

# IMPACT REPORT 2022



**Beit Issie Shapiro**

Changing the lives of people with disabilities  
On the Willie & Celia Trump Campus

## DEAR FRIENDS,

We are delighted to share with you some remarkable highlights of our activities in 2022.

This past year saw Beit Issie Shapiro's impact in the field of disabilities continue to grow. Guiding us in our ongoing work is our unique method of INNOVATE, RESEARCH and SCALE: from developing groundbreaking solutions for unmet needs, through ensuring models for best practice, to training and sharing of knowledge.

There is a lot to look forward to in 2023. Many new, life-changing projects are on the way, both locally and across the globe. Among other things, we are set to begin construction on Israel's first-ever Inclusive Early Childhood Campus, which will serve as a global model for inclusion.

Our continued activity and growth are only possible with your support.

**You are part of the impact outlined in this report and we thank you for partnering with us.**



**AHMIR LERNER**  
Executive Director



**SASHA TRUMP-WEISS**  
Chair of the Board



**NAOMI STUCHINER**  
Founder

# TECHNOLOGY

**120,800+** people impacted by Beit Issie Shapiro's best practices in **Assistive Technology** - helping adults and children with disabilities communicate, learn and play

Beit Issie tech experts continued to **share knowledge and train professionals** on the power of assistive technology in **Israel and worldwide**

**67,600+ DOWNLOADS**  
OF ISSIE ACCESSIBLE APPS GLOBALLY



IssieDocs



IssieCalc



IssieBoard



IssieDice



IssieSign

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Maya is 3 years old and has complex disabilities, which makes it challenging to know how well she understands her environment. This year, to help Maya grow, the professional staff at Beit Issie Shapiro introduced her to the Eyegaze system, which uses eye contact to control a smart screen. Maya's ability to use this assistive technology tool shows her capability and will enable her to communicate.



**TRANSLATED ISSIEDOCS ACCESSIBLE WORKSHEET APP INTO ENGLISH WHICH HAD 25,000+ DOWNLOADS AROUND THE WORLD IN ITS FIRST MONTH**

**"Fabulous app! I love the large icon-supported interface buttons in IssieDocs."**

– Angela Moorad,  
Founder, OMazing Kids LLC, USA

9-year-old Harel has cerebral palsy and epilepsy. This year, thanks to various IssieApps used in the classroom, Harel has improved his skills in all areas including learning, communication and occupational therapy. He is proud of his schoolwork which is organized and easily accessible through IssieDocs.



Harel has also made amazing strides in learning to type with IssieBoard. He is motivated by a weekly exercise where he writes a shopping list for his mom. This is an important tool that has helped Harel beautifully progress in his fine motor skills and communication.

**Launched the 1ST EVER**  
**Alternative Augmented Communication training course in the Arab community**



# GLOBAL IMPACT

## International Training and Knowledge Sharing

**4,000+** disability professionals trained in Israel and around the world

Executive Director Ahmir Lerner addressed the **Conservative Friends of Israel** at the **British Parliament**

Conducted the **1st ever** hydrotherapy training program in **Ghana**



Produced resources in English, Russian and Ukrainian for **families of children with disabilities in the Ukraine** on coping in times of crisis



Created the first-of-its-kind **DIY adapted costume tutorial** series for children who use mobility devices. [Check it out here!](#)



Beit Issie Shapiro joined global partners at the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)** in June and co-hosted a side event with **300+** participants from **60+** countries

## 2022 GLOBAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS TO SCALE BEIT ISSIE SHAPIRO'S MODELS FOR BEST PRACTICE

**Kayla's Children Centre** – Toronto's leading service provider for children with disabilities

**Harvard Law School Project on Disabilities** – Initiative of the top private university in the US

**Yaldei Developmental Centre** - Montreal's top special education multidisciplinary center

**Florida International University** – The 5th largest public university in the US

**JReady** - Global project of the Jewish Agency

**Ghana Footvolley Association** - Recreational sport organization

**Bellavista School** – South Africa's premier remedial institute

# EDUCATION

**125** children with complex disabilities attended our daily educational frameworks, allowing us to further implement our unique Innovate, Research, Scale model

Innovated  
**ISRAEL'S 1ST  
TECHNO-PEDAGOGY  
LIBRARY**

for special education,  
making all **250+** educational activities and  
**teaching tools** developed at Beit Issie Shapiro  
available in one place for the first time.

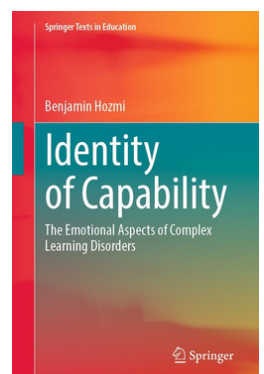


**346** ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES GAINED  
ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE  
THROUGH BEIT ISSIE SHAPIRO'S  
INCLUSIVE UNIVERSITY

Launched the 1st  
Inclusive University  
course in  
**ARABIC**



Beit Issie Shapiro's English textbook on educating adults with learning disabilities, based on the model of The Inclusive University, is now on the shelves of **140+** academic libraries across the globe including **MIT, McGill University, Harvard University** and **University of Manchester**





# SOCIAL CHANGE

**500,000+** people in Israel continued to benefit from Beit Issie Shapiro's effective policy change

Beit Issie's model on accessible healthcare services and dental care for people with disabilities were incorporated into medical curriculums in Israel including **Haifa University** and **Tel Aviv University**

Partnered in drafting Israel's new **Social Service Law for People with Disabilities**



The Pride and Disability Leadership Group of Beit Issie Shapiro made history with the **1st ever Israeli Conference on Pride and Disabilities**



**3,000+** children and adults with disabilities, ages 3 months – 91 years old, received life-changing therapies

## THERAPIES

HYDROTHERAPY

SPORTS THERAPY

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

SPEECH THERAPY

EMOTIONAL THERAPY



PHYSICAL THERAPY

**ISSIE SENSES MULTISENSORY THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENTS**

ADAPTED DENTAL TREATMENT



**1,000+**

families were impacted through Beit Issie's emotional support and practical guidance

*This year, we have watched 11-year-old Mia flourish. Mia has a rare syndrome which limits her mobility. To help her get around, Mia was given a motorized wheelchair which staff believed would allow her to become more involved in school activities. The wheelchair, however, did not motivate Mia. Thinking outside of the box, the therapeutic staff at Beit Issie Shapiro decided to change her mobility apparatus to a walker generally used for adults. And it worked! Mia loves her new device and is self-motivated to be active; she now enjoys participating in class, therapies and play.*





# THE JOYS OF 2022

## AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND MILESTONES

**Naomi Stuchiner**, Beit Issie Shapiro Founder and Israel Prize Laureate, was named one of the country's **Top 40 Power Women by Forbes Israel**



Hosted many VIP visitors including MK Knesset Speaker **Mickey Levy**, Israel Minister of Welfare MK **Meir Cohen**, a delegation from the **Brazilian Ministry of Education**, international popstar **Noa Kirel** and more!



Thousands of people from across the country visited Beit Issie Shapiro's **graffiti pop-up museum** - a temporary exhibit celebrating inclusion

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE

**2,150+**  
Supporters

**296**  
Staff

**103**  
Volunteers

**115**  
Lay leaders

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