



NEVE HANNA CHILDREN'S HOME

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Dear Friends,

With *Rosh HaShana* approaching, we want to provide you a review of the activities that have taken place at NEVE HANNA the past year. NEVE HANNA has implemented many programs and activities, but we will focus mainly on projects **YOU, our American Friends**, supported the past year or have committed to supporting during the upcoming year. We not only want to give you a deeper insight into what is happening at NEVE HANNA, but **we want to say THANK YOU from the bottom of our heart for YOUR generous support of NEVE HANNA and its children.**



You will notice a difference regarding the delivery of our bi-yearly letter: Not only NEVE HANNA has a lot to report on, but also the American Friends, because they visited with a delegation NEVE HANNA and participated in the final celebration of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah program. We cooperate in so many ways and fields, so we decided to do the same regarding our letters for Rosh HaShana: You will find in this envelope two letters, one from Neve Hanna and one from the American Friends of Neve Hanna, send out together from within the States.



Before sharing NEVE HANNA's many activities, we want to reflect on some changes in the leadership at Neve Hanna. David (Dudu) Weger, the trend-setting Director of NEVE HANNA, gradually handed over this position to Itzik Bohadana. Itzik has been working at NEVE HANNA in different pedagogic positions for the past 15 years. While Itzik is now the Director in charge of NEVE HANNA's day-to-day affairs, Dudu has taken on the position of President, responsible for many elements, among them Development and Foreign Relations.

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NEVE HANNA continues to implement its extensive therapy and remedial teaching program, its enrichment leisure activities, its Jewish heritage program as well as special projects, of which we want to share with you just the fairly new ones.

- **Gardening Therapy:** This successful 2-year old therapy program enables children, through caring for plants and flowers, to deal with emotional issues in their past and process difficult feelings like anger and loss. For example, one participating girl believed that she did not have any talent, and was surprised that each and every carrot seed she planted successfully sprouted. For her, the greenhouse called Sandy's Garden, donated through the American Friends, turned out to be a blessing and a guidepost for a brighter future.
- **The "Path to Bread":** This two-year old child-mother-activity takes place in our in-house bakery, Yeladudes. The program was created thanks to the support of our Swiss Friends. With their as well as the generous help of American Friends, this workshop program has been extended. Path to Bread helps heal rifts in the relationships between children and parents through common activities all around baking. The cooperation allows for positive interactions as a way to overcome negative messages from the past. The activity operates within a supportive framework, where problems become manageable challenges ultimately resulting into experiences of success between each child and parent. NEVE HANNA started the program with one small group. Now we have three groups of children residing at NEVE HANNA as well as attending our daycare program.
- **Teenager program:** For many years, NEVE HANNA had sporadic activities for its teenagers. Recently, we implemented a new teenage focused program to give girls and boys dealing with questions of puberty an adequate framework to address issues. The now weekly meetings between our teens, a therapist, a social worker and a young Israeli volunteer, address issues related to self-image, communication and self-presentation in social media, relationships, social pressure, and personal, and social responsibility. There are separate groups for girls and boys in order to address gender-specific questions that teenagers deal with, but thanks to the help of our German Friends, NEVE HANNA has arranged for common meetings and activities in order to deepen experiences, relationships and bonds.
- **Photo Workshop:** This project, directed to children ages 10 to 18, teaches the children not only how to use a camera and processing photos digitally, it teaches them to tell a story through pictures – still as well as moving pictures. This new workshop has attracted significant interest among the NEVE HANNA children. We currently have two groups thanks to the equipment with new cameras donated by the American Friends.
- **Communication Workshop:** NEVE HANNA recently allowed the children and teenagers to become involved in further developing the NEVE HANNA website, allowing them to help present the activities, events and success stories within the NEVE HANNA community.

Wishing you and your family blessings of happiness, health and prosperity for the coming year, *Shana Tova VeMetuka!*

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