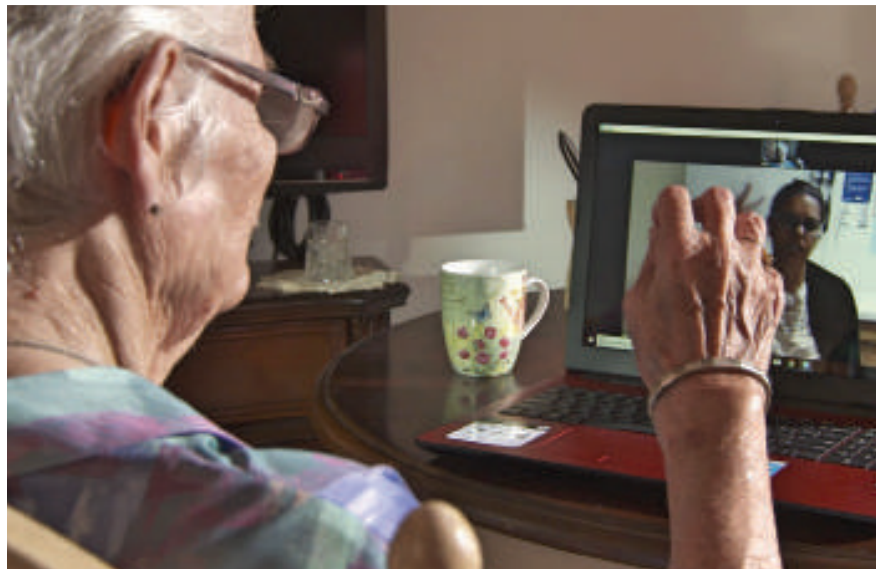


Telemedicine for Parkinson's Disease Care and Research

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER,
NEW YORK

To help provide specialist care to more people with Parkinson's, the Edmond J. Safra Foundation supported the development of telemedicine initiatives, including the largest such program for Parkinson's in the United States: Parkinson Disease Care New York (PDCNY), established by Dr. Ray Dorsey of the University of Rochester. Funding from the Foundation helped PDCNY enroll and care for 400 patients in its first three years.

The program has successfully reached the clinically and geographically underserved: those who are older, have more advanced disease and trouble leaving home, and live further away from in-person care possibilities. PDCNY offers its participants one-on-one telemedicine visits with movement disorder specialists, access to Parkinson's-trained physical, speech, and occupational therapists, and educational content through the "ParkinsonTV" series – all at no cost. Participants are overwhelmingly happy with the program, with 94% overall visit satisfaction. Being able to see a specialist through telemedicine drastically improved their outlook and knowledge base, as well as treatment options.



Direct support for people with Parkinson's

MELVIN WEINSTEIN
PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION

Run on an entirely volunteer basis, the Melvin Weinstein Parkinson's Foundation (MWPF) provides needy people with Parkinson's with essential resources including medications, health care equipment like wheelchairs and shower chairs/bars, medical supplies, home health care services, and expenses such as petrol for long drives to the doctor.

Assistance from the MWPF enables people living with Parkinson's to live more safely and in accordance with the recommendations of their doctors, and it significantly lessens the burden on caregivers. Medications, wheelchair ramps, "U-Step" walkers and canes, lift seats, in-home care, tub transfer benches, and a variety of other such items are daily necessities that many patients simply cannot afford. Having even one of these resources makes a truly profound impact on the day-to-day lives of those affected by Parkinson's disease.

With regular support from the Edmond J. Safra Foundation, the MWPF has provided assistance to over 1,870 patients throughout the United States.



Edmond J. Safra Family Lodge

NATIONAL INSTITUTES
OF HEALTH

The Edmond J. Safra Family Lodge provides no-cost accommodation and a home-like place of respite for families and loved ones of patients receiving care at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center, the premier clinical research hospital in the United States. Since its opening in 2005, the Edmond J. Safra Family Lodge has welcomed over 270,000 guests from six continents. A “home away from home,” the English manor-style residence includes 34 guest rooms, a library, a business and telecommuting center, a fitness center, a large kitchen and dining area, comfortable social areas, and the Claudio and Evelyne Cohen Garden.

Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation have supported regular improvements over time, including expanding the kitchen, making it possible for several families to cook their meals at the same time. Recently, the Foundation supported the complete renovation of the Lodge, which now welcomes guests with fully refreshed bedrooms and public spaces.





Mrs. Safra and the Foundation also support the biomedical research initiatives spearheaded by the Foundation for the NIH (FNIH), including a leadership gift in 2020 to the Futures Fund Initiative, helping the FNIH to address immediate needs and leverage opportunities with flexibility. One of the first distributions from the Futures Fund supported the design phase of the Accelerating Medicines Partnership in Bespoke Gene Therapy. This program aims to develop platforms and standards that will speed the development and delivery of customized gene therapies that could treat the millions of people affected by rare diseases.



Edmond and Lily Safra Children's Hospital

TEL HASHOMER

The Edmond and Lily Safra Children's Hospital provides comprehensive, state-of-the-art clinical care to children from birth through adolescence and across all specialties of medicine and surgery. It cares for patients with the most complex illnesses and serves as a tertiary and quaternary referral center not only for Israeli children, but also for children from the Palestinian Authority and from other regions in the Middle East. The hospital includes a variety of specialized facilities allowing hospitalized children to play, to be with their families, and to keep up with their education.

In addition to providing world-class patient care, the faculty of the Edmond and Lily Safra Children's Hospital are leaders in research, and the institution is also committed to the education of the next generation of clinicians and nurses, operating one of the largest training programs in Israel, as well as international training programs in cardiac surgery, neonatology, and pediatric critical care.

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation is currently helping to fund a significant renovation and expansion of the hospital, providing more than 14,000 square meters of new space.





Support for hospitals in Israel

In addition to its major efforts with the Edmond and Lily Safra Children's Hospital at Tel Hashomer, the Edmond J. Safra Foundation has been a regular, generous supporter of hospitals throughout Israel, mostly through the renovation of facilities and the provision of specialized equipment. For patients living in the periphery of the country, these important upgrades often mean that they no longer have to travel long distances to receive the care they need.

Among the hospitals and medical centers the Foundation has supported are Barzilai (Ashkelon), Bnai Zion (Haifa), Loewenstein (Ra'anana), Mayanei Hayeshua (Bnei Brak), Meir (Kfar Saba), Poriya (Tiberias), Rabin (Petah Tikva), Reuth (Tel Aviv), Soroka (Beer Sheva), Yoseftal (Eilat), and Ziv (Tzfat).





ALEH

CARING FOR ISRAEL'S DISABLED CHILDREN

ALEH is Israel's largest network of residential facilities for children with severe disabilities: over 450 children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and complex medical conditions receive the highest quality medical, educational, and rehabilitative care at their branches and support centers across the country. ALEH also provides over 100,000 outpatient treatments annually. Without ALEH, many of these children would be forced to spend their lives in hospitals, with no opportunities for rehabilitation, education, or the love and warmth of a home-like treatment environment.

Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation have assisted in the construction of multiple ALEH branches. The recently completed facility in the city of Bnei Brak comprises a sophisticated medical center providing 24-hour care (including a rehabilitation center, hydrotherapy pool, dental clinic, and nursing department), as well as a residential school featuring multiple educational frameworks for people with disabilities and developmental complexities.





Meshi Children's Rehabilitation Center

JERUSALEM

A rehabilitation center for children with severe neurological, muscular, and/or nervous system disorders, Meshi provides comprehensive therapeutic and educational services in nursery and classroom settings for children aged eight months to 17 years. Currently, Meshi cares for 250 children on a full-time basis, in addition to many more who come to the center a few times a week for particular therapies.

Meshi has become one of Israel's leading early childhood development centers: utilizing therapies and state-of-the-art equipment unavailable elsewhere; helping children learn to stand, walk, and speak; and ultimately enabling them to gain mobility, independence, and the chance to play. Being in a group setting encourages peer learning and motivation in day-to-day activities as well as in structured therapeutic sessions. It provides a comfortable environment in which children can practice socializing and learn critical life skills through activities that include arts and crafts, games, and music. Each child receives individual attention as he or she confronts personal physical, emotional, and cognitive challenges.





ALUT

THE ISRAELI SOCIETY
FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN

Established in 1974, ALUT is Israel's leading resource for families coping with autism. The organization's 1,400 person staff and network of 400 volunteers offer a comprehensive array of services, beginning at the time of diagnosis through adulthood.

