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Dear Friends!

We are pleased to share the latest news from NEVE HANNA with you, our friends and donors in the United States and Canada.

Recently, NEVE HANNA had a major inspection by the Ministry of Social Affairs, who approve our license. Even as all apartments, including cupboards and drawers were inspected, the evaluation focused of course on the progress of our children and teenagers: Do they feel comfortable and at home in NEVE HANNA? How are they doing in school? What about their social integration and general progress? During the time of the severe Corona related restrictions NEVE HANNA was praised for its work as the leading and most innovative Israeli therapeutic institution for children and teenagers. No matter how good NEVE HANNA functioned, the pandemic brought great challenges for our children and teenagers. The implications are far from mastered. So, all in all, a double reason to be proud that NEVE HANNA was defined by the inspectors once again as a standard-setting institution. We can proudly look at the progress of our children and teenagers due to the great commitment of our team as well as to **our therapy programs, remedial teaching and enriching leisure activities**, which we could not implement without **YOUR support. For this, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts!**

As is often the case with inspections, despite praise, new requirements emerge. From one day to the other, the authorities closed our playground due to safety concerns. At present, we have the sports fields and some fitness installations, but we lack a playground for the young children, a place where they can play, climb, hide and seek, explore and learn and of course have a lot of fun in a safe surrounding. We dream of wooden installations made to last decades, environmental friendly and challenging for the children. **This is a major project, for which we urgently need your help and support!** So far we are looking around, and deciding what equipment is best and checking the costs, but a general direction is already clear:



Old and dismantled and for now boring playground



Our dream: safe, interesting, adventurous and complimented by seesaws, swings and other installations

We also want to let you know that the **library is a full success**. Once a week, each family group has a set time to come and borrow new books and return finished books. We see that they are really into it and take advantage of this opportunity. Proof of that was also our Succot event. Usually, we present at this celebration friends of NEVE HANNA from the past to keep their memory alive. During the first weeks following the opening of the library, it became clear **that the children – besides the books – show an interest in the authors**. So this year for Succot, we asked each family to pick a new book they recommend to add to the library and do a little research about the author. We wanted them to present their recommendation as well as a short bio of the author at our festive Succot celebration. It was a wonderful, lively evening and each group did very well, contributing in a festive atmosphere to a playful learning process for all.



Currently we add additional books to the library. Thanks to Americans, who made Aliyah, we will start English conversation circles for assist our teenagers to read English books, of which we have plenty in our library. In addition, we will organize from time to time story telling hours and other events preferably with authors, which will be thrilling for our children following their in-depth Succot experience.

With these lines, we want to extent our best regards to you and your family, wishing you all ***Chag Channuka Sameach!***

Sincerely yours,

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