

Israel Unlimited General Information:

- Israel Unlimited was founded by JDC, the Government of Israel and the Ruderman Family Foundation in the fall of 2009 to meet the needs of Israel's 700,000 adults with disabilities (aged 20-64).
- Israel Unlimited advances independent living and integration of Israelis with disabilities into general Israeli society.
- Israel Unlimited focuses on adults who are at high risk, among them parents, women, immigrants, Arabs, newly disabled and adults with multiple disabilities.
- Israel Unlimited also promotes Israeli government inter-ministerial cooperation and the pooling of resources to ensure that the needs of these adults are more fully met.

First Year Accomplishments:

- In the first year alone, Israel Unlimited developed programs for approximately 10,000 adults with disabilities.
- Four new Centers for Independent Living – community based multi-service centers run by the disabled with services for the disabled - have been established. They will serve 6,000 new disabled Israelis.
- 200 people with mental illness joined the Supportive Community program – a model of care that empowers disabled people to live independently in their homes, with 24/7 support and array of services to fulfill daily tasks, cope with emergencies and benefit from social activities.
- More than 1,000 Israeli parents with disabilities and 2,000 immigrants with disabilities are receiving new services, training, and opportunities.



Nili Bruer and Avi Jano at Jerusalem's Center for Independent Living

Data on Israel's Disabled Adults:

- The number of adults with disabilities in Israel is 697,000 (17.9% of the population of 4 million Israelis aged 20-64). Of these, 241,000 are severely disabled (6.2%) and 456,000 are moderately disabled (11.7%).
- The annual growth rate of the disabled population receiving government allowances is 6.3%, while the annual growth rate of the general population is 2.6%. One-third of those receiving allowances live below the poverty line.
- Half of those receiving allowances have children below the age of 18.

For more information: www.jdc.org.il/disability