

LET'S TALK ABOUT

Hope

INSPIRING HOPE.
CHANGING LIVES.





 **Shalva**
Inspiring Hope, Changing Lives



EVERY IS A **child** **world** OF **potential**

Because we believe that all people deserve the opportunity to lead lives of dignity and meaning; to dream and achieve. We develop programs, pioneer therapy and wellness solutions, and create global communities around the common goal of inspiring hope and changing the lives of people with disabilities and their families.

PRIORITY AREAS

-  **Supporting children and families** with rehabilitative care
-  **Empowering adults** to live independently
-  **Sharing of knowledge** through global partnerships and education
-  **Promoting inclusion** with social enterprises



We're on a mission
to provide quality care
for people with disabilities,
empower their families, and
promote social inclusion.



AGES 0-18 MONTHS

Me and My Mommy

in Memory of Maurice Lowinger

Arriving just weeks after birth, infants with disabilities are guided to achieving their first development milestones through a multi-disciplinary early intervention therapy regimen. Their parents receive professional support to navigate the complexities of raising a child with disabilities and cultivate fortitude and hope as co-therapists in their child's rehabilitative process.

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Rehabilitative Day Care

The Rehabilitative Day Care for children ages 1-3 with intellectual developmental disabilities nurtures physical and cognitive development in a vibrant, child-centered environment. A staff of educators, social workers, and therapists work together to advance each child's rehabilitative progress. Support groups and events for family members provide professional guidance and create a supportive network of families.

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Inclusive Preschools

Shalva's Inclusive Preschools offer an enriching program for children ages 4-6 that integrates rehabilitative therapies and educational curricula while promoting values of inclusion, community and appreciation of diversity. The preschool caters to children with intellectual developmental disabilities, communication disorders and autism as well as children with neuro-typical development. All of the participating children are prepared for integration into the mainstream education system by first grade.



Hope

EVERY DAY

Shalva's programs offer a continuum of care, catering to every age and stage of development.

Our dedicated staff of professionals and volunteers work with the children in individual and group settings to maximize their rehabilitative progress and growth. Each program incorporates family support and inclusion components to empower our Shalva children and families to lead thriving lives.



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After School Activity Center

in Memory of Sima
& Rubin Wagner

The After School Activity Center provides children with disabilities with daily social and recreational programs like sports, drama, art, and music, together with peer volunteers from the broader community. The program's life skills learning curriculum is tailored to various levels of independence and prepares children with disabilities for the transition to adulthood and the world beyond.

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Overnight & Weekend Respite Program

Dedicated by Susan and
Leonard Feinstein

Children between the ages of 6 and 21 sleep over at Shalva's Respite Center one night every week and two weekends each month. They receive individualized guidance in personal care, enjoy fun evening activities and master independence skills while their families receive a rare opportunity to rejuvenate their spirits and focus on personal needs.

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Summer Program

During summer vacation, children with disabilities participate in day camps at the Shalva National Center and an overnight sleepaway camp at an off-site resort. Shalva's summer programming includes sports, arts and crafts, social activities, and field trips. The program offers an empowering and inclusive social network with peer volunteers from the broader community and enables children with disabilities to participate in community-based attractions as equals.

2,000

children and adults
with disabilities benefit
weekly from therapies &
programs

300

mothers and babies attend
the Me & My Mommy program
every year

200

trained volunteers and
83 National Service interns





ALL AGES

Sports and Wellness

Shalva incorporates sports and fitness into the daily programs and rehabilitative goals of all of our program participants. Shalva's expansive, disability accessible sports facilities allow our children and adults to advance their motor, sensory, and social-communication developments through hydrotherapy, swimming lessons, therapeutic fitness groups, basketball, soccer and Judo.

ALL AGES

Oral Health for Everyone

OHEV is a preventative oral health program for children with disabilities that encourages both lifestyle and clinic-based interventions. A staff of dental professionals apply fluoride varnish treatments and conduct educational activities across all age groups to teach and implement oral hygiene practices. Research conducted about OHEV has proven that the program is an instrumental contributor to the oral and general health of children with disabilities.

ALL AGES

Family Support

Shalva supports parents to raise their children with disabilities at home within the family framework. A staff of social workers and disability professionals provide personal counseling and conduct ongoing support groups for parents, grandparents, siblings, and disability caregivers. Parents are invited to attend lectures and seminars on disability topics as well as events with their children throughout the year. Shalva empowers parents to find hope and belonging, create family cohesion, and lead thriving lives.