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has supported ALUT for almost 30 years, helping fund the construction of four of its 17 "Homes for Life". These residential communities currently serve 450 people with autism and are run like a regular family home: every morning, residents go to their jobs, and in the afternoon they return home and have organized leisure activities. Every home has dedicated staff and a live-in home director, caring for the residents 24 hours per day, every day of the year. ALUT also runs 13 occupational day centers for 400 people, 12 kindergartens caring for 150 children providing critical early intervention, training courses for professionals, and a network of family support groups.



Geneva University Hospitals

The Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) is the leading Swiss university hospital group, comprising 10 public hospitals in Geneva and 50 outpatient units throughout the canton. The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has continued the generous support to the hospital that Mr. Safra provided during his lifetime, notably by regularly financing the Edmond J. Safra Research Fund that he created.

The Foundation recently helped to develop the research and treatment efforts of the Memory Center of HUG, a multidisciplinary center for Alzheimer's disease and other cognitive disorders, which is part of a collaborative network across Switzerland and Europe dedicated to the treatment and prevention of dementia. In addition, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation funded the work of the HUG's Clinical Research Center (CRC), helping to advance more than 35 COVID-related research initiatives. CRC studies have focused on potential therapeutic solutions and the impact of the disease on the immune system. These projects are funded in partnership with the HUG Private Foundation.



Sidaction: Ensemble Contre le SIDA

Created in 1994, Sidaction unites the scientific and non-profit communities of France in searching for a cure for HIV/AIDS, implementing prevention strategies, and providing vulnerable people much-needed treatment assistance. Sidaction supports fundamental, applied, and clinical research projects across the biomedical fields that are relevant to HIV/AIDS. The organization has funded hundreds of research studies in virology, immunology, and vaccinations, as well as the development of new therapies.

Early detection of HIV is key to controlling the impact of the virus and increasing a person's life expectancy. Each year, Sidaction supports over 100 projects carried out by more than 70 associations across France that include working with high-risk and vulnerable populations to expand testing, providing preventive measures, and fighting for access to health care. Taking a holistic view of a patient's needs, Sidaction offers assistance in everything from fighting discrimination to accessing housing. Sidaction also funds dozens of projects in close to 20 countries in Africa, Eastern Europe, and Asia that provide medical, psychological, and social support to people living with HIV/AIDS.





Fight AIDS Monaco

Led by its founder, H.S.H. Princess Stéphanie, Fight AIDS Monaco works to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS. In Monaco, the organization offers a range of activities such as exercise classes, yoga, arts workshops, and cultural visits. In Carpentras, France, “La Maison de Vie” offers short-term residential stays for people living with HIV/AIDS, providing them an opportunity to rejuvenate and acquire skills and insights to assist in daily living. Internationally, Fight AIDS Monaco has supported prevention efforts and projects to combat HIV/AIDS in Burundi, Haiti, Madagascar, Mauritius, and South Africa.

As part of its mission to inform the public about the risk of HIV and to help people seek early treatment, the association organizes frequent testing days around Monaco and works in conjunction with the Department of Education to provide students with information and prevention strategies.





Elton John AIDS Foundation

The Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) is a leader in the fight to end AIDS, having raised more than \$515 million for the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS since 1992. It supports innovative HIV prevention programs, efforts to eliminate stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS, and direct care and services for people living with the disease, especially marginalized populations. These direct services include HIV/AIDS-related medical and mental health treatment, testing, and care.

EJAF is heavily invested in ending AIDS for young people, which is now the leading cause of death for this age group in Africa and the second leading cause of death for youth globally. Services to young people – including groundbreaking new approaches to reaching youth with information on sexual health across multiple countries – continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Safra has been one of the Elton John AIDS Foundation's most generous donors, and along with the Edmond J. Safra Foundation has supported EJAF's prevention, treatment, counseling, and advocacy work globally.





Understanding that the highest form of philanthropy is helping people be able to provide for themselves, Edmond J. Safra was firmly committed to making educational opportunities available to children from disadvantaged backgrounds. He supported a variety of schools and programs, and he provided university scholarship funds for hundreds of needy students, believing that higher education was essential for every young person in the modern world. The Edmond J. Safra Foundation follows his example and supports scholarships, schools, and innovative educational programs worldwide.

Opportunity



Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Ethics

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Ethics engages in teaching and research about pressing ethical issues; fosters sound ethical reasoning and civic discussion; and brings its work to the broader community in the public interest. Under the leadership of Professor Danielle Allen, the Center is home to fellowship programs, strategic initiatives, and public events that address practical ethical questions across a wide range of fields – from business to social policy, democratic institutions, Artificial Intelligence, and many more.

In the spring of 2020, in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Ethics marshalled its deep and multi-disciplinary intellectual resources in support of an integrated policy response to the pandemic that sought to align objectives of health, economy, justice, and democracy. The result was three policy roadmaps, 23 white papers, technical advisory manuals, and data tools for practitioners and the public that helped people understand what was needed to protect lives, liberties, and livelihoods simultaneously.

Among its other initiatives, the Center has taken the lead in encouraging the creation of a range of new undergraduate courses at Harvard and, in partnership with schools and universities across the country, the growth of ethics-oriented courses and high-quality instructional resources for students of all ages nationwide.





Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Since its establishment ten years ago, the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Tel Aviv University has developed a national and international reputation for excellent scholarship and important contributions to public intellectual life. In its first five years, the Center focused on the theme of “science, ethics, and democracy,” and it then shifted to address the pressing issues of “markets, ethics, and the law”. Fellows at the Center are exploring the limits of the market, the social responsibility of market actors, the distributive effects of markets, and the normative implications of their globalization.

The Center has hosted nearly 100 doctoral and postdoctoral researchers from around the world for residential fellowships. It also provides research grants in ethics to university faculty; organizes multidisciplinary research groups; and hosts regular international colloquia and conferences featuring senior scholars and public policy leaders. Graduating fellows have gone on to prestigious academic programs and faculty positions at leading universities worldwide.



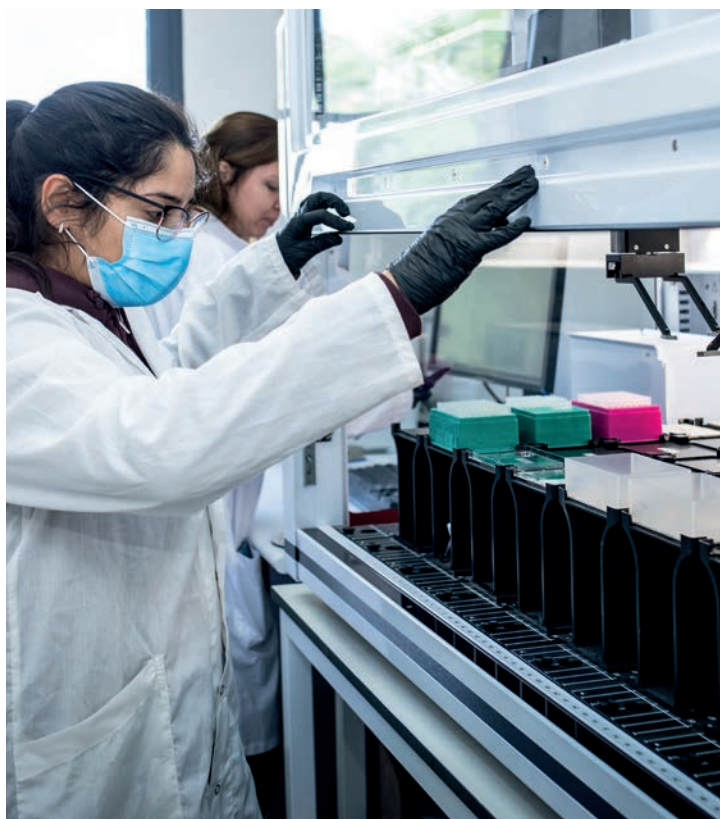


Edmond J. Safra Center for Bioinformatics

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

The Edmond J. Safra Center for Bioinformatics at Tel Aviv University is the largest and most comprehensive bioinformatics center in Israel, and an international leader in the field. Focused on the development and application of advanced computational tools for analysis of biomedical data, the Center is a driving force in the development of precision medicine and biomedical technologies to improve human health. It encompasses more than 180 researchers in 46 research groups across the university, spanning computer science, life sciences, medicine, physics, engineering, and statistics.

