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# CAMP HIGHLIGHTS





Each center has its own unique rhythm and story, shaped by the people who bring it to life every day—staff, volunteers, and the community. In this edition, we’ve chosen to spotlight the inspiring work taking place at two of our six centers, offering a closer look at the impact being made on the ground. As we move forward, we’re excited to continue sharing these stories with you—stories of strength, creativity, and connection that reflect the heart of our mission.



# DBAYEH CENTER

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# Mother's Day Event



As part of the Mother's Day celebration, the children delivered heartfelt performances of songs and dances they had been rehearsing since the beginning of the year. A musical trio— a brother, sister, and their friend—was introduced to the camp by Edinburgh Direct Aid (EDA) to provide musical training for the young people. These children had previously received similar training, but it had stopped due to a lack of funding. Thanks to the dedication of this new music team, the children were able to showcase their talents with confidence and joy, creating a memorable and emotional tribute to their mothers.





# Library Program: Music Sessions



The same musical trio mentioned above are providing enriching Music Therapy sessions aimed at supporting the children's emotional well-being, enhancing their listening skills, and improving their attention span.

Through rhythm-based activities, interactive musical games, and guided sessions, the program created a safe and expressive space for the children to grow emotionally and cognitively. The impact was clear, with notable improvements observed in the children's focus, communication, and overall development.



# Interviewing Skills Workshop

The students participated in an engaging and hands-on interviewing skills workshop designed to boost their confidence and prepare them for future job opportunities. Fourteen students took part in a series of practical sessions that included mock interviews, real-time feedback, and interactive discussions, all aimed at developing their communication skills and professional presence.





# Psychomotor Teacher Training



In March, the teachers took part in an interactive training session focused on psychomotor skills and effective strategies for supporting students with ADHD. The session was led by JCC's psychomotor expert, Josiane Laoun, who provided practical tools and insights to help teachers better understand and address the diverse needs of their students in the classroom.





# Easter Activities

As part of the library program, the children took part in vibrant storytelling sessions that sparked their imagination and creativity. In celebration of Easter, they also engaged in themed arts and crafts activities—designing colorful decorations, creating festive artwork, and exploring the holiday's meaning through hands-on expression.

These sessions not only encouraged artistic skills but also fostered a sense of joy, community, and cultural connection among the children.

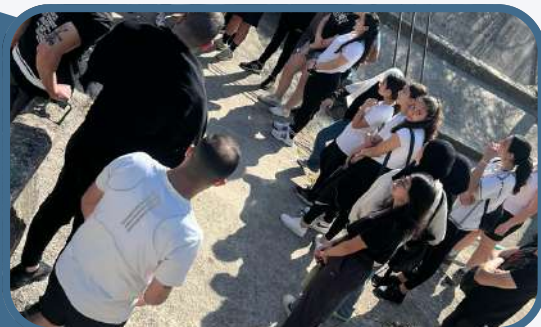




# Hiking Trip



As part of a fun and engaging excursion, the leaders of the Dbayeh Camp organized a hike in the scenic Zakrite - an area to the North of Lebanon. Three youth groups came together, filled with energy and enthusiasm, to explore the beauty and serenity of Zekrit's natural landscape—many for the very first time. After the hike, the group gathered in a tranquil spot to rest, enjoy meaningful conversations, and share refreshing snacks and water amidst the peaceful surroundings.





# SABRA CENTER





# Grandparents' & Mothers' Day

As part of the Elderly Program, JCC Sabra celebrated both Grandparents' Day and Mothers' Day in a joyful, combined event.



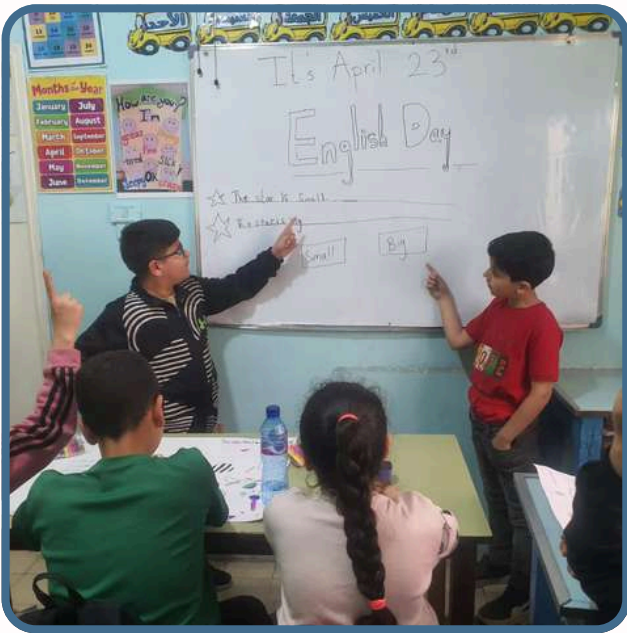
The children and youth group delivered a heartwarming performance filled with music, skits, and love, honoring the special role mothers and grandparents play in their lives.

The atmosphere was filled with laughter, emotion, and appreciation. To make the day even more memorable, each guest received a thoughtful gift as a token of gratitude and affection.



# World English Day

In celebration of World English Day, the students took part in a fun and interactive series of activities designed to enhance their language skills and boost their confidence in English.



They began by writing their names in English and exploring familiar English words and products found in their everyday lives. Each student gave a short presentation, proudly sharing what they had discovered.



In addition, the day included a special “Children of the Future” segment, where the students learned about different careers and imagined who they might become one day. The event was not only educational but also inspiring, sparking curiosity and dreams for the future while strengthening their connection to the English language.




# Musical moments

Twice a week, from April through May, the NGO Seenaryo has been leading vibrant music and dance sessions for older women from various organizations—including 30 wonderful participants from JCC. These sessions offer more than just entertainment: the women are learning new songs, dances, and performance techniques in a joyful, supportive environment.



Beyond the skills they are developing, the program also creates a beautiful opportunity for connection. Women from different backgrounds and regions across the country come together to share laughter, stories, and movement—building a sense of unity and friendship. The program will culminate in a public performance this May, where the participants will proudly showcase all they have learned.





From Dbayeh to Sabra, and every center in between, our work continues—driven by shared values, resilient communities, and the unwavering hope for a brighter future.

While this edition highlighted just two of our centers, all six remain deeply committed to their own unique programs—whether focused on education, psychosocial support, vocational training, or community-building—each playing a vital role in meeting the needs of their communities.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our work. Together, we are building something lasting.