



The Power of Community: One Israeli Mother's Story

Karmit's 14-year-old daughter Lior has a rare disorder resulting from missing a third of one chromosome — an unpredictable disability doctors are stumped by until her symptoms appear.

They're both frequent participants in JDC's local Center for Families of Kids with Special Needs, taking advantage of support groups, trips, and seminars on the rights

guaranteed to families of children with disabilities.

"Since I joined the Family Center, everyone shares their stories, their pain, how they cope — and everyone strengthens one another," Karmit says.

Karmit has even become a volunteer tasked with helping other parents.

MEET KARMIT AND LIOR



JDC in the News

1 [CNN](#) published an op-ed by Agata Rakowiecka, director of JDC's Warsaw JCC, on the revival of Jewish life in Poland 75 years after the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

2 A [Haaretz](#) feature highlights flourishing Jewish life in Poland today, including interviews with JDC Poland Director Karina Sokolowska and Agata Rakowiecka, Director of JDC's Warsaw JCC.

3 A [Tablet](#) photo essay by one of the photographers in JDC's new exhibition, Home: Lens on Israel, highlights the vulnerable Israeli populations JDC empowers.

4 Efforts to continue Hungary's Jewish renaissance and strengthen the Jewish community are critical, asserts a JDC Ambassadors member in [The Times of Israel](#).

5 *TriplePundit* showcased diversity trends in Israel's workforce, quoting Dr. Sigal Shelach, Senior Deputy Director of JDC Israel.

6 *The Jerusalem Post* published a piece on We Code, an initiative offering vulnerable Israelis free training and job placement in hi-tech, supported by JDC.

7 *eJewishPhilanthropy* published a reflection on a recent trip to Ukraine, highlighting JDC's work, by the CFO of the Golda Och Academy.

8 *The Texas Jewish Post* highlighted the upcoming visit of JDC's Karina Sokolowska, who will speak about her work with the Jewish community of Poland.

9 *The Jewish Link of New Jersey* published a piece spotlighting Witness Theater, a JDC-created program enabling Holocaust survivors to share their traumatic experiences, which are then dramatized.



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JDC partnered with OSE, a French Jewish humanitarian organization, to implement health and welfare programs for mothers and children worldwide. Together, we supported children's homes throughout France for refugee children. JDC also assisted Jewish children in North Africa by supporting clinics to combat tuberculosis, trachoma, and tinea, and establishing milk depots. JDC's collaboration with OSE began in the 1920s in Russia and Poland.

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