Software tools developed by the Center's researchers are currently used by thousands of life sciences and medical researchers around the world, and the Center continues to develop partnerships and collaborations with leading institutions worldwide to further advance this research. The Center's fellows have published more than 425 scientific papers and have received numerous prestigious awards and top international prizes.





Edmond J. Safra Brain Research Center for the Study of Learning Disabilities

UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA

The Edmond J. Safra Brain Research Center for the Study of Learning Disabilities at the University of Haifa is an international leader in its field, pursuing cutting-edge research in reading and writing, numerical cognition, and motor skills and learning. The Center implements its findings through the development of novel pedagogical tools to improve reading and numeracy skills in classrooms throughout the world, enabling teachers to diagnose, intervene, and help all students reach their academic potential.

The Edmond J. Safra Center has recently led a pioneering study that follows the evolution of the academic, cognitive, and emotional abilities of children in both the Hebrew- and Arabic-speaking communities in Israel, from kindergarten to second grade. The study charts the natural course of early development in reading, writing, and arithmetic; identifies kindergarten precursors of later learning difficulties; and examines children who face multiple simultaneous learning challenges (literacy, numeracy, language, and attention). The study has been tracking over 2,000 Hebrew- and Arabic-speaking children and will continue to follow them through the sixth grade.





Israel Scholarship Education Foundation

Since its establishment 45 years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Safra and Mrs. Nina Weiner, ISEF has awarded more than 20,000 university scholarships to gifted Israelis from disadvantaged backgrounds. ISEF scholars are chosen through a competitive process based on their academic achievements and leadership potential. They study at all degree levels and participate in a wide range of community service projects, including teaching and mentoring over 3,000 at-risk Israeli youth. In addition to tuition funds, ISEF scholars receive leadership training and benefit from a robust support network, including current and former scholars.

ISEF alumni have distinguished themselves in every field: they are professors at top universities around the world, college deans, pioneering scientists, medical doctors and heads of hospitals, leaders of non-profit organizations, executives and owners of major businesses, members of the Israeli parliament, and heads of government ministries.

During the COVID-19 crisis, ISEF provided new laptops to over 50 students, refurbished computers for dozens more, offered mobile internet access to students that didn't have it, and launched emotional support groups for those in need.



Facing History and Ourselves

FRANCE

Founded 40 years ago by two middle school teachers in the United States, Facing History and Ourselves is a world leader in teaching civic responsibility, ethics, and tolerance to middle and high school students. Their teaching methods and curricula have been implemented in thousands of history, literature, and civics classrooms worldwide, with the goal of fostering moral adulthood and responsible decision-making amongst teenagers.

The organization offers in-depth professional development services; curricular resources (books, videos, and other media); and ongoing support to educators and students. Their programs and resources help teachers confront the complexities of history (with particular focus on the Holocaust and other instances of genocide and mass violence) in ways that promote critical and creative thinking about how to combat prejudice and promote fairness and justice in society.

In the aftermath of the 2015 Charlie Hebdo and Hypercacher supermarket attacks, the Edmond J. Safra Foundation encouraged Facing History to bring its model to France. Over the past seven years, Facing History has implemented a multi-faceted program of activity with key civil society organizations, municipalities, and the formal education sector in France, sharing welcome expertise in how to address complicated discussions with young people. In a challenging environment, it is providing ongoing support and training to teachers, schools, and organizations across the country in their efforts to combat antisemitism and racism.





Mémorial de la Shoah

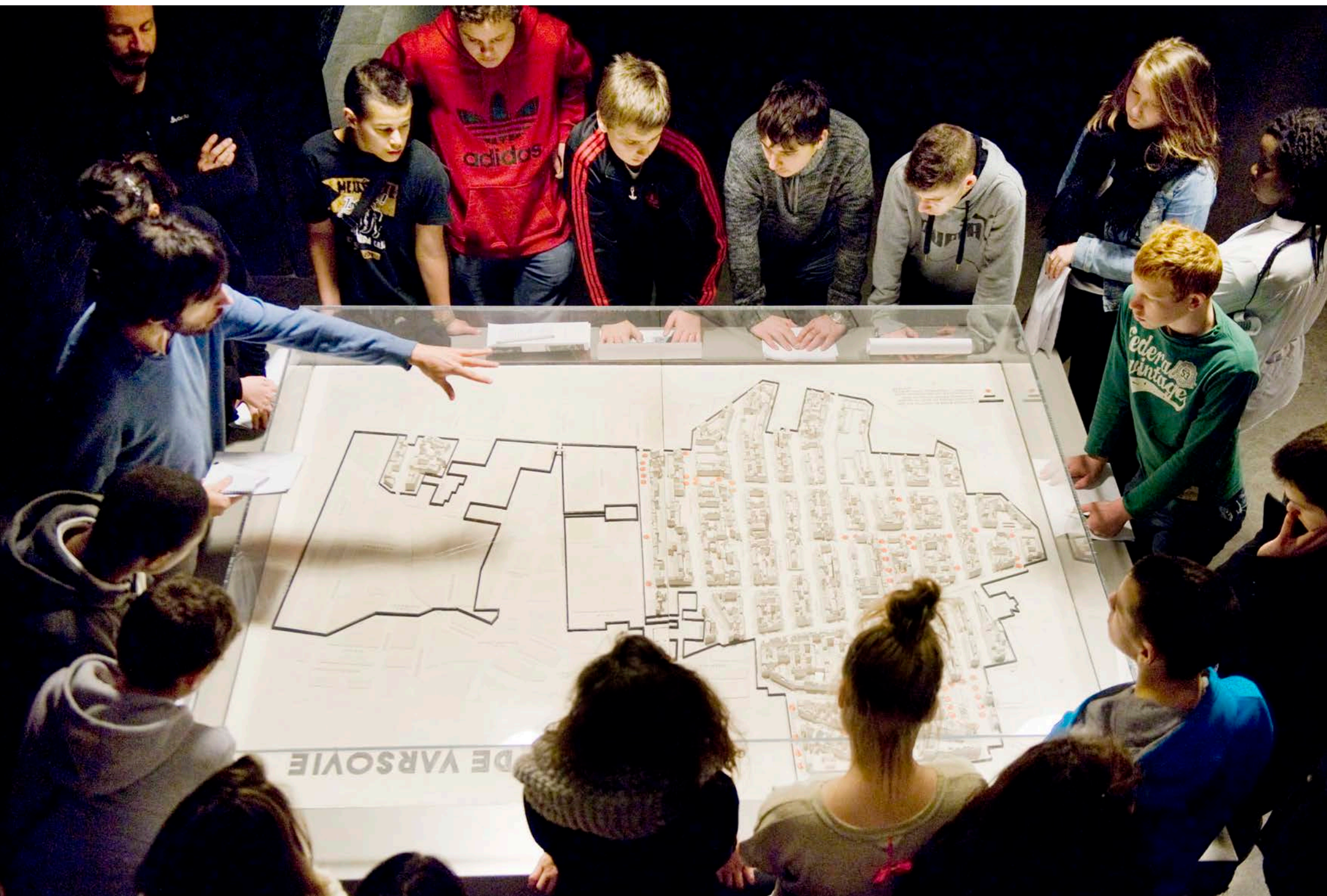
PARIS

The Mémorial de la Shoah is the foremost center for Holocaust education and training in France and one of the leading such institutions worldwide. It welcomes over 250,000 annual visitors to its museum, archive center, and memorial site in Paris, where permanent and temporary exhibitions are on offer, as well as cultural events. The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has long supported the Mémorial, dedicating the Auditorium Edmond J. Safra and providing support over many years for the Institut Pédagogique Edmond J. Safra.

