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CHILDREN HANDICAP HEALTH SENIOR CITIZENS REMEMBRANCE

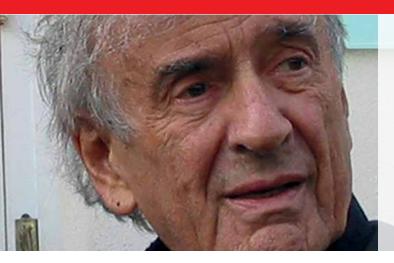
One hundred years young, OSE is characterized by an increasingly dynamic development in its fields of action: health, education and social work. The diversity of projects and their relevance to the needs of the most vulnerable groups show that this ongoing development is part of a demanding process that combines innovation with a strong sense of loyalty to the association's history. An important association in the medical, social and educational sectors in France, OSE holds dear its values of solidarity, humanism, professionalism and memory.

Jean-François Guthmann, President

Patricia Sitruk, Director-general

OSE

HAS BEEN ENRICHED BY THE HISTORY OF EVERY CHILD IT HAS SAVED



The Society for the Health of the Jewish Population (today Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants-OSE) was created in 1912 in Saint Petersburg (Russia). Its initial mission: to protect, feed and support Jewish children who were victims of poverty and persecution.

"The organization remains extraordinarily endearing through both its warmth and its dedication.
OSE remains for me a safe haven and a warm hearth of friendship. It is the pride of our people. I do not forget and will never forget what I owe it."

Elie Wiesel, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize

uring the dark years of World War II in France, OSE turned into a Resistance organization. Its leaders, trainers and educators became rescuers, caretakers and heroes, hiding children under their responsibility behind false identities.

Once the War had ended, OSE faced the daunting task of accompanying to adulthood the children who had been orphaned and taking in others who had just been freed from concentration camps.

Years later, with the end of the War in North Africa, came waves of migrants, children and families, who needed help integrating into France. In 1951, OSE was recognized as a "Non-Profit Organization for the Public Good". Today, it is open to people of all backgrounds and has diversified its missions to accommodate different needs and sectors of society.

Based on its strong and unique experience in rescuing generations of uprooted children, OSE has more than ever developed its commitment to children and to health issues.

The Organization also invests its efforts in the areas of handicap and dependency, as well as support to Shoah survivors.



HEALTH

"OSE provides care that is accessible to the poor."

- A patient of the dental services



Social medicine remains at the heart of OSE's activities.

THE ELIO HABIB HEALTH CENTER

- Medical and paramedical services:

 large selection of general and specialized medicine including a dedicated geriatric department
- A dental and orthodontic clinic
- Social services helping patients apply to various administrations to claim their benefits, with particular attention to Shoah survivors
- A unit of preventative medicine, directed towards schools, including medical prevention classes as well as public information sessions

- A family planning clinic, enabling young women to be advised and accompanied by a specialized counselor
- Pediatric medical and paramedical consultations – speech and language therapists, child psychiatrists and pediatricians

A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY CENTER FOR CHILDREN

The center offers individual, group or family consultations, psychological rehabilitation and psychoanalytic therapy



CHILDREN

"OSE has helped me grow up."

- A child from a children's home



OSE has developed a unique expertise concerning children in various sectors of activity.

CHILDREN'S HOMES

The creation of homes to take in children under the care of the Child Protection Services has been inherited from the children's rescue mission during World War II. At the heart of OSE's mission to help at-risk children, six children's homes in and around Paris accommodate more than 200 youngsters referred by court orders issued by juvenile judges.

FOSTER CARE FAMILIES

Recreating a secure and harmonious family environment for children in physical or psychological danger and experiencing learning and behavioral difficulties, OSE has placed 90 children in about 60 foster families that it employs.

EDUCATION

While allowing children to remain within their family environment, OSE's educational initiatives aim to help and support families experiencing educational, social and affective difficulties in bringing up their children. OSE administers 6 such centers in Paris and its suburbs.

PREVENTION, MEDIATION, PROTECTION

This service is intended to evaluate and advise on serious cases at the request of juvenile judges under the auspices of Child Protection Services, in particular within the framework of investigations and clinical anthropological psychology.

HOLIDAY CAMPS

These allow 100 children and adolescents to have annual vacations in the mountains, countryside or by the sea.



SENIOR CITIZENS

"We have received much-needed help from OSE."

