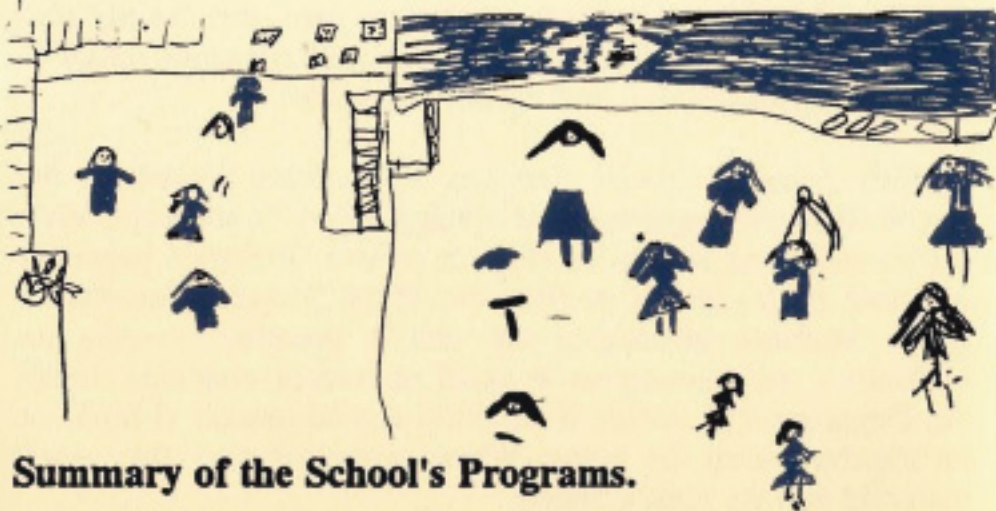


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### General information:

The Paul Baerwald School of Social Work, founded in 1956 through the combined efforts of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC) and the Israel Ministry of Welfare, was the first School of Social Work in Israel. Over the years the School has added to its program and curriculum in response to the changing needs of Israeli society. Currently the School trains individuals for B.S.W., M.S.W., and Ph.D. degrees as well as providing post B.S.W. training toward certification in specialized domains of social work. The School further supports a number of ongoing research and intervention projects.



Summary of the School's Programs.

- **Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.):** providing the basic social work education for professional functioning in the field.
- **Master of Social Work (M.S.W.):** providing training in one of three degree tracks: the development of social welfare research and knowledge, social services administration, and social welfare practice and supervision.
- **The Doctoral Program (Ph.D.):** individualized programs of study and research leading to the Ph.D. degree in preparation for leadership, teaching, and research in social work.

- **The Schwartz Program:** post-B.S.W. diploma program with two educational tracks: (1) the training of senior staff and administrators for community center work and (2) the training of staff for development of early child care programs for parents and children.

- **The Continuing Education Program:** providing ongoing courses aimed at acquiring new practice skills and updating basic professional knowledge.

- **The Warburg Center for Research and Innovation in Social Work Practice:** established in 1986 with the help of AJJDC as "a means of promoting and facilitating the research endeavors of young faculty members of the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work. Two examples of this work are the ongoing projects "A Clinical Monitoring System for Foster Care in Israel" and "A Decision Support System in the Youth Probation Service of Israel" aimed at learning about and improving social work practice in foster care and probation.