Based on its experience training high school teachers on ways to educate about the Holocaust, genocides, and the conditions that breed racism, the Mémorial has been asked in recent years to expand its educational outreach to new audiences, including police cadets, prisoners, and corporate and citizen groups. The Mémorial offers hundreds of in-person and virtual classes each year in addition to organizing major commemoration ceremonies and study trips to Auschwitz.



opportunity IN FRANCE





| Project Aladdin

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has been a leading supporter of Project Aladdin, a Paris-based educational and cultural outreach organization that aims to combat the pervasive lack of knowledge about Jewish culture and history in the Arab and Muslim world, with a particular focus on Holocaust denial. It sponsors international conferences for educators and policymakers, offers a vast library of material and opportunity for scholarly interaction on its website, publishes original books on intercultural understanding, and runs “international summer universities” that bring together student leaders from across the globe to discover the “other” in an atmosphere of dialogue, tolerance, and respect.





| Yahad - In Unum

Yahad - In Unum (“together” in Hebrew and Latin) was established by Father Patrick Desbois to identify and preserve the sites of Jewish mass executions by Nazi mobile-killing units in Eastern Europe during World War II. To date, Father Desbois and his colleagues have documented more than 1,900 execution sites. For each site, researchers record historical detail, including background about the place, the events that transpired during the war, and the number of victims; witness interviews; and extracts from Soviet archives. Their work has spanned seven countries – Belarus, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, and Ukraine. Yahad - In Unum also operates a research center at its archives in Paris. The center makes the organization’s findings available to historians, researchers, students, and relatives of the victims, as well as to Holocaust museums and centers around the world.

In addition to its Holocaust work, in 2014, Yahad - In Unum launched “Action Yazidis,” an initiative to document and highlight the crimes of ISIS against the Yazidi people in Iraq and to assist survivors of the genocide. The organization runs five rehabilitation centers for women and children in northern Iraq where over 2,000 Yazidi survivors have been helped with urgent needs (including clothes, healthcare, hygiene supplies, food, and children’s toys) as well as different forms of training to enable the victims to return to productive life and support themselves.





CICAD

GENEVA

Regrettably, the number of antisemitic incidents in Switzerland continues to increase, making the Foundation's ongoing support to CICAD (*Coordination Intercommunautaire Contre l'Antisémitisme et la Diffamation*) as necessary as ever. CICAD monitors and combats antisemitism in the French-speaking region of Switzerland through a multi-faceted educational strategy, regular contacts with opinion-shapers, and public events that raise awareness of the dangers of antisemitism and that preserve the memory of the Holocaust.

Mr. Safra was one of the organization's founding donors, and the Foundation has continued to support it. This includes special initiatives for teachers and schoolchildren, as well as helping underwrite CICAD's exhibition stand at Geneva's prestigious *Salon du Livre*, a major annual literary event attracting over 100,000 visitors and more than 250 journalists who reach an audience of over 25 million people.



opportunity IN SWITZERLAND





Museum of Jewish Heritage

NEW YORK

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation was a major partner in the construction of New York's Holocaust museum and has provided regular support for its activities over the past twenty years. The Museum, located on Edmond J. Safra Plaza in Battery Park, has become the most important destination in New York City for the exploration of Jewish history and Holocaust remembrance. It offers intellectually rigorous and engaging exhibitions, programs, and educational resources for its visitors, including more than 60,000 schoolchildren each year.

The Museum's 375-seat Edmond J. Safra Hall welcomes tens of thousands of people every year for a wide variety of public programs, educational offerings, multi-day conferences, and more recently, regular performances of its resident theater company, the award-winning National Yiddish Theater. When Edmond J. Safra Hall was closed for the pandemic, the Foundation sponsored a major refurbishment and revitalization, including new digital technology allowing for sophisticated virtual programming.



opportunity IN THE USA





Yad Vashem

JERUSALEM

Established in 1953 as the world center for documentation, research, education, and commemoration of the Holocaust, Yad Vashem contains the world's largest repository of information on the Shoah. Its International School for Holocaust Studies welcomes thousands of high school and university students, teachers, and diplomatic and political leaders each year, providing educational programming at all levels.

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation and Mrs. Safra have continued Mr. Safra's longtime support for education at Yad Vashem: inaugurating a new wing of the school in 2012 that houses the 330-seat Edmond J. Safra Lecture Hall and endowing the Lily Safra Chair of Holocaust Education in 2013. In addition, the Foundation has provided regular ongoing support for the school's program training educators from European countries to teach effectively about the Holocaust. The Foundation's support allows educators to attend who otherwise would not have the possibility for such professional development and allows Yad Vashem to reach out to countries, especially in Eastern Europe, which may not have Holocaust education as part of national curricula already. Recent countries supported include Poland, Latvia, Croatia, and Lithuania.



opportunity IN ISRAEL





Magaga Pre-School and Mampunga Primary School

KWAZULU-NATAL

The Magaga Pre-School and Mampunga Primary School are part of the KHULA Education network that operates in the heart of the rural uMzinyathi District in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Students in this region frequently face poor school facilities, inadequate teaching, an undersupply of books, long walks to and from school, and little support from family. KHULA began by funding basic infrastructure projects and evolved into a comprehensive program offering early childhood, high school, and post-school opportunities.

In 2018, Mrs. Safra helped fund the construction and operations of a new pre-school at Magaga, which now supports 80 children between the ages of three and five with an early childhood development program that provides strong numeracy and literacy skills vital to successful primary school learning. With Mrs. Safra's further support, KHULA engaged education experts to mentor the primary school teachers and to help identify students who were struggling and could benefit from extra teaching hours.





A Window to Tomorrow

ISRAEL

A Window to Tomorrow – A Computer for Every Child distributes “computer scholarships” to thousands of children a year. These grants include the computer itself, as well as an internet connection and training for the recipient and their immediate family both at home and at a local computer center. Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation have been supporting the organization for over 20 years.

After receiving a computer, children report a significant improvement in their self-esteem and self-confidence, increased feelings of social inclusion, and greater scholastic achievements. The new computers also benefit the child’s parents and siblings, as all members of the family learn to use the computer. The organization has distributed 125,000 computers since its founding. It has worked with all sectors of Israeli society and provides specially adapted computer kits to children with disabilities.





Leaders of the Future and *Beatzmi* programs

The *Leaders of the Future* program works with disadvantaged young people from Israel's Ethiopian community who have high potential for academic success but limited role models and opportunities. Focusing on middle and high school students in the greater Haifa area, the program identifies promising students and provides them with mentors, enrichment classes, exposure to university-level education, and special programs and activities. Over 200 students are currently enrolled in the program, and over 100 have already graduated. On average, students in the program see a 20% increase in their grades and to-date have a 100% university-eligible matriculation rate.

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has also supported the *Beatzmi* program for socially-isolated Ethiopian-Israeli families in distress. The program helps children with their studies in school and at home; provides parents with tools to cope with their children's educational and social needs; organizes community activities for families; connects families to various employment, educational, and social services; and strengthens families' ties with the broader society. Close to 150 families annually receive assistance, and over 1,000 children attend the organization's community activities.





Edmond J. Safra Community Center

ELAD, ISRAEL

The city of Elad was established in the late 1990s and has attracted a large population of young families: over 60% of its residents are under the age of 18. The new Edmond J. Safra Community Center will offer residents the chance to broaden their interests, learn new skills, and stay stimulated in productive ways. It will house a public library, a half-Olympic-sized swimming pool, a hydrotherapy pool, two gymnasiums, a music and arts center, classrooms, auditoriums, an events hall, and a restaurant. The library and music conservatory have already opened and are filled with visitors on a regular basis.





LeShem schools

ISRAEL

The LeShem organization aims to create, guide, and support religious high schools offering excellent general/secular studies. It helps identify, train, and counsel school principals and staff; creates unique curricula adapted for the challenges facing certain religious schools; provides professional training to teachers and organizes annual conferences to share knowledge and experiences; provides teachers and students with textbooks and computers; and builds a support system for parents.

After four years of work, LeShem has established partnerships with 14 schools serving more than 1,400 students. Implementing LeShem's recommendations, the schools have all seen improvement in their academic records. In addition, LeShem has been praised for its curriculum development, including in remedial mathematics education for students who had never studied this subject in a serious manner. A similar initiative is now underway for a computer-based curriculum to teach English.





Keren Shemesh

ISRAEL

Launched by the Edmond J. Safra Foundation in 2005, Keren Shemesh helps Israeli entrepreneurs without access to capital or business training to build sustainable businesses and create new employment opportunities for themselves and others. The organization offers young entrepreneurs individual mentorship from an experienced business professional, comprehensive business training, access to specialized lectures and educational sessions, and booths at fairs and other platforms from which to sell their products. This novel approach, in which financial aid is just one of many resources provided to an entrepreneur, has helped Keren Shemesh assist a greater number of young people than other initiatives offering financing alone.

Keren Shemesh has assisted over 4,000 new businesses and trained over 1,000 volunteer mentors to date. Businesses established by Keren Shemesh-supported entrepreneurs have created thousands of new jobs, many in Israel's geographic and social periphery. To expand its reach and impact, Keren Shemesh recently joined the well-regarded Ogen Group, which provides credit and financial empowerment to economically disenfranchised Israelis.





