

It's that time again, high season, lots of activity, bustling around from morning 'til night. And we all have our favorite things we look forward to year after year.

Well, this season, here's something really special to add to that list!

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Israel Tennis Centers Foundation, in partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Naples, will host an exhibition with their student team from Israel, at the Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort in Naples.

The exhibition is part of their 2019 Winter exhibition tour. By the time the team reaches Naples, they will have swung through over 15 appearances across South Florida during February and March.

The Israel Tennis Centers Foundation holds exhibition cycles several times a year, bringing diverse teams of children to the US, that take part in their educational and sports programs across Israel.

This season's team is a multicultural group of 4 Israeli junior tennis players, including Koral, a 17-year-old girl from Tel Aviv; Jasmine, a 10-year-old Arab girl from Akko; Ariel, a 10-year-old boy from Tel Aviv and Tuval, a 19-year-old young man also from Tel Aviv. The team will be coached by ITC Alumnus and former #18 in the world in Singles, Amos Mansdorf.

During their US appearances, in addition to exhibiting their skills on court, these youth ambassadors will share their personal stories about the impact of the ITC on their lives off court, on their families and the communities in which they live. The ITC represents a safe and nurturing educational environment in which these children can learn vital life values while sharpening their tennis skills.

ITC is dedicated to empowering children through sport and education to foster lasting peace in one of the most turbulent areas in the world. Their goal is to teach children of all backgrounds how to live successful lives.

"The Israeli Tennis Centers serves 20,000 children, many who are at-risk and have special needs, in 14 centers across Israel. The positive impact through counseling, tutoring, providing meals and athletics for these children and on their lives is heartwarming, and so important. We are bringing this event to Naples, so please come out and meet some of these outstanding students and hear their stories," states Mark Schloss, Co-Chair of ITC Naples exhibition.

The focus of the ITC is on empowering children everyday so they can become better human beings. Through its social impact programs, a wide range of children are served, including youth at risk, immigrants from Ethiopia, Russia, and the Ukraine along with children with special needs, from autism and ADHD to Down Syndrome as well as those with developmental and physical disabilities. The ITC also recognizes the ability of tennis to bring together children from different religions as seen in its highly successful Coexistence Program.

For more information or to attend these exhibitions and events, please go to: [www.israeltenniscenters.org](http://www.israeltenniscenters.org) or contact Yoni Yair, VP of Development at 954-480-6333 or [yyair@israeltenniscenters.org](mailto:yyair@israeltenniscenters.org). This ITC exhibitions is open to the public, advanced registration is required. Tax-deductible contributions are greatly appreciated.