Ambassador Morav met with H.E. Jemal Beker Abedula, State Minister at the Ministry of Innovation and Technology - Ethiopia. During the meeting they discussed collaboration in technology transfer for productivity increase in agriculture.

Israel is committed to cooperate with Ethiopia in the introduction of advanced methods of irrigation and efficient water management.

Such cooperation is already being implemented in partnership with Israeli NGOs in Ethiopia through the establishment of Centers of Excellence for irrigation, demonstration sites, donation of solar irrigation systems, training programs, micro credit for small holder farmers, etc.
The Israeli embassy in Addis Ababa participated in the annual Diplomatic Bazar which was held on December 2018. Cosmetics from the Dead Sea, Tahini from the Galilee, salts from the Red Sea and more fantastic Israeli products were displayed at the Israeli stand. Thousands of visitors popped in our stand and purchased the products. All proceeds go to charity.
The Deputy Ambassador Mr. Or Daniely visited Picolo nursery where, MASHAV, USAID Ethiopia and Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture joined forces to introduce avocado small-holders with advanced irrigation technologies and trainings.

Using cutting edge technologies, the nursery produces 12,000 avocado seedlings every year. The premium avocado species, Hass and Etinger are delivered to local farmers. Donated by MASHAV and USAID Ethiopia, the state of the art solar irrigation system delivers water to a clusters of dozens avocado plots, spread over 4.5 hectares.
Leading in Digital Diplomacy

The world is continually advancing in digital diplomacy. Israel is among the leaders in this technological revolution. The Embassy of the State of Israel hosted a round table meeting on Digital Diplomacy. It was a great occasion to exchange best practices, tips and methods with our friends and colleagues from U.S. Embassy Addis Ababa, British Council Ethiopia, USAID Ethiopia and European Union in Ethiopia.
On Nov. 7th - 8th Ambassador Raphael Morav visited the embassy’s activity in Tigray region.

As part of his visit the Ambassador met with Dr. Atinkut Melaku, minister of agriculture of Tigray and the minister joined him to the site visits. They visited ElShadai AITEC Farm in Wukiro town, Wukro Agricultural TVET College and avocado farm established by MASHAV in Alamata.

Elshadai children village Farm provides orphaned children with a loving home as well as basic necessities such as food, clothing, education opportunities and healthcare.

The farm supports 160 orphaned and abandoned children, 1,000 economically disadvantaged children and 36 students in universities and colleges. The farm produces as a mean of self-sustainable economic development and to provide students with nutritious food.

The avocado farm established by MASHAV one of 12 Israeli avocado farms that were established in the framework of a large-scale joint program of Israel (MASHAV), United States (USAID) and Ethiopia Ministry of Agriculture.
The Embassy of the state of Israel in Ethiopia celebrated the lighting of the fifth candle of Hanukkah with H.E. Dr. Hirut Kassaw, Minister of Culture, staff of the embassy, Israelis living in Addis and Friends at the Ambassador’s residence.

The festival commemorates the 164 BCE re-dedication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after its desecration by Antiochus IV - and the re-establishment of religious freedom for the Jewish people after a period of harsh repression.

A Hanukkah on display in the window of a home in Jerusalem’s Mea Shearim neighborhood A Hanukkah on display in the window of a home in Jerusalem’s Mea Shearim neighborhood.

Chanukah ("dedication" in Hebrew), the eight-day-long festival of lights is celebrated this year from sunset on Sunday, 2 December, until sunset on Monday, 10 December. The festival commemorates both the 164 BCE rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after its desecration by the ruling Seleucid (Syrian Greek) Kingdom, under Antiochus IV – and the re-establishment of religious freedom for the Jewish people after a period of harsh repression. The success of the popular revolt led by Judah Maccabee and his brothers has, ever since, symbolized the Jewish people’s fight for, and achievement of, its liberty and freedom as a nation against overwhelming odds. Chanukah is not a legal holiday in Israel; offices, shops and public transportation will operate as usual; schools, however, will be closed.
In 200 BCE, the Seleucid King, Antiochus III, conquered the Land of Israel and incorporated it into his kingdom. While neither he, nor his son and successor, Seleucus IV, forced their Hellenistic culture on the Jews, his second son, Antiochus IV, who acceded to the throne in 175 BCE, instituted – with the active acceptance and support of many Jews – a policy of forced Hellenization and enacted harsh policies against those Jews who refused to adopt Hellenistic culture. Under Antiochus IV, Jews were forced to eat pork, and Sabbath observance and circumcision were made punishable by death. In 167 BCE, the Temple was defiled and dedicated to the Greek god Zeus, and became the center of an idol-worshipping cult.