Keter Torah School

MEXICO

Founded in 1962, Keter Torah is one of Mexico's largest Jewish community schools, and Mr. Safra was one of its longtime supporters. He provided regular donations towards the operating budget and participated in several capital projects to accommodate the school's growth over the years, including helping to acquire a new building for the girls' school that had been named in memory of his parents, Jacob and Esther Safra.

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has continued this legacy of support, providing ongoing funding for scholarships as well as contributing to the construction of a new building to house the boys' middle and high schools. Today, the school's four campuses occupy close to 41,000 square meters and are home to more than 1,750 students from kindergarten to high school.



opportunity IN MEXICO





Jewish Community School of Madrid

Mr. Safra had a close relationship with the Jewish community of Madrid, and one of the city's main synagogues is named in memory of his father. He was also an important donor to the community's school, Centro Ibn Gabirol, which welcomes some 325 children from 2 to 18 years old. Ibn Gabirol offers a first-rate education, emphasizing fluency in several languages, engagement with educational technology, and a Jewish identity that integrates moral values with daily life.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a particularly negative impact on Madrid and thus resulted in challenges for the school and many of its families. With the need for scholarship support growing while government funding and tuition revenue were falling, the Edmond J. Safra Foundation offered scholarship support so that families having difficulty meeting the costs of attending the school could remain until the economic situation improved.





Love

Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation provide support to a variety of social welfare and humanitarian relief organizations around the world, including those detailed on the following pages.



Elderly Welfare

ODESSA

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation supports the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's "Hesed" welfare center in Odessa, which forms part of a network of such centers spanning Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union. These centers provide critical lifelines such as the distribution of winter relief supplies, food assistance, emergency and health services, as well as both home and day care for thousands of needy elderly people. They also offer opportunities for social interaction, organizing cultural and religious activities, and serving warm meals in a convivial and festive atmosphere. One statistic illustrates the extraordinary impact of their work: on average, clients of JDC's Hesed centers live 12 years longer than other people in Ukraine.

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck in March 2020, it not only directly endangered the lives of the people JDC serves in Odessa, it also threatened to paralyze the organization's well-established systems, reliant on in-person services and a robust volunteer network. JDC quickly adapted to the situation, ensuring protective gear and private transportation for homecare workers; creatively providing new ways to foster social connection; and investing in digital innovation to allow both for quicker logistical matching of volunteers and seniors and for the most isolated seniors to receive digital tools to connect to their families and cultural events virtually.

As this book was going to print, Russia invaded Ukraine. JDC immediately launched a comprehensive emergency response and rescue operation, as it has done many times throughout its history.





Tikva Children's Home

ODESSA

The Tikva Children's Home was established in 1996 to care for homeless, abandoned, and abused Jewish children. Since then, it has saved over 2,500 boys and girls. Tikva provides a loving home, essential social services, and a first-rate education in the environs of the city's revitalized Jewish community. Tikva is currently undertaking a major overhaul of many of its building, and the new Boys School will carry the name of Edmond J. Safra.

In Tikva homes, children have their own personal space, eat nutritious food, receive medical treatment, attend a high-quality school, participate in sports and music programs, and enjoy free time with their friends. Tikva's wide range of programming assists each child in reaching his or her individual potential, transforming them from scared, detached, and untrusting youngsters into lively, confident young adults. Tikva schools emphasize hands-on, inquiry-based learning. As a result, its students continually win national awards in mathematics, physics, English, computers, and dance.

As this book was going to print, Russia invaded Ukraine, plunging the future of Tikva into uncertainty. Through the remarkably brave efforts of its leadership and staff, and the generosity of Tikva's supporters around the world, the children were evacuated to safety.







Hope and Homes for Children

ROMANIA

Hope and Homes for Children works to close Romanian state-run institutions and move children into family-based care; helps keep together families at risk of breakdown due to the pressures of poverty, disease, or conflict; works to prevent child abandonment; and supports young adults leaving state care. As the leaders in deinstitutionalization in Romania, the organization has helped to close 60 orphanages, and today, only 4,000 children remain resident in institutions, compared with over 100,000 in the 1990s. Recently, Hope and Homes for Children inaugurated their 115th “Small Family Home” in Sibiu County.

Hope and Homes for Children aims not only to close state institutions – by moving each individual child into a caring family environment – but also to change outdated attitudes to childcare policy and practice. The organization helps local governments put in place the alternative care systems that prevent children from entering institutions in the first place, training hundreds of childcare professionals around the country each year. These efforts have saved more than 30,000 children from being separated from their families. The work of Hope and Homes for Children has become a global model for closing institutions, one which has been recognized by UNICEF, the World Health Organization, and international experts as best practice in the field.





| UNICEF

UNICEF is active in over 190 countries, protecting children, defending their rights, and helping them reach their full potential. Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation regularly support UNICEF's humanitarian work by funding the distribution of thousands of mosquito nets, winter survival packs (including blankets, nutritional supplements, and water purification tabs), milk and food packages, vaccinations, and early childhood development kits.

In addition, the Foundation has assisted UNICEF during particularly difficult crises. In April and May 2015, two massive earthquakes struck Nepal, taking the lives of more than 9,000 people – a third of them children. In the immediate aftermath, nearly one million children were forced out of school and essential services were profoundly impacted. UNICEF mobilized an emergency response: it distributed life-saving supplies, provided clean water to communities, set up tents to treat the injured, screened children for acute malnutrition, and established temporary learning centers to provide children with safe learning spaces and education supplies as well as psychosocial counselling.

In 2017, a lethal combination of drought and conflict resulted in famine and displacement of millions of people in Nigeria, South Sudan, and Somalia. Over one million children risked starvation, leading the Foundation to support UNICEF as it provided treatment for malnutrition, health services to over 5.4 million women and children, access to safe drinking water for over 2.2 million people, and immunization against infectious disease.





| Children Action

Currently running 16 projects in six countries, all supported by Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation, Children Action focuses on the areas of teen suicide prevention, psychosocial support, access to medical care, education, and nutrition. The organization has provided services to more than 154,000 children and young adults to date.

Suicide is the main cause of death among teenagers in Switzerland. Fifteen years ago, Children Action partnered with the University Hospitals of Geneva to create “Malatavie,” a center for suicide care and prevention, which has become an international reference for excellence in the fight against suicide. Currently, the Psychiatric University Hospital of Zurich, together with Children Action, is establishing the “LIFE” project following this model, aiming to offer its young population at risk of suicide a holistic solution combining prevention, early intervention, and in/outpatient care.

In Vietnam and Myanmar, Children Action brings leading international specialist surgeons to treat children in need and to share knowledge with local physicians. Elsewhere in Southeast Asia, the organization works to combat malnutrition, to distribute essential goods, and to build schools for the region’s poorest children. In Argentina and Peru, Children Action provides a complete program of support for adolescent mothers and their children.



| Refuge

Refuge is the UK's largest provider of specialist services for women and children experiencing domestic abuse and gender-based violence, helping over 25,000 women and children in 2021. The organization runs over 40 refuges across the country: safe houses for women and children escaping domestic violence. In addition to being a safe place, specialist staff provide residents with the building blocks they need to begin new lives. They help women and children overcome the impacts of violence and abuse and offer a wide range of practical and emotional support. Some women stay for a few days, others stay for months while they wait for accommodation in a new community.

Refuge also runs a 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline, which provides survivors with emotional and practical support via a phone service and an online live chat. The Helpline offers guidance on a range of issues, including helping women to navigate the criminal and civil justice system, seek emergency accommodation, and regain their financial independence. During the pandemic, due to lockdowns and other restrictions, even more women and children had no choice but to remain in their homes with their abusers. Calls to the Helpline increased 64% and visits to the Helpline website increased sevenfold. The Edmond J. Safra Foundation, a long-time regular supporter of the organization, provided additional emergency funding to Refuge to help these women and children.





INTERSOS Center for Refugee Children

ROME

INTERSOS is a non-profit humanitarian organization based in Rome that assists people in distress and those suffering from extreme poverty. In 2011, as part of its comprehensive response to the extraordinary flow of migrants to Europe, INTERSOS opened an emergency night center: a safe place for unaccompanied minors aged 8-15 transiting Rome, having escaped violent conflict in their home countries. The center offers them a place where they can rest, eat, shower, wash their clothes, and receive assistance and psychological support during the night.

