



Micha Feldmann, an architect of Israel's Operation Solomon that rescued thousands of Ethiopian Jews, talks to ninth-graders at Huron High School in Ann Arbor.

## Recovering From War

### Israeli speakers enlighten audiences about Jewish Ethiopians.

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**M**aj. Shlomi Bicha, an Ethiopian immigrant and the highest-ranking Israeli officer injured in last summer's war in Lebanon, and Micha Feldmann, an architect of Operation Solomon in which almost 14,500 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted from besieged Addis Ababa to Israel in one weekend, spoke to various audiences in Ann Arbor on Feb. 15.

At the Hebrew Day School, Feldmann painted a picture of life for Jews in Ethiopia and explained how, at the beginning, the community was

black population out of Africa to a life of freedom. They were moved by a video depicting the impact of the recent war in Lebanon on Israel's civilian population.

Feldmann represents the Israel Crisis Management Center (ICMC), a volunteer organization dedicated to providing emotional and financial support to immigrants who have experienced trauma of all kinds, including those injured in the war.

At a dessert reception celebrating the nearly \$400,000 raised for the Israel Emergency Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County, donors heard from Feldmann