In 165 BCE, a popular revolt – led by Mattathias, an elderly priest from the town of Modi'in (east of Lod), and his five sons – broke out against Seleucid rule. Mattathias died soon thereafter, and was succeeded by his third son, Judah, also known as Judah Maccabee. Following a brilliant guerrilla campaign – as well as several victories over far larger, regular Seleucid armies – Judah's forces liberated Jerusalem in the winter of 164 BCE. The Temple was cleansed and, on the 25th of the Hebrew month of Kislev, rededicated.

At that time, according to rabbinic tradition, when Judah's men sought to relight the Temple menorah, or candelabra, only one day's worth of pure, undefiled olive oil was found, but the limited quantity of oil miraculously burned for the eight days required for new oil to be pressed. Thus, the holiday of Chanukah commemorates both the liberation of Jerusalem and the rededication of the Temple, and the miracle of the oil. In one of the blessings (see below) recited each night, the Jewish people praise God "who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days at this season."
The main element of Chanukah observance is the lighting of the eight-branched menorah (or chanukkiah) in the late afternoon, but not before the sun has begun to set, or at night. On the first night, one candle (or oil lamp) is lit, with another one being added on each successive night until the eighth night when all eight candles (or oil lamps) are lit. One extra light (the shamash) stands apart from the others and is used to light them. Special blessings are said when lighting the menorah, which is traditionally placed in a window or doorway where it will be visible from the outside – in order to publicize the miracle of the oil.

It is customary to eat foods fried in oil – typically jelly doughnuts or potato pancakes – during Chanukah.

In addition, children are given four-sided tops as toys. In the Diaspora, the sides bear the Hebrew letters that form the acronym: "A great miracle happened there." In Israel, the sides bear the Hebrew letters that form the acronym: "A great miracle happened here." In the State of Israel, Chanukah is marked by a torch relay from Modi’in to Jerusalem and giant menorahs are also lit in public squares.
The “Dream Doctors” is presented as a project-clowning in the service of medicine that began its work at the Hadassah University Hospital, Ein Kerem, Jerusalem in 2002. The ‘Dream Doctors’ role is to provide the patient child with everything in the clown’s toolbox to add different dimensions to the experience of hospitalizations so that the child remains with moments of laughter and smiles, memories of pleasurable games, childishness and self-

The Medical and Humanitarian Clowning

Clowning is used as an assisting therapeutic tool in many medical treatments and procedures. It is based on listening and being sensitive to others and environment as expressed in the programme paper by David Dash Barash and Zoyka Hayat; and so did the team accompanying the medical staff and treatment personnel in the pediatric section of CHUK.

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“One of most important and major aspect of the Dream Doctors’ work is the cooperation with the medical staff and treatment personnel in the hospital, working as part of the medical team. Dozens of procedures and complex treatments need to be carried out daily in hospital units. A dream Doctor is present at each procedure with children, with the consent and knowledge of the medical staff. The clown’s goal is to assist the medical staff in carrying out the procedure in the best way possible, as the clown adapts the performance to the situation calling upon all of the clowning skills possible, with careful coordination with the medical staff and full cooperation”.

According to Doctor AHISHAKIYE MA⁃BURO Richard a Pediatric Resident at CHUK, the team of Dream Doctors told them about themselves and discussed on clowns’ therapy. He finds this experience very positive, recognizing that treatment alone is not enough. He saw how children were amused as well as their mothers and nurses, and hope that the medical staffs would be trained so that they could do it too. Obviously, he added, the social service of CHUK facilitates children to play and give them some toys, but go to bed and care for the child under the pain of treatment is something new.

Richard Habimana 14, and Jean d’Amour Ntakirutimana 13, appreciated so much. They said they were very much looking forward to receiving gifts and meeting very nice people who made them laugh. They are waiting to be cured and are eager to return to school.

As it is revealed that this integration of medical clowns has become more popular and applied in an increasing number of hospitals in Israel and worldwide, we can hope that this method will take bases at the CHUK and then gradually spread through other hospitals in the country.

Source: The partner
In Pictures

Ambassador Morav and Engineer Takele Uma at the inaugural ceremony of Gullele Botanic Garden

Visit of Deputy Ambassador Or at Blue moon, startup Ethiopia.
After concluding a successful medical clowning workshop together with head of Rwandan Acrobats group, Deputy Ambassador or handing over graduation certificates.

Deputy Chief of Mission Or at iceaddis had great discussion on collaboration on innovation.
Inauguration of two greenhouses in Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda

Deputy Ambassador met RAB director general, Mr. Patrick Karangwa, Rwanda