Support from the Edmond J. Safra Foundation helped transform this center into a 24-hour, 7-day per week facility, providing a fuller range of services for unaccompanied minors including medical exams and advice, in-depth psychological care (as most of these children have suffered severe trauma), and educational and social activities. The center serves approximately 1,500 boys and girls each year.



Nitzav Refael

JERUSALEM

Each week, Nitzav Refael distributes more than 800 packages of food and basic goods to the homes of families in need. On several Jewish holidays during the year, more than 1,700 families receive packages with special items for these festivals. In addition, the organization runs a soup kitchen that serves over 400 people a day in a dignified setting. Another 300 prepared meals are distributed daily to the homes of individuals whose situation prevents them from making their way to the dining hall.

Nitzav Refael relies on more than 100 regular volunteers – a number that swells around holiday times when extra packages are prepared and delivered. Not only do volunteers help prepare, serve, and distribute food in Jerusalem, but many drive daily to Nitzav Refael from around the country to pick up food packages they then distribute in their hometowns.





Leket

ISRAEL'S NATIONAL FOOD BANK

Leket, Israel's largest food bank, sources, collects, and redistributes perishable food that would otherwise go to waste from farms, hotels, catering halls, and other institutions. Working with 200 non-profit organizations throughout the country, Leket collects and delivers more than 33 million pounds of fresh, healthy food each year, helping more than 175,000 needy people each week.

Leket works with close to 500 farmers to identify agricultural produce that for any number of reasons may not be commercially viable but remains perfectly consumable. The organization's thousands of volunteers harvest, collect, and store over 17,000 tons of such produce and distribute it to its network of non-profit partners. Leket also collects and redistributes excess prepared food from more than 300 restaurants, caterers, and other suppliers, saving more than two million meals annually through these efforts.



Neve Michael Children's Village

ISRAEL

Neve Michael is a long-term residence and school for over 280 Israeli children (ages 5 to 18) whose biological parents can no longer care for them due to substance abuse, mental illness, or other serious problems. Children come to Neve Michael from all over the country, often under traumatic circumstances, and the campus frequently becomes their permanent home. Neve Michael is often the first place the welfare department and the courts turn when confronted with very difficult situations involving children.

Neve Michael aims to create a family-like atmosphere where children can receive the best available therapeutic care and education, allowing them to grow into independent, mature, and healthy adults. Residential units in the Village consist of a married couple with their own biological children who live with around twelve children. All children therefore have parents and enjoy a home that provides love, care, and support.

The school tailors its pedagogical program to each child's individual needs. In addition, the Village runs the country's first and only crisis center for teenage girls; an external crisis center and therapy counseling unit for families at risk that serves over 100 families; and a women's crisis shelter for single mothers and their children.





Support for the needy and homeless

Mrs. Safra and the Foundation regularly support welfare organizations including Emmaus, Soupe de Nuit, and Partage, which provide food, clothing, winter protection, toiletries, and other basic necessities to thousands of men, women, and children living in Geneva, Paris, Nice, London, and New York.



Renovating housing for the elderly in Israel

The Foundation supports organizations assisting the disadvantaged elderly in Israel, including a program run by the Council for a Beautiful Israel that renovates the homes of families in need. The organization relies on 2,000 volunteers in 13 local branches to make significant improvements to homes for needy tenants, mobilizing free labor and securing donations of equipment. These efforts repair the most pressing defects, bring the homes up to modern safety standards, and provide tenants with the strength to confront other challenges in their lives.



imad

GENEVA

The *institution genevoise de maintenir à domicile (imad)* provides a range of services enabling the elderly and those with chronic illnesses to maximize their autonomy and enjoy a positive quality of life while remaining in their own homes. Each imad beneficiary undergoes a comprehensive evaluation and is then provided a personalized suite of services that can include healthcare treatments (at home or in one of imad's day centers), practical help with maintaining home life (such as grocery shopping, laundry, assistance at mealtimes, transportation to medical appointments), delivery of meals, nutritional consultations, various forms of therapy, home security systems, and support for caregivers. The organization also offers overnight care space for situations when a caregiver must absent themselves from an elderly person.

In 2020, imad provided services to 18,300 people. This included almost 650,000 hours of home-based care and more than 265,000 hours of practical help at home. The organization also delivered 625,000 meals to over 6,000 people in their homes and served almost 45,000 meals to residents of old-age homes.





Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco

H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco has been a groundbreaking leader in protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development. Active all over the world, the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation brings together scientists, political leaders, and economic and civil society stakeholders in efforts to prevent climate change and encourage renewable energies, safeguard biodiversity, and manage water resources to combat desertification. Mrs. Safra is a proud supporter of these activities.





Project Happiness

SÃO PAULO

Every month, Project Happiness welcomes around 250 children from low-income families for a week-long program of entertainment and recreational activities at a specially built 45-acre camp, encompassing lakes, woods, and a nature reserve. In addition to the challenging socio-economic situation their families are facing, many participating children also have serious health problems. All of the programming is designed with these special needs in mind, aiming to bring the children pure happiness, strength, and hope.





Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village

RWANDA

Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation have been long-time, leading supporters of the Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village (ASYV), a residential high school that provides education, confidence, and hope to orphaned children in Rwanda. Originally welcoming mainly orphans of the 1994 genocide, the Village now welcomes children who have lost their parents through other tragedies, such as AIDS, as well as children who are not orphans but nevertheless have faced extremely traumatic personal circumstances.

Currently home to 526 children aged 14-21 from all of Rwanda's 30 geographical districts and 150 staff members (many of whom lost family members in the genocide), ASYV is composed of a secondary school, 32 family homes (student dormitories), the Edmond J. Safra Community Center, a clinic, organic farm, library, athletic fields, the Lily Safra Amphitheater, art and science centers, and other facilities for specialized extracurricular activities and student-run clubs.

ASYV continues to achieve remarkable successes, particularly for students coming from backgrounds of extreme poverty, little or no previous formal education, and total social exclusion: 98-99% of graduating classes regularly pass the National Secondary School Exam, which plays a decisive role in qualifying for admission to the Rwandan university system.





Faith

Edmond J. Safra's Jewish faith played an essential part in his everyday life. He helped countless synagogues and religious schools and was particularly devoted to the Sephardi community from which his family came: in his lifetime, he was said to be the most generous individual supporter of Sephardi institutions worldwide. Mr. Safra placed particular importance on the needs of smaller, less affluent communities, wanting to ensure that they had the essential facilities to sustain themselves. Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation support all aspects of Jewish religious life around the world.



Edmond J. Safra Synagogue

MANHATTAN

Opened in March 2003 on 63rd Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues, the Edmond J. Safra Synagogue of Manhattan is the heart of a thriving Sephardic community on the Upper East Side. Working with the visionary architect Thierry Despont, Mrs. Safra brought to fruition her husband's wish to create a beautiful, welcoming place of worship and study.

Offering multiple weekday and Shabbat prayer services, as well as a wide variety of learning and engagement opportunities for women, men, young adults, and children, the synagogue hosts hundreds of people every week. Through the energetic and inspiring leadership of Rabbi Shlomo Farhi and his colleagues, communal life is flourishing.





Synagogue Edmond J. Safra

MONACO

When it became clear that the synagogue of Monaco needed to be renovated and expanded, Mrs. Safra decided to offer an entirely new, magnificent building to the community and Principality, in memory of her husband. Designed by world-renowned architect Thierry Despont, the Synagogue Edmond J. Safra was inaugurated in March 2017.

Built entirely of Jerusalem limestone, the new synagogue increased the available space for the community fourfold. The ground floor and mezzanine contain nearly 300 seats, and the two lower levels comprise a conference room, a mikveh (ritual bath), the secretariat of the Jewish community, a space for youth activities, and a large social hall for holiday celebrations, weddings, and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.





Synagogue Edmond J. Safra

PARIS

The Consistoire Central, the principal representative body for France's Jewish community for the past 200 years, recently completed construction of its new headquarters, the European Centre for Judaism. A 5,000 square meter complex, it serves as a hub for the community's intellectual, cultural, and religious activities: it offers a range of lectures, cultural events, and classes; an arts center; sports activities; and both indoor and outdoor event spaces.

Located on a beautiful corner in Paris's 17th arrondissement, the complex houses the Synagogue Edmond J. Safra. The 430-seat synagogue is the principal place of worship of the Chief Rabbi of France. The Foundation's support for the construction of the synagogue continues Mr. Safra's legacy of supporting the Consistoire, including a significant donation he made for the construction of the Consistoire's former headquarters building.