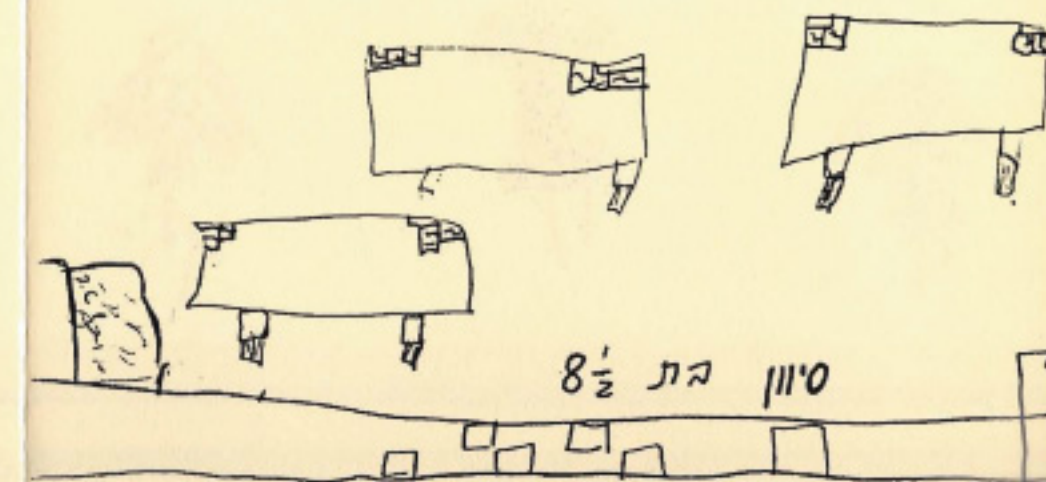


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### The Shepard Osherow Field Training Program for Children and Youth



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The Shepard Osherow Field Training Program was established in 1985 at the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work. Approximately twenty social work students are enrolled in the program each academic year. As a young and dynamic program, it continues to grow and be refined annually. The goal of the program is to train social work students to work in child welfare and particularly with children and youth at risk of being removed from their parental home, or already placed out of their homes. Students learn about child welfare from both psychosocial and legal perspectives and are exposed to the broad spectrum of agency and intervention types representing the continuum of care for such children. The Department of Children and Youth of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare is collaborating with and provides input into this innovative training program.

The Shepard Osherow-Field Training Program for children and youth at the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work, Hebrew University of Jerusalem offers a unique training opportunity to social work students. Students receive hands on training experience, individual supervision on their cases, and participate in a weekly workshop series throughout the academic year along with their supervisors. The workshop is designed to provide the students with an over-view of the child welfare system for children at risk for out of home placement and for children already removed from their homes. In addition to training in specific intervention skills suitable for children, the workshop provides background in the continuum of care for children, youth and adolescents available in Israel, and a perspective on the child as part of the social systems in which he or she functions. The format of the workshop blends lectures, discussions, case presentations, and site visits. Students and their field supervisors participate under the guidance of the Osherow training supervisor. During the course of the year each student and each supervisor presents a description of a child or youth currently in his or her care focusing on topics of special interest such as children with behavioral problems, preparing children for out of home placement, and play as an intervention modality. The diverse experiences of students and supervisors in each of a variety of agencies are reflected in the kinds of problems and the types of interventions presented by each participant. Thus each student received not only field training in a specific agency but also a larger view of child welfare for children at risk and children already removed from their homes. Students learn about the continuum of care provided: what happens before children are removed from their homes, treatment and interventions for children removed from their homes, and movement over time between temporary out of home placements placement.

The agencies currently participating in the program are:

The Givat Shemesh Residential Center - A relatively large institutional residential treatment facility caring for 9 - 18 year old children with severe emotional, behavioral, and learning dysfunctions who come from multi problem families. On site treatment and education is provided.

Beit HaYeled Residential Center of Gilo, Jerusalem - A series of foster family group homes housed in one treatment facility. Caring for 6 - 14 year old children with emotional and educational dysfunction, each "home" includes approximately 12 children. Children are generally less severely disturbed than those served by Givat Shemesh; however 15% of the children are severely disturbed and the Center works to "mainstream" them by housing them with their less disturbed peers. Treatment is on site, children attend local (public) schools.

Or Shalom Group Home Facility - A group of four foster family group homes based in a moshav near Jerusalem. Caring for 7 - 18 year old children with characteristics similar to those living in Beit HaYeled, each "home" includes approximately 9 children. In addition to some short term care, this facility also serves as a permanent home for children who cannot return to their biological families and are not adoptable.

Maaleh Adumim Social Services - Students placed in the Social Services Department of Maaleh Adumim are responsible for investigating reports of children at risk. Referrals generally originate from schools, or from the Social Services Department itself. Students investigate the child's situation, prepare an evaluation, and participate in child placement meetings within the Department to decide if the child should remain at home or be removed from the home. Where necessary they then work the child and the child's family.

