

FRIENDS OF NEVE MICHAEL in the news

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NEVE MICHAEL
Children's Village
A Home With A Heart

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Friends,

As Rosh Hashana approaches, we wish to extend our best wishes to you, our kind supporters, and express our heartfelt thanks for your generous support of the Neve Michael Children's Village.

Your compassion for our disadvantaged children, your sensitivity to their traumas from a tender age, and your steady support and kindhearted gifts have greatly helped us in our ongoing efforts for children at risk. Thanks to your kindness, our children receive an education and therapeutic services, as well as love and care at Neve Michael.



Neve Michael's Graduates

For Neve Michael's graduates (7 girls and 4 boys), even though they have left Neve Michael, they know that Neve Michael will always be their home.

Three of Neve Michael's girls have enlisted in the army and four girls are going to do Sherut Leumi (National Service). Our boys are going to pre-military academies. Please give them a BIG MAZEL TOV!!



SHANA TOVA





A Gifted Artist

Orpaz, one of this year's Neve Michael graduates, is continuing on to a pre-military academy. He is a gifted artist and he drew portraits of 15 soldiers who were victims of Israel's terrorism. Orpaz presented the portraits to Neve Michael's staff and children and then sent them to the families of the fallen. Orpaz is an amazing boy who knows how to show how much he appreciates and cherishes the fallen soldiers and embraces and comforts their heartbroken families in his unique way.



Our Own Paratrooper

The sky is definitely not the limit when you graduate from Neve Michael.

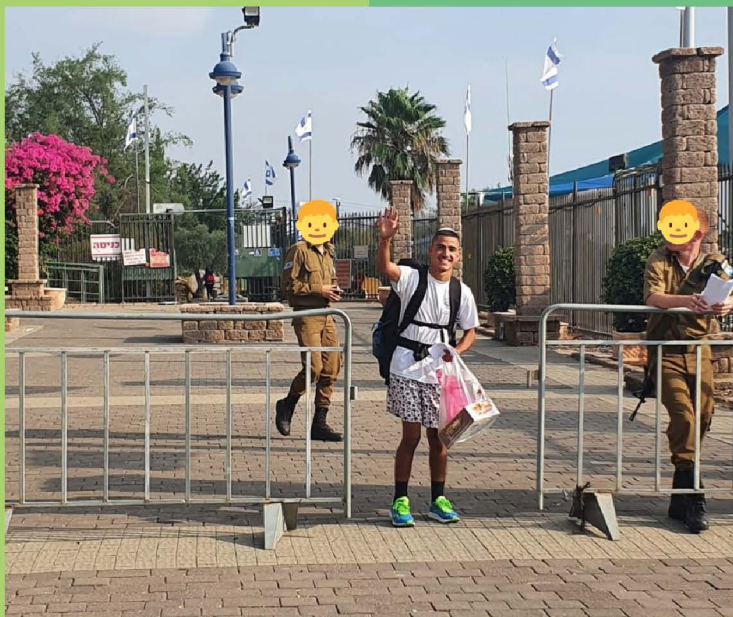
We are so proud of Habeta who has completed his paratrooper course in the army!!!



We Are So Proud Of Our Graduate

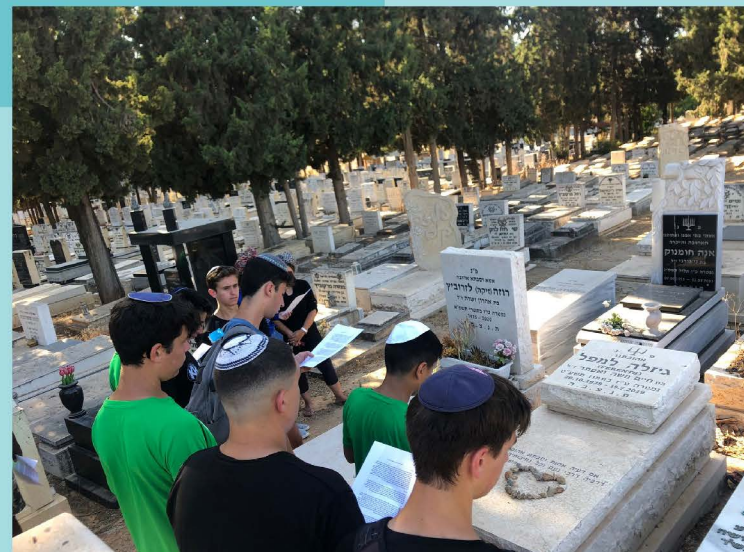
It is so fulfilling to see Neve Michael's graduates enlist into the Israel Defense Forces.

We are so PROUD of L. who has completed a year at a pre-military academy and wish him the best of luck.



Giving Back To The Community

It has been three years since our beloved Gisela z"l passed away. She was a survivor of Auschwitz and does not have any family in Israel. Neve Michael's children commemorated her by visiting her grave on the memorial day of her passing. What an amazing act of kindness and chesed!



Shana Tova



Summer Camp

Summer camp was amazing at Neve Michael. We managed to find activities to keep the children happy and busy. From simple chalking and drawing on the basketball court, an ice cream party, to water fun with inflatables, color war and kayaking, Neve Michael's children really enjoyed themselves.