- A family caregiver



OSE began caring for senior citizens in the 90's, as "OSE Children" were advancing in old age.

THE EDITH KREMSDORF AND JOSEPH WEILL DAY CENTERS

They are located in the heart of Paris and cater for people suffering from serious conditions associated with ageing, such as Alzheimer's. They propose activities as well as therapeutic stays under the care of psychologists, nurses, caregivers, art-therapists, among others. Each center welcomes up to 25 patients per day.

Both centers propose therapy stays of several weeks, during which the patient is fully cared for, allowing the patient's family to take a break. The Joseph Weill Day Center is engaged in an experimental program focused on caring for "young" Alzheimer patients aged 55 and over. The Center has also created a Caregivers' Club, in support of family caregivers as well as more generally in

support of families of Alzheimer patients. This project was awarded a Prize for Social Innovation in 2014.

THE CAFÉ DES PSAUMES

On Rue des Rosiers, it is the first non-profit-run café in Paris Jewish community. Ageing people are often isolated in urban communities, with mobility issues and increasing dependence on others. The Café is both an important meeting place that enhances social relationships and a gateway towards more specific services in terms of medical, psychological and social support. The Café is also a vivid cultural and intellectual center in the heart of the historic Parisian Jewish neighborhood. In partnership with local Jewish communities, OSE launched a "moving Café", thus making the spirit of Café des Psaumes accessible to all.



HANDICAP

"I found stability with OSE."

- A young adult with Down's syndrome



Since the beginning of the 21st Century, OSE has focused its efforts to include handicap in its missions, given a growing need.

JULES AND MARCELLE LEVY CENTER

This center enables 65 handicapped adults to carry out a professional activity – food packaging, computers or book binding – in a specially adapted environment.

ROBERT JOB CENTER

This center welcomes 25 handicapped people, whose disabilities affect their learning and working capacities. It proposes theater, sculpture and sport workshops as well as cultural outings.

RAPHAEL CENTER

This center welcomes 38 children and adolescents with multiple disabilities, 20 as in-patients and 18

as out-patients. A team of educators organizes activities for the youth including handicrafts and sporting activities and a medical team monitors any medical needs and works to help them develop greater physical autonomy.

ALAIN RAOUL MOSSÉ HOME

This is a daycare center for young adults with multiple disabilities over the age of 20 and aims to help them build life projects. Its educational and medical team can accommodate 14 young adults. A specially designed therapeutic apartment houses 7 resident adults with multiple disabilities and also helps them develop their personal goals.

THE MEMORY OF THE SHOAH



In accordance with its founding and historical mission, OSE develops and supports various activities for Shoah survivors and their families.

convivial meeting hall proposes reunions, cultural and recreational activities, workshops such as Yiddish language discussion circles, theater, music as well as outings.

A group therapy activity, animated by psychologists, proposes talk therapy support sessions as well as written expression classes.

Individual therapy, at home if need be, is also available to Shoah survivors and their families. Shoah survivors can also benefit from social support, medical follow-up as well as "age well" workshops for seniors.

"OSE exists to mend ties and reestablish a sense of humanity where it has been lost. Whether it is saving children during the war or placing them with caretakers today, the people of OSE have been able to anticipate today's needs. OSE has been able to reinvent the future."

Haïm Korsia,

Chief Rabbi of France

A special "Historical Archives" department helps survivors research and find information about their experience during the Shoah, or that of a parent or relative. The department also publishes documents on the History of OSE during the Shoah as well as the stories of its leaders and staff members who took an active part in saving thousands of Jewish children during this period and immediately after the War when they welcomed and took in the survivors.

OSE WORLDWIDE



Faithful to its more than one-hundredyear-old tradition, OSE is developing its international activities.

SE is establishing partnerships with the reemerging Jewish communities in East-Central Europe as well as with Western European communities and those around the Mediterranean and in Israel. These partnerships are based on exchanges of best professional practices in each of the domains in which it is active.

OSE answers the requests of its partners, Jewish associations and

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local administrations, in order to allow them to take advantage of its experience and know-how.

OSE has close relations with European and international Jewish organizations.

Since 2010, OSE organizes international seminars bringing together French and international participants working in the medical and social fields, enabling exchanges on common issues and practices.

While the majority of OSE's actions is funded by French public authorities, its actions benefiting Jewish communities in France and abroad can only be assured through the generosity of private donors.

