

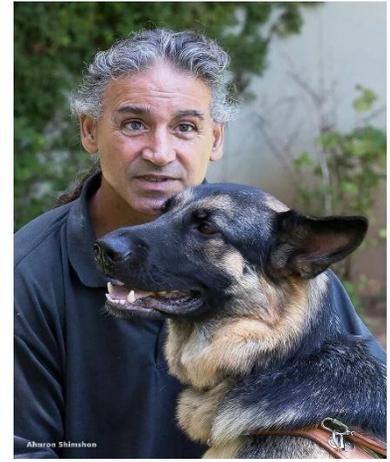


INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ISRAEL GUIDE DOG CENTER FOR THE BLIND

- We are the **only accredited center in the Middle East** offering vital guide dog services—at no charge—to Israel's blind population.
- We provide **Service Companions** to blind and autistic children, as well as adults with other disabilities, including IDF soldiers with PTSD.
- We consistently receive the **highest ratings** from **both GuideStar and Charity Navigator** for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.
- **We recently earned Platinum Status from GuideStar.** Out of its 1.8 million-member-database, only **0.15%** reach Platinum Status—the ultimate achievement!
- We have been awarded **The Midot Seal of Effectiveness**—Israel's highest award to nonprofits—in recognition of the excellence of our financial management and our program in improving our clients' lives. This award—made after years of in-depth evaluation of our entire organization—is only given to the most worthy nonprofits in Israel.
- This year, we were one of only 21 organizations chosen by **AIPAC** out of thousands to make a presentation on stage and demonstrate our program at an exhibit at this historic conference.
- **Israel's Blindness Crisis:** There are some 24,000 visually impaired people in Israel. In addition to losing their sight from various eye disorders, Israel's blind includes soldiers, as well as innocent civilians who often suffer injuries through barbaric acts of terror.
- **Helping the most vulnerable:** Of our clients who first come to us for a guide dog, 72% are economically disadvantaged and 39% live alone.
- **Our growing numbers of clients—and waiting list:** Due to the lengthy process of breeding, raising, and training a guide dog, blind Israelis often have to wait for a year or more to gain the independence, mobility, and confidence that a guide dog provides.
- Currently, we provide an average of **35 Guide Dogs and 35 Service Companions for a total of 70 dogs each year** that assist people in need. We need to **double production over the next 10 years** just to keep pace with current demand—making it crucial for us to expand our capacity.



- This year, we completed our **New Puppy Development Campus**, adjacent to our current site. Our new campus doubles our physical size and ultimately our capacity. Our new campus includes a new state-of-the-art dog-training course, additional kennels, and a new birthing center.
- The Israel Guide Dog Center offers **state-of-the-art** guide dog **training programs, specially adapted for Israel's challenging conditions**—including security barriers, mid-block traffic lights, and sirens.
- We are one of the few guide dog schools in the world to specialize in the **“Clicker Method.”** Using only positive reinforcement, the Clicker Method cuts average training time while improving our dogs’ responsiveness and performance.
- **Nearly all our dogs go to people in need** as either Guide Dogs or Service Companions—and all are given good, loving homes. Our guide dogs over age 10 even get to enjoy a well-earned retirement—often with the volunteers who raised them or other dog-loving families.
- **CanVelo**, a subsidiary of Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind, pairs blind Israelis with sighted volunteers in **tandem biking events** throughout Israel and in other parts of the world. Join us for a ride during your next trip to Israel. We also have a Dragon Boat Team that competes internationally.
- Our clients have marched in the annual New York City **Celebrate Israel Parade** and run in the **New York City Marathon**, reflecting our goal to engage them in sports and social activities.
- We provide a **Mitzvah Education Program**—an in-school program for children here in the U.S., teaching them about Israel, the needs of the visually impaired, humane treatment of animals, and the importance of helping others.
- Our blind clients, escorted by their guide dogs and companions, regularly lead the march from Auschwitz to Birkenau during the annual **International March of the Living**.



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