



## NEVE HANNA CHILDREN'S HOME In the Name of Hanna Kaphan

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**NEVE HANNA gathering for Channukka**



**The Bar/Bat Mitzvah children of 2017 performing for the first time on Channukka**



**Janet Tobin hears about a new success story of NEVE HANNA from Chaim Appel and our gardening therapist**

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Dear Friends of NEVE HANNA,

We want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and healthy Passover and want to update you regarding the latest news from NEVE HANNA.

Looking back at the last half year at NEVE HANNA, as always, there is a lot going on. NEVE HANNA continues to offer all children various therapy and remedial teaching programs, and leisure time activities as well as enrichment courses such as an empowerment seminar for teenage girls. Our Joint Jewish-Arab theater group started rehearsals recently and the cast of this year will travel in May to Switzerland for another round of performances.

Rabbi Liron Levy started to study in the fall with the Bar/Bat Mitzvah children, who are already looking forward to their Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration in June 2017. As a first activity, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah children performed a dance- and sing-performance at our Channukka celebration.

Maybe the most moving news steams from one of our new gardening therapy program. The children participating in the gardening therapy program love working with the professional we have employed. We have noticed that since initiating the program, the participants are looking at their surroundings in a different way and are starting to pay attention to many details in their environment which has led them to open up in general. The co-presidents of the AMERICAN FRIENDS OF NEVE HANNA, Janet and Irwin Tobin, witnessed for themselves how much our greenhouse is not only filled with different plants, but also filled with life and action. They, as well as the entire NEVE HANNA family, can proudly say: Thanks – Toda! The gardening therapy program is another tremendous program we have implemented thanks to the outstanding support of our AMERICAN FRIENDS.

In general one can say, that NEVE HANNA is advancing in many "green fields", not only is our gardening therapy program flourishing but we are working on recycling programs and also planning to use solar energy much more extensively throughout our home. We are also exploring ways to redirect the rest heat from the baking process of our in-house bakery Yeladudes for different purposes in the children's home.

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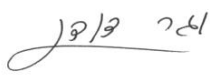
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Currently the leadership of NEVE HANNA is investing a lot of energy in planning a major renovation project to the NEVE HANNA campus. Two of our residential groups are in urgent need of renovations. As a result of a State call for tenders regarding renovations in institutions for youth-at-risk, we fortunately have already received almost half of the estimated total costs (1,000,000 NIS plus) needed just for the construction phase. In addition to the renovation and construction we will need to purchase a great deal of new movable equipment. The movable equipment will add up to yet another huge sum. Since all the planning is done, the architectural plans and the estimates are approved by the State, we plan on initiating the construction work over the summer holidays in order to ease on the children, who by the start of the new school year will hopefully move into their brand new, cozy and comfortable new flats.

Another issue that has become a more and more important part of the educational aim of NEVE HANNA is caring for the professional future of our children. We informed you in our last newsletters of the Smartphone Engineering Courses our teenagers have started to take. In addition to these professional oriented courses that are available to our children, we have also started a leadership program in cooperation with various Governmental Ministries and large companies, including the world-wide printing company, HP.

We would like to share with you a wonderful personal story of a child of NEVE HANNA that has been presented with extraordinary opportunities for his future as a result of our mentoring program with HP. D. arrived at NEVE HANNA at a fairly young age from an immigrant family of Russian background. He integrated very well into living at NEVE HANNA and stayed with us up to the time he was drafted into the Israel Defense Forces. During his last year in high school, D. obtained an internship at HP in order to learn to operate large industrial printers. HP promised to look for a further traineeship, as well as employment opportunities following his IDF service, if he works during his army duty within this field. Sure enough, thanks to his expertise in operating industrial printers he gained during his time at HP while in high school, the IDF gave him a job in an army facility where large scale printing jobs are done. So far, he has served about half of the time of his army duty, not only is he doing fine, but he is eager to excel in his job. For him the outlook to further qualify in such a profession and in addition having the backing of a firm like HP means he will be able to make it out there in the world of normative society, breaking the cycles of poverty and dependence he has seen at his parental home, and by that to have an outlook into a better future.

Again with the best wishes for the up-coming holiday season from all if NEVE HANNA, yours



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