Kahalani Supports the Ethiopian Community

Rector of the Herzog academic college Ezra Kahalani was among those awarding scholarships to outstanding students from the Ethiopian community taking part in the Tasfa (Hope in Amharic) program, which aims to produce leaders from the community in the field of education.

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Ezra Kahalani awarding scholarships

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**Scholarship Award Ceremony for Outstanding Students from the Ethiopian Community**

An award ceremony for students from the Herzog Academic College taking part in the Tasfa (“Hope” in Amharic) project, was held at the college this week. The young students were awarded scholarships which underlined the faith in their ability to become leaders in Israeli society. Rabbi Mabrato Solomon, coordinator of the program, told the attendees that, “There are members of the Ethiopian community in every classroom in the education system, and it’s very important that teachers in Israel are familiar with the community, its customs and way of life.”

Ezra Kahalani, the college rector, added that, “The program presents solutions to the educational and cultural challenges in Israeli society, while preserving and understanding the concepts of uniqueness and unity. The scholarships were awarded to outstanding students from the Ethiopian community who participated in this program, in order to help them flourish into social and community leaders in Israeli society”.

"We are proud of the integration of members of the Ethiopian community." This week, Herzog College's entire student body celebrated Sigd (a festival observed by Ethiopian Jewry). The day was marked with films, exhibitions of photographs, and literature on Ethiopian Jewry, and traditional food was served alongside traditional clothes and joyful Ethiopian music. "The college is proud of students from the Ethiopian community for their natural integration in leadership and excellence, both inside the college and beyond," said Dr. Ezra Kahalani, the rector of the college.

Rabbi Mabrato explains about the injera, as sources from Ezra and Nehemiah are screened behind him.

Olam Katan magazine: This week, students at Herzog College celebrated Sigd with traditional Ethiopian food and dancing to exhilarating Ethiopian music.

An Ethiopian holiday at Herzog college. The Sigd holiday, which is celebrated every year on the last day of the month of Cheshvan, is being observed this year for the first time at Herzog college, with the participation of the entire student body, including the Ethiopian students. Rabbi Mabrato Solomon, coordinator of the Tasfa program, told students about the customs of the day and the community itself, and the students spoke about the customs of the holiday, traditional foods and immigration to Israel. Ezra Kahalani, rector of the college, added that the college is proud of its students from the Ethiopian community for their unique nature and natural inclination to leadership and excellence, both inside and outside the college. Photograph: Amichai Yair.

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Scholarships for outstanding students from the Ethiopian community. This week a scholarship award ceremony was held at Herzog academic college for students taking part in the Tasfa (Amharic for "hope") program. Rabbi Mabrato Solomon, coordinator of the program, said: "There are members of the Ethiopian community in every classroom in the education system, and it’s very important that teachers in Israel are familiar with the community, its customs and way of life."

Ezra Kahalani, rector of the college added, "We at Herzog placed this program at the top of our list of priorities and invested considerable resources in its establishment, in order to expand the students' knowledge of the community from then until today, in addition to presenting solutions to the educational and cultural challenges in Israeli society. The scholarships were given to outstanding students from the Ethiopian community who participated in this program, in order to help them flourish and assume positions of community and social leadership in Israeli society. Pictured: Rabbi Dr. Yehuda Brandes with a student in the Tasfa program.

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Rabbi Mabrato Solomon discusses Sigd day on the “End of the Week” show with Yehuda Shoresh and Yonatan Dubov on radio Galei Israel, Thursday א' כסלו תשע"ז

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