After everything they have been through in their young innocent lives, it was so special to see the smiling faces. Thanks to you-this is all possible.

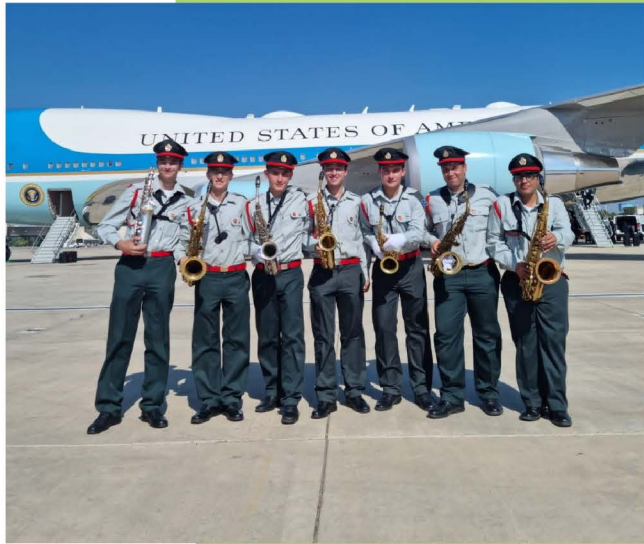


Champion Swimmers

Bravo to four delightful young boys who have successfully completed their swimming course. Neve Michael is teaching our children at risk a significant skill that empowers them and will enable them to survive independently on their own. Many thanks to our wonderful supporters of this life-saving project.



AT NEVE, THE SKY'S THE LIMIT



Neve Michael is constantly asked how we measure the success of our work. Without a doubt, it is seen through the success of our graduates. They arrive with a suitcase that is filled with fear and a painful past and then leave with suitcases filled with hope and a better future.

Neve Michael is so proud of Gaby Herzig (last soldier on the right), a Neve Michael alumni and Sulamot, Music for Social Change Program, graduate, who is an amazing and talented saxophone player in the Israel Defense Forces Orchestra.

Gaby was chosen to receive America's number one citizen, Joe Biden, the President of the United States, when the President recently visited Israel.

Gaby arrived at Neve Michael's Children's Emergency Crisis Center in 2011. Soon after, Gaby joined the Sulamot Program, which is an innovative and inspiring music education program initiated by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Sulamot's mission is to create social change through music by opening the world of music to children from low socio-economic backgrounds from various sectors in Israeli society. The goal is to enhance their cognitive ability, educational attainment and self-esteem. This gives them a better chance of developing as successful adults and as contributing citizens to the community. Gaby fell in love with the saxophone and really flourished as a musician and experienced immense personal growth and achievement.

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO INSTILL A FEELING OF NATIONAL IDENTITY

Neve Michael's children spent a day visiting Jerusalem as part of the "Significance Program" at Neve Michael. The children prayed at the Kotel, enjoyed the colorful scenes and amazing aromas at Machane Yehuda Market and experienced the Knesset.



SHANA TOVA

B'NEI MITZVAH CELEBRATION

On June 2, 2022, twenty-three children at risk (12 boys and 11 girls) celebrated their Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Neve Michael.

There was a festive breakfast and the children received presents and watched a video that was especially produced about them. Then, everyone boarded a bus for the Kotel and had dinner at a restaurant in Jerusalem.

Preparations for the B'nei Mitzvah celebration included weekly lectures exposing our children to mitzvot, Jewish values, traditions and the spiritual aspects of entering young adulthood as a Jew.

The Bar Mitzvah boys were taught how to put on tefilin, recite the blessings for an aliyah to the Torah and read their parsha/haftora, as well as the importance of performing acts of Chesed for their fellow Jews. The Bat Mitzvah girls learned about the ritual lighting of Shabbat and holiday candles, along with other Jewish traditions. The boys were presented with tefilin and the girls with candlesticks and siddurim. All the children were taken to a shopping center where, to their utter delight, they were asked to choose and try on the clothes they would like for their big day, pants, shirts, and kipot for the boys, dresses, blouses and hair bands for the girls, and new shoes for all. The children also went on daily trips to learn more about the history of this wonderful country. For example, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah children visited the Caesarea National Park, where they walked in the footsteps of King Herod, Rabbi Akiba and more.

All year round, Neve Michael's children at risk look forward to this day that is totally supported by you, our kind friends.

DREAMS DO COME TRUE

Neve Michael's children enjoyed a fascinating lecture about the Beresheet space journey. It was an unforgettable lesson in how dreams can come true if you work and persevere. This is a very important motivational concept for Neve Michael's children-at-risk. Sometimes the impossible can happen and one must never give up trying.



Dear Friends,

The upcoming Rosh Hashana holiday is a reminder that while Jewish children everywhere can celebrate the New Year with their families, our children's sad family circumstances keep them from savoring that special holiday atmosphere in a warm and loving household.

While our family homes in the Village strive to create a true household for our children, our strongest hope is that our boys and girls will grow into healthy and independent young men and women. Then they will be able to sit around their own Rosh Hashana table with the families they create themselves.

As always, your valued support keeps that most cherished hope alive. Wishing you happiness, the best of health, and fulfillment in the New Year.

Love

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