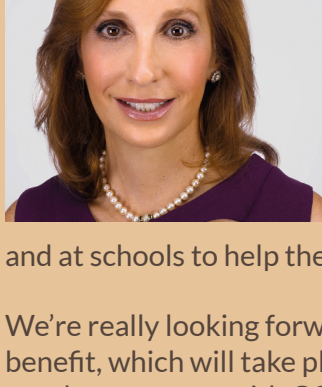


## NEWSLETTER FALL 2021

### Greetings from Our President



Happy fall everyone! We hope you enjoyed the High Holidays.

September marked both the beginning of a new Jewish year and a new school year, which, especially after a year of remote learning, poses unique challenges for youth worldwide. ELEM is supporting at-risk youth both on the streets

and at schools to help them stay in school.

We're really looking forward to this year's annual Ray of Hope benefit, which will take place virtually later this month. After nearly two years with COVID, we certainly understand zoom fatigue, which is why we've put together an emotional and engaging event broadcast live from Israel. You'll get a glimpse of the hidden streets of Israel, the places where ELEM youth congregate and live that most of us never see, and the ELEM programs that transform their lives.

We can't wait to share moving stories with you, told by our alums, staff and volunteers. Audience favorite (and ELEM alumna herself, back by popular demand) Diana Golbi will perform live from Israel, Emmy Award winner, comedian Judy Gold will make you laugh and this year's fabulous LifeSaver Award recipient, actress, writer, producer and activist Fran Drescher, will move you. She'll be introduced by Emmy Award winner and last year's LifeSaver Award recipient- Rachel Bloom. Please join us for this fun and inspiring evening, hosted by Fauda's leading lady, Rona Lee Shimon.

We wish you all a fruitful, healthy, and joyous 5782!

  
Lenore Ruben  
President

#### 2021 LifeSaver Award Recipient:



Fran Drescher

#### Stand-Up Performance By:



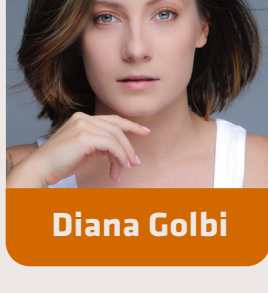
Judy Gold

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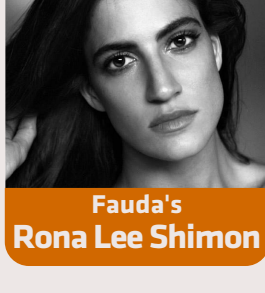
Rachel Bloom

#### Musical Performance By:



Diana Golbi

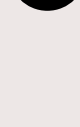
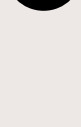
#### Host:



Fauda's  
Rona Lee Shimon

### TICKETS

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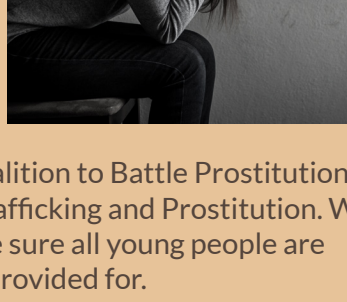
## News from Israel

### Fighting Human Trafficking

In early July, the State Department released a report on human trafficking. In the report, Israel was downgraded from Tier 1 to Tier 2. The reason - "Israel did not meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking but is making significant efforts to do so."

Israel isn't alone in the Tier 2 category. Other countries include: Cyprus, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Italy and others.

The report noted that "Israeli children, Israeli Bedouin and Palestinian women and girls, foreign women, and transgender adults and children are vulnerable to sex trafficking in Israel." In 2020, there were approximately 3,000 Israeli child sex trafficking victims in Israel.



ELEM is a member of the Israeli Coalition to Battle Prostitution, part of the Task Force on Human Trafficking and Prostitution. We will keep working diligently to make sure all young people are being treated with dignity and are provided for.

Learn more about our [The Heart/Halev program](#), that serves at-risk youth, including young people involved in prostitution.

### Healing Through Artistic Self-Expression

ELEM utilizes a broad variety of techniques to help at-risk youth, including hobbies and skills. When the community rallies behind youth sharing their craft, everyone involved feels inspired and motivated, which is why we loved the opportunity to exhibit photography by ELEM youth from our [Lighthouse/Migdalor Center](#) in Rehovot, at Rehovot City Hall.



"Reflection" \ Omer Boganim



"Home" \ Musa Barhannah

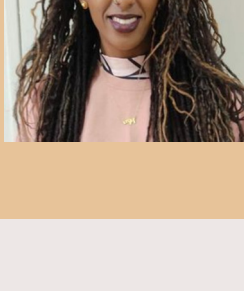


"Roads" \ Omer Boganim



"Reflection" \ Ilay Peretz

### Staff Member Spotlight



*"I work at ELEM because I have faith and hope for a better future for the youth of today who are the adults of tomorrow. ELEM is where I can connect with the community and the environment, and grow professionally and personally."*

-Mazal Demoza, Manager of [Coffee & Small Talk/Hafuch al Hafuch Center](#) in Kiryat Yam.

### Success Stories

Muhamad, a youth from our Lighthouse/Migdalor Drop In Center in Akko, recently received his high school diploma, a huge accomplishment for him.

Muhamad came to our Lighthouse Center two years ago and learned to deal with a number of challenges and hardships. Thanks to his relationship with Hasan, one of the supervisors at Lighthouse who gave him consistent guidance and support, Muhamad reached this amazing milestone!



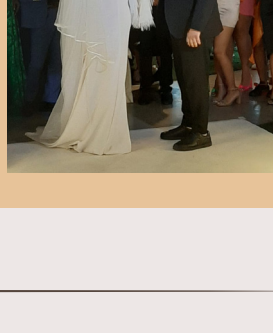
"I've learned that I'm capable of getting up early every morning, going to work, taking driving lessons, and spending time with my family."

Maor, a young man at our ["OJT"](#) (On the Job Training) program, recently earned the Exceptional Employee Award at Babcom, where he works as a Tech and Digital Support Representative. Until he joined ELEM's program Maor couldn't keep a job, and now he's winning awards!

### Mazel Tov Corner

SH. and Y. met as youths at the Ramle Outreach Van and they've been in love ever since!

They recently stepped under the Chuppah for an emotional wedding ceremony, witnessed by other youths who come to the van for support, in addition to our staff and volunteers. Love conquers all! Mazel Tov!



### Support ELEM With A Click Of A Button On AmazonSmile

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Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

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- Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

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### Join "Friends of ELEM"

We know you love seeing our great work helping Israel's distressed youth. We would be honored if you became a "Friend of ELEM," by becoming a yearly donor of \$1,000 or more. Friends receive "in the know" information, exclusive direct information from Israel, participation in quarterly Zoom calls with Israel and more.

### Get Involved

Consider making a donation. No amount is too small. Our children greatly appreciate anything you can give. If you want to volunteer in the USA or if you're visiting Israel and want to see us in action, contact us at [info@elem.org](mailto:info@elem.org). Get your child involved in a mitzvah project or create a fund to honor someone special.