Edmond J. Safra Synagogue

IPANEMA

The Edmond J. Safra Synagogue in Ipanema is home to the largest Sephardic community in Rio de Janeiro and has been a pillar of the community since it opened its doors in 2015. Situated in the heart of the neighborhood, it has nearly 200 member families and is the most active synagogue in the city, offering daily classes and weekly activities for men, women, and children. The synagogue also houses mikva'ot (ritual baths) for men and women, a social hall, classrooms, and a purpose-built children's area. Rabbi Gabriel Aboutbol, a renowned and respected teacher, leads the synagogue energetically.





Edmond J. Safra Synagogue

BROOKLYN

The Edmond J. Safra Synagogue in Brooklyn will be among the largest Sephardic synagogues in North America, serving the largest Sephardic community outside the State of Israel. Located on Ocean Parkway at Avenue U, the synagogue will comprise 42,000 square feet, with a total capacity of 1,620 worshippers. It will provide spaces for classes, youth programs, and charitable activities, as well as other religious and educational functions. The social hall will host more than 100 annual festive gatherings such as weddings and Bar Mitzvahs.

Rabbi Eli J. Mansour, the congregation's long-time leader, is widely admired for his skills as a religious teacher, and hundreds of people regularly attend his classes. He is assisted by fifteen additional rabbis and seven other teachers, who together teach classes constantly throughout the day, as well as overnight until sunrise, every day of the week. In addition, Rabbi Mansour has attracted hundreds of thousands of students in 144 countries who follow his lessons – for every level of knowledge – broadcast on the internet. He offers more than 10,000 hours of audio/video classes for free.





Edmond J. Safra Synagogue

AVENTURA, FLORIDA

The Edmond J. Safra Synagogue opened along the waterfront in the city of Aventura in September 2001. Today, the synagogue counts more than 400 member families and is a hub of activity from 5:00AM to 10:00PM, seven days a week. It offers five daily morning prayer services to accommodate different working schedules; a wide variety of classes for all ages on diverse topics (as many as ten different classes daily) – taught in English, Hebrew, Spanish, and French; community social events; youth activities; and holiday celebrations. Since 2008 the synagogue has been led by the respected and dynamic Rabbi Yosef Galimidi.



Edmond J. Safra Synagogues in Israel

In the Book of Exodus (25:8), God commands the ancient Israelites to build a Sanctuary so that He “may dwell among them,” a commandment that was interpreted by the Rabbinic Sages to include the obligation to build synagogues – themselves understood as small reflections of the Biblical Tabernacle and Temple of Jerusalem.

Edmond J. Safra embraced this sacred obligation, and he generously funded the construction and maintenance of synagogues around the world during his lifetime. He felt a particular commitment to needy congregations in Israel, and since his passing, the Foundation has continued this legacy, partnering with communities throughout the country to build and maintain synagogues. To date, 29 synagogues have been constructed and are provided with regular support, all of them offering religious services, educational opportunities, and social and cultural events.





Jerusalem Great Synagogue

One of the city's best-known religious sites, the Great Synagogue of Jerusalem serves not only the local community but visitors from around the world. Hundreds of worshippers attend its daily prayer services, religious study programs, and weekly lectures. Services in the 1,440-seat main sanctuary generally follow the Ashkenazi rite. The building also houses a Sephardic sanctuary and study room, which Edmond Safra dedicated in memory of his father, Jacob, when the Great Synagogue was built, almost 40 years ago. The Edmond J. Safra Foundation is currently providing significant support towards a major renovation of the main sanctuary, which will be named in Edmond's memory.



Tomb of Rabbi Meir Baal HaNess

TIBERIAS, ISRAEL

Rabbi Meir was one of the Talmud's greatest sages, and his tomb is among the most revered religious sites in Israel, receiving 1.2 million pilgrims annually. Edmond J. Safra had a strong personal connection to this holy place, making regular pilgrimages when he was able, supporting religious study there throughout his life, dedicating rooms and study groups in memory of his father, and financing major renovations of the site when needed. The Foundation has maintained his legacy of generosity, providing ongoing funding for religious life and education at the site's schools and synagogues.

With the Foundation's help, the first stage of a significant renovation of the tomb complex of buildings was recently completed. Important upgrades included structural reinforcement, replacing electrical and plumbing infrastructure, adding a modern air conditioning system, and installing new floors, windows, and lighting. In order to further improve the overall experience for the growing number of visitors, the Foundation is funding a second stage of renovations, notably the expansion of the main plaza and the construction of a new, modern visitor center.





Communauté Israélite de Genève

Edmond J. Safra was a generous, lifelong patron of the Jewish community of Geneva, whose historic synagogue was dedicated as “Beit Yaacov” in memory of his father, Jacob. The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has continued to provide regular support for a variety of the community’s needs, recently including security upgrades for community buildings, renovations to the cemetery and chapel, and additional funding for the social welfare service during the COVID-19 pandemic.





Rabbinical Excellence Program

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation invests in efforts to enhance the education and training of Sephardi community rabbis: to provide the best rabbinical students and newly ordained rabbis with the practical skills and experience needed to be dynamic and successful community leaders, in addition to expert theologians. Implemented by two well-regarded partner organizations – Eretz Hemda and Amiel – the program covers subjects such as public speaking, management, conflict resolution, and counseling on issues such as substance abuse, addiction, sexual abuse, and fertility. Participants' wives also take classes to better prepare them for their roles as community leaders alongside their husbands.

More than 50 rabbis have graduated to date, and they are now serving with distinction in communities around the world, in cities as diverse as Paris, Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro, Montreal, Izmir, Cape Town, Cochin, Belém (Brazil), Toronto, Mexico City, Brasília, Brussels, Vienna, Atlanta, Göteborg, Lima, Melbourne, Tijuana, Cancún, Belmonte (Portugal), San Salvador (El Salvador), Sofia (Bulgaria), Monterrey, Singapore, Nottingham (UK), and London – among many others.





Jewish Community of Buenos Aires

The Edmond J. Safra Foundation continues Mr. Safra's long-time support of schools, synagogues, youth programs, and social welfare organizations in the Jewish community of Buenos Aires – notably the Centro Educativo “Toratenu,” the Yeshiva Bet David (Kollel Edmond J. Safra), and the schools of the Shuba Israel organization.

In particular, the Foundation has regularly renewed its support for the Edmond J. Safra Leadership Training Program, due to its remarkable success and ongoing importance. The program is run by Chief Rabbi Isaac Sacca and his highly regarded “Menora” organization and educates local rabbis and young professionals in a variety of subjects over the course of two to six years, depending on the beginning skill level of each participant and the chosen path. Aimed at creating and sustaining a group of highly qualified community leaders, teachers, and counselors, the training includes classes in administration and finance, human resources, communications, psychology (including addiction and drug abuse prevention and treatment strategies), group dynamics (negotiation and conflict resolution), public speaking, and history, among others, in addition to ethics and Jewish religious matters. It now includes options for a full degree program at the University of Palermo. All participants also devote significant time to community work. More than 200 rabbis and young professionals have participated in the program to date.

