



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

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Dear Friends of NEVE HANNA,

We are happy to update you regarding some of the wonderful activities that are currently taking place at NEVE HANNA.

As you know from the letter we sent to you prior to Passover, the **prestigious prize "Golden Dove of Peace"** was presented to NEVE HANNA. The "Golden Dove of Peace" was designed by the German Artist Richard Hillinger on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations in (2008). Dr. Dorit Felsch from the German Friends Organization of NEVE HANNA received this prize from the former awardees and passed the "Golden Dove of Peace" immediately on to the director of the Children's Home, David (Dudu) Weger.



NEVE HANNA was awarded with this prestigious prize **in recognition of its outstanding work in educating children** in accordance with the principles of tolerance, democracy and love for the fellow man as well as its special achievements within the field of International Understanding between Jews, Muslims and Christians.



Currently, NEVE HANNA is in the process of promoting this prestigious award – past recipients included renowned organizations and personalities such as: Amnesty International, Green Peace, Nelson Mandela, Mikhail Gorbachev, Pope Benedict XVI., US-President Barack Obama, the Dalai Lama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel – in Israel. In Jerusalem, **we will visit the democratic institutions of the State of Israel** and hope to present you in a short while photos from these meetings. Afterwards we will have the privilege of deciding the next recipient of this very special award.

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As you read this letter, we will be in the process of welcoming back the children who are returning from their summer holiday as well as beginning the integration process for children that are joining the NEVE HANNA family for the first time. We will be starting the new school year, our remedial teaching and leisure activity program, and of course our extensive therapy program. This year, **thanks to the help of the American Friends Organization**, we will be integrating a gardening component into our therapy program which will also allow us to fully involve our children in the development and upkeep of our beautiful green house that is situated in the middle of our therapeutic petting zoo.



Throughout the year there are many activities going on at NEVE HANNA, but looking back to the weeks before the summer break, we once again were privileged to witness a special celebration; the climax of **our ten-month-lasting Bar/Bat Mitzva program**. This past June, five boys and seven girls attended the Bar/Bat Mitzva program that consisted of learning, experiencing and volunteering. The Bar/Bat Mitzva participants took exciting trips to different parts of the country. The culmination of the program was a huge celebration at the Kotel in Jerusalem where the Bar/Bat Mitzva participants were joined by their parents, the Neve Hanna staff, and volunteers from Israel as well as abroad. This celebration is truly one of the most cherished moments for these adolescent children who call NEVE HANNA home. On behalf of the children of NEVE HANNA, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your past help and generous contributions. The tremendous work done at NEVE HANNA could not happen without your generosity!



*L'Shana Tova U'Metuka!*

*Dudu Weger*

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