Fitness

for everyone every day

150

children with disabilities in inclusive sports teams

10,000

family members receive support & professional guidance





HOPE
FOR A BRIGHT

Future

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS | 21+

Shalva provides a nurturing framework for adults with disabilities to lead lives of independence, dignity and meaning. Shalva's multifaceted program structure includes independent living, employment, higher education, and social programs. Catering to varying levels of independence, Shalva enables adults with disabilities to expand their potential for personal development and social inclusion.



Independent Living in the Community

Shalva's Independent Living in the Community program offers adults with disabilities a home for life and the opportunity to build their futures with dignity and stability.

Shalva offers high quality living accommodations, a comprehensive program structure, 24/7 supervision, and professional support to maximize each resident's potential for independence and inclusion into community life.

Assisted Employment Creative Workshop

Shalva's creative workshop provides adults with disabilities who have lower levels of independence with gainful employment and training in various arts and crafts. A staff of professional artists and therapists work together to teach various creative techniques and support the rehabilitative and personal development of the employees. The crafts are designed with Shalva themes and inspirational messages, and include ceramics, jewelry, wood crafts, sublimation printing, decorative soaps, and herbal tea arrangements.





Vocational Training Courses

Shalva's vocational training courses teach adults with disabilities to master various skill sets with the intention of preparing them for employment in the mainstream workforce. The courses are operated in partnership with local colleges and the Ministry of Labor, providing graduates with recognized qualifications and official certification. The Riklis-Cooperberg Culinary Institute teaches basic culinary skills, confidence and creativity in the kitchen, and prepares graduates for future employment.



Employment

Shalva serves as a model for successful workplace inclusion. We employ adults with disabilities in various positions in our programs and facilities; working as teachers assistants in the rehabilitative day care, sous chefs in Shalva's kitchen, and tour guides of the Shalva National Center. Our employees and their bosses are provided with professional support to ensure that their employment is successful and meaningful.



Circle of Support

Circle of Support is a social support program designed for adults with varying levels of independence who choose to reside in their family homes. Shalva conducts recreational group activities twice a week, often involving a rehabilitative component. Additionally, participants attend weekly, personal outings with a professional counselor that are geared toward advancing their personal independence skills.



80

adults with disabilities in our employment and vocational training program

20

Shalva independent living in the community residences





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**Magic
HAPPENS
HERE**

The Shalva National Center is a model of excellence and a beacon of hope.

Every day, over a thousand people with disabilities and their families come through the center for rehabilitative and support programs. Hundreds more people from the broader community visit as part of Shalva's community initiatives and social enterprises. Government dignitaries and delegations, corporate representatives, disability professionals, university students and individuals from around the world come to the center to learn about Shalva's program models and to experience inclusion at its best.



Shalva Park for Inclusion in Memory of Ambassador Roland E. Arnall



Wagner Family Atrium



Henry Schein Cares Oral Hygiene Clinic



Steven Diamond Sports and Wellness Center



The Recanati-Kaplan Auditorium

Every detail of the Shalva National Center was designed with intention to optimally advance Shalva's programs and welcome the broader community into the world of inclusion.

Shalva is one of the leading facilities for disability care in the world.

A Mother's Promise Fulfilled

Shalva was founded in 1990 by Kalman and Malki Samuels, but its story begins thirteen years earlier when their son, Yossi was rendered blind and deaf among other challenges as a result of medical injury during his early infancy. At the age of eight Yossi, experienced a communication breakthrough, miraculously learning sign language in the palm of his hand.

Malki remembered a promise that she made during those isolating and exhausting years; that if G-d would help her son, she would dedicate herself to helping other families in similar situations. With six local children in a small apartment, the Samuels' established Shalva.

Responding to the needs of children and adults and their families, program followed program; resulting in a holistic continuum of services to support individuals with disabilities and their families throughout the life cycle, from infancy through adulthood.



1990

Shalva opened with 6 children in a local apartment



1998

Moved to Shalva Beit Nachshon Center in Har Nof



2000

Shalva Beit Nachshon was renovated to include Shalva's first hydrotherapy swimming pool

Me and My Mommy program began



2005

The Shalva Band was established



2006

Received certification of management standards from ISO



2007

Property for Shalva National Center granted by the Jerusalem Municipality



2009

First Team Shalva in the Jerusalem Marathon



2016

Shalva opens the school year at the Shalva National Center



2017

Shalva National Center officially designated by the government as Israel's National Crisis Center for people with disabilities

Oral health for Everyone (OHEV) program launched

Café Shalva opened to the public

Rehabilitative Judo School established by Olympic medalist Ori Sasson



2018

Granted consultative status by the United Nations

First independent living apartment in the community opened



2019

The Shalva Band performed at the 2019 Eurovision Song Contest

Kalman Samuels authored his personal memoir, Dreams Never Dreamed



2021

The Shalva Institute launches

A Better, MORE INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

Shalva's social enterprises offer unique inclusive opportunities for the broader community in cuisine, music, workshops, culture, gift shopping and events. Our are inclusive workplace settings as well as important income sources for the organization. With every product purchased or meal enjoyed, our clients benefit from the added value of supporting Shalva's programs and contributing to a more inclusive society.

