

RAKIA

PUBLIC APPEAL TO SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL ED INSTITUTIONS

TO TAKE PART IN THE ACCESSIBLE RAKIA MISSION

THIS IS A CALL TO SPECIAL-ED TEACHERS, TO RECREATION AND EDUCATION COORDINATORS, AND TO OPERATORS OF FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES. WE ARE OFFERING THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUCH THE SKY TOGETHER WITH THE SECOND ISRAELI IN SPACE, EYTAN STIBBE, ON HIS RAKIA MISSION. AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING OUTER SPACE WITHIN REACH OF ANY SPECIAL-NEEDS AUDIENCE.

BACKGROUND

Israel's second astronaut, Eytan Stibbe, is going to be flying to the International Space Station (ISS) in early 2022. He will be staying there for 10 days. While on board the Space Station, Eytan will be working to advance Israeli scientific research, education, art and enterprise. The Lotem NGO has been given the opportunity to make the Rakia mission and Eytan Stibbe's voyage into space accessible, recognizing that the challenges of such an endeavor are fertile ground for discussion and learning. For us this is an opportunity to shine a light of new perspectives on the way people with disabilities cope with challenges even in their immediate surroundings here on Earth. How from where we are, we know these are inspiring challenges, that every person, no matter where, can reach for the stars!

The Lotem NGO - Making Nature Accessible, has taken upon itself to make Eytan's voyage into space accessible for people with disabilities. Lotem is the leading organization in Israel in guiding field trips and facilitating nature excursions for people with disabilities. It also specializes in making content accessible to all

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM INCLUDE?

An activity kit, including:

- A booklet containing 5 pre-launch sets
- ★ Printable aids for use in the various activities
- ★ Written and photographic documentation of the activity by the participating groups
- ★ An extra set for summarizing the activities following Eytan's landing back on Earth.

A one-day seminar for teachers/educators participating in the program - the seminar will be zoom seminars, to be conducted on three different dates.

The training will include:

- ★ Detailed background on the Rakia mission and "Accessible Rakia"
- ★ Introduction to teaching Space and making it accessible
- ★ Explanation and training on the lesson plans

The teachers/educators, on their part, will commit to delivering the contents in their classes in a set of activity sessions spanning 3-5 lessons and to provide documentation from the activities (in accordance with privacy restrictions).

Participating groups will be eligible for:

- ★ Sending questions and drawings to Eytan Stibbe (class-level) - some of the questions will be answered during the broadcasts
- ★ Participation in accessible broadcasts of the launch and touchdown back on Earth, probably in February 2022 (subject to change)
- ★ Participation in the climax event about the broadcasts from the Space Station

SO HOW SHOULD YOU JOIN?

FILL IN YOUR INSTITUTION'S DETAILS

REGISTRATION FORM

IMPORTANT!!!

Different kits are available, some tailored to high cognitive populations, others for medium cognitive levels. The kits also include adaptations for sensory disabilities.

Should you choose to venture into space with us, we will require you to sustain your participation throughout the entire journey. Participation in this project is in high demand, so your level of motivation is important to us.

The institutions showing the most earnest commitment to the mission will be selected from among those registering.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE YOU WITH US ABOVE THE CLOUDS

