

# INTEGRATION OF THE ELDERLY DAY LIFE WITH THE CHILDREN DAY CARE – EXAMPLE FROM ISRAEL



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## Background

Presently, elderly population struggle with loneliness and boredom. These two emotional factors can enhance aging and depression.

## Aim

To present solution which can create new “symbiotic” environment, for the young and older generations.

## Case report

- In Israel, there are kindergartens which are operated inside nursing homes, with full integration of elderly in the kindergarten schedule.
- The daily activities such as playing and eating are done together, making all participants feel functional and part of a group.
- The idea for the project was inspired from the 70’s in Japan, where kindergartens and elderly nursing-homes were operated as inter-generational center as a method to save money.



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## Conclusion

- Enabling direct communication between the pediatric and elderly age group creates a win-win situation.
- Children enjoy from continuous attention and, earn values and skills like empathy and patience. Elderly enjoy from the energetic communication and feeling of importance.