Café Shalva

Café Shalva is a boutique café that is located in the Shalva National Center; offering diners a delicious menu and the most positive inclusive experience. At Café Shalva, adults with disabilities work as chefs and waiters as equal contributors to an inclusive workplace setting. Café Shalva was developed in partnership with elite culinary establishments and has been celebrated by customers and critics alike.

Shalva Band

The Shalva Band is comprised of talented musicians with and without disabilities; some of whom discovered and developed their musical abilities at Shalva's music therapy program. The Shalva Band has performed on some of the world's most prominent stages alongside celebrity artists; including the 2019 Eurovision Song Contest. The band's songs inspire messages of hope, inclusion, and the strength of the human spirit.

Events and Conferences

Shalva's state-of-the-art auditorium, multi-purpose halls and seminar rooms are popular venues for corporate, municipal and private conferences and events. In addition to being an important source of income, rental of these facilities expose the broader community to the world of disabilities through a direct experience of reverse inclusion. Hosting an affair at the Shalva National Center offers added social value to any event or conference.

Shalva SHOP

The Shalva SHOP is a gift shop located at the Shalva National Center and online that primarily sells artistic products created and designed by adults with disabilities at Shalva's creative workshop as well as products created in partnership with local vendors and artists. The pieces integrate inspirational messages aligned with Shalva's vision of creating a better, more inclusive society; purchased by visitors as unique souvenirs or by corporate and individual customers as meaningful gifts.





בחיילך שלווה בארמונותיך תהלים קכב ז

May there be peace within your wall, SHALVA, serenity within your palaces. Psalms 122:7

שלווה Shalva



חוד
בסדר

בואים
כונן

GLOBAL REACH
GLOBAL

Impact

The Shalva Institute is Shalva's educational branch that provides professional training and consultation, research collaborations and sharing of knowledge based on Shalva's program models, experience and expertise. The Shalva Institute is designed to engage and benefit disability caregivers, civil service employees, institutional and government service structures, developing community initiatives as well as individuals with disabilities and their families around the world.



The Shalva Way

The Shalva Way is an online learning tool that defines Shalva's programs as replicable models as well as Shalva's unique approach to disability care and inclusion. A catalyst for broadly sharing Shalva's knowledge and expertise, the Shalva Way incorporates professional development opportunities for users to specialize in relevant fields of therapy that are required for optimal program implementation.

Training and Consultation

The Shalva Institute's certification courses, training workshops, lectures, and conferences provide professional development opportunities in Shalva's various areas of expertise. The majority of lecturers are Shalva's seasoned disability care professionals. Shalva's courses offer unique opportunities for community-based rehabilitation workers, civil service employees and medical professionals to enhance their work with an enriched understanding and an expanded skill set. Shalva provides consultation to organizations and communities around the world that are interested in developing their local disability services.

Research and Development

The Shalva Institute collaborates with academic institutions and other organizations in research and project developments. Shalva's continuum of care from infancy through adulthood has created a rich and insightful database of information about the rehabilitative progress and success of various demographics and therapy interventions. Shalva's professional staff and leadership are invited to share the organization's developments at conferences around the world and contribute to global forums like the OECD, WHO and UN.





STANDARDS OF MANAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Shalva's programs are all authorized by Israeli government ministries and are certified to provide professional care for every category of disability. Shalva partners with academic institutions, government bodies, and communities worldwide to advance the field of disability care and to create unique opportunities for inclusion. Shalva's excellence in operations, management best practices, financial accountability and transparency receive esteemed recognition.

Charity Navigator
4 Star Rating

GuideStar
Platinum

International
Organization of
Standardization
(ISO)

Midot Seal of
Effectiveness

United Nations
Consultative Status

TOTO
Winner

National Lottery
of Israel

Jerusalem
Municipality

National Insurance
Institute

Shalem Fund

Ministry of Labor,
Social Affairs and
Social Services

Ministry of
Education

Ministry of Health

IDF Home Front
Command

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