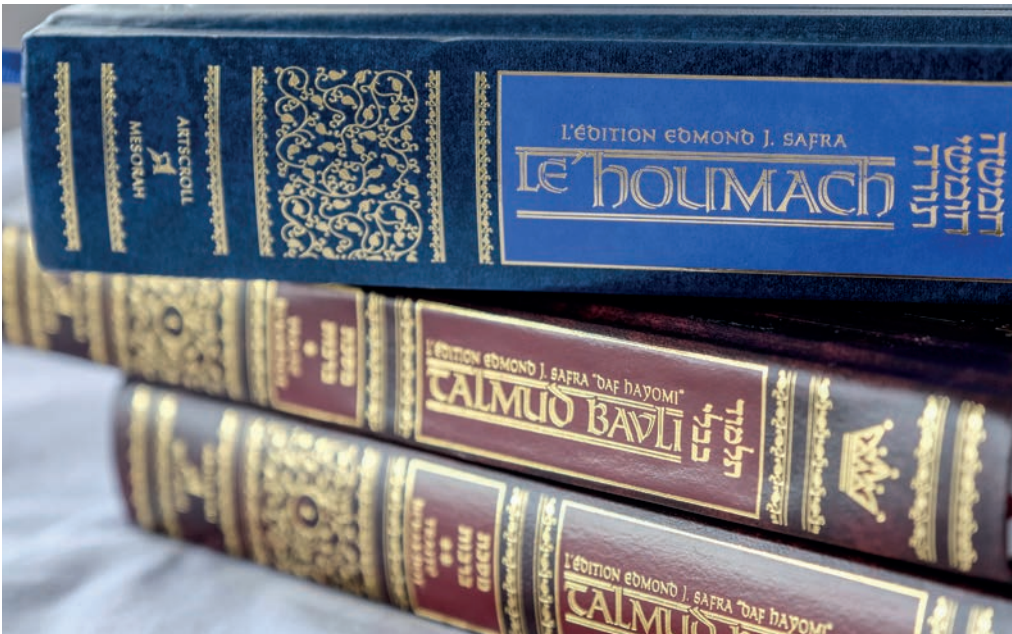


Bar/Bat Mitzvah Jewish Education Program

Operated by the Israeli Ministry of Education, with ongoing funding from the Edmond J. Safra Foundation, this program provides children from disadvantaged backgrounds with the opportunity to study religious and historical subjects over the course of a full year, culminating in a tour of Jerusalem and a festive celebration of their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs with a communal meal, entertainment, and gifts. Close to 2,100 children from 32 boarding schools across the country participate in a typical year.







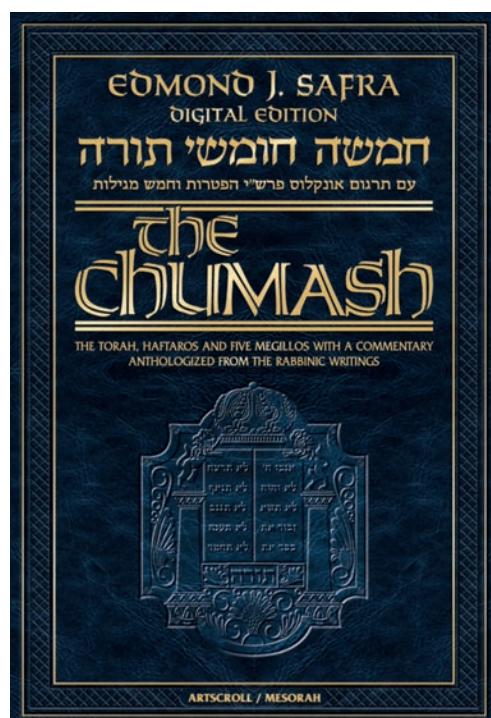
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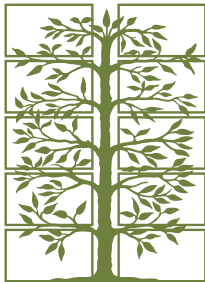
With leading support from the Edmond J. Safra Foundation, the Mesorah Heritage Foundation has now completed translating 44 of the 73 volumes of the Babylonian Talmud into French. Known as the *Édition Edmond J. Safra du Talmud Bavli*, it has proven to be a treasured resource for French-speaking Jewish communities worldwide, enabling students from all backgrounds to join religious study classes and gain insight into this fundamental text.

Le Houmach Edmond J. Safra, also published by the Mesorah Heritage Foundation, is a French translation of the Torah (the Five Books of Moses), its traditional commentaries, and selections from the Prophets. Since its initial publication in 2011, *Le Houmach Edmond J. Safra* has become a bestselling Jewish religious text across the French-speaking world. A second edition, printed starting in 2018, includes an additional 100-page color section of maps, charts, and diagrams.

Edmond J. Safra Digital Editions of the Houmach in Hebrew, English, and French

Following the success of the Mesorah Heritage Foundation's print editions of the Houmach (the Torah, commentaries, and selections from the Prophets), the Edmond J. Safra Digital Editions were released in 2021 in French, English, and Hebrew for tablets and smartphones. Offering a uniquely modern, personalized, and convenient approach for study, these editions have been specifically designed to leverage the benefits of mobile devices, featuring the ability to customize content display, the inclusion of hyperlinks to all the sources, and the capacity to fully search throughout the text and its commentaries.





inspiration

Mrs. Safra and the Edmond J. Safra Foundation have continued providing support for arts and cultural institutions, in particular for their educational missions and to help them reach broader and more diverse audiences.



Royal Opera House

LONDON

The Royal Opera House is home to the Royal Opera, the Royal Ballet, and the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House. All three performance groups are world-renowned both for outstanding performances of traditional pieces, as well as new works by today's leading artists.

Mrs. Safra has been a Patron of the Royal Opera House for many years and was a leading supporter of a significant upgrade to the Covent Garden site. This redevelopment has created new opportunities for people to discover and explore the art forms of opera and ballet and allows the Royal Opera House to welcome a broader public to its facilities and programs throughout the day. Mrs. Safra also recently provided additional support for a specialized healthcare program for ballet dancers and the "Create and Sing" program, helping to teach dramatic singing in hundreds of primary school classrooms across the UK.



inspiration IN THE UK





Courtauld Institute of Art

LONDON

The Courtauld is an internationally recognized teaching and research institution devoted to art history, curating, and conservation. It is also a public gallery, displaying one of the world's great art collections at central London's historic Somerset House. Major funding from the Edmond J. Safra Foundation underpinned the Institute's operations at a decisive moment in its history and played a key role in enabling The Courtauld to become an independent college of the University of London. Edmond J. Safra Scholarships for postgraduates have helped talented young scholars gain valuable training at the early stage of their careers.

Following a recent transformative modernization of its premises, The Courtauld Gallery now features a comfortable, vibrant home for students and scholars and a more welcoming destination for visitors. Part of the new Learning Centre, the Edmond and Lily Safra Studio provides a dedicated, flexible space for education, community engagement, and public programs.





Grand Théâtre de Genève

The largest performing arts institution in French-speaking Switzerland, the Grand Théâtre hosts more than 100,000 visitors for over 140 events annually, including opera, ballet, recitals, debates, and a program of activities for younger audiences. The Edmond J. Safra Foundation has provided regular operating support for many years.

A recently completed structural renovation included the addition of beautiful new rehearsal rooms and public spaces. Renowned director Aviel Cahn, who took the helm of the institution at the start of the 2019-2020 season, has already received important recognition for the Grand Théâtre's commitment to innovation and artistic quality, including *Opernwelt* magazine's "Best Opera House" award.



inspiration IN SWITZERLAND



National Gallery of Art

WASHINGTON, DC

A prominent center of visual art, education, and culture in the United States, the National Gallery holds a collection of more than 150,000 paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photographs, prints, and drawings spanning the history of Western art. The Gallery offers a full spectrum of special exhibitions and public programs free of charge, and its Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts (CASVA) affords scholars unparalleled access to the collections and specialized research libraries.

Established in 2002, the Edmond J. Safra Visiting Professorship offers leading international scholars the opportunity to spend six months at CASVA. Representing a wide range of perspectives and areas of expertise, the Edmond J. Safra Visiting Professors present seminars and lectures in addition to pursuing their own independent research. Recently the position has been held by such distinguished scholars as Professor Richard J. Powell of Duke University, Professor Emily Braun of Hunter College and the Graduate Center (CUNY), and Dr. Penelope Curtis, former director of the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum in Lisbon and of Tate Britain.



inspiration IN THE USA





Yiddish Theater

ISRAEL

Founded in 1987 to preserve the culture of this historic Jewish language, the Yiddish Theater of Israel performs throughout the country and at prestigious festivals worldwide, reaching over 100,000 people through their more than 400 annual performances. The Theater sends groups of actors to elderly care homes to perform for those unable to attend regular shows, and as part of its educational mission, it offers performances to high school students learning about the Holocaust to provide a glimpse of life in Europe before the war.





Musée du Louvre

PARIS

Since the former royal residence was opened to the public as a museum in 1793, the Louvre has not stopped growing, and today it is the world's most-visited art museum, with over 38,000 works on display. Its collection comprises eight departments: Egyptian Antiquities; Near Eastern Antiquities; Greek, Etruscan, and Roman Antiquities; Paintings; Sculptures; Decorative Arts; Prints and Drawings; and Islamic Arts.

The *Galerie Edmond et Lily Safra* honors important gifts that Mr. and Mrs. Safra provided to the institution. Currently, this gallery (in the Sully Wing) features royal silverware, timepieces, and other magnificent Rococo *objets d'art* from the period of Louis XIV to Louis XVI.



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