

# FRIENDS OF NEVE MICHAEL in the news

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Happy Passover



Dear Friends,

As Passover approaches, a time of reflection and gratitude, I want to share with you some updates from our home at Neve Michael. First and foremost, we breathe a sigh of relief and express our profound thanks as most of our staff have safely returned to us.

The recent period has been one of immense challenge and uncertainty, particularly for our children, who experienced the absence of key figures in their lives due to the call of duty. The impact of these times was significant, with many of our children at risk showing signs of post-trauma disorder, a testament to the emotional toll it has taken.

During these challenging times, the remarkable resilience and strength of the Neve Michael community, coupled with the continuous support from our dedicated friends, were the key factors that kept our spirits high and our hope intact.

Despite everything that was going on, Neve Michael managed to maintain a sense of routine, which played a pivotal role in helping our children navigate and overcome their challenges. This consistency amidst chaos provided a much-needed anchor for them.

As we prepare to celebrate Passover, a festival of freedom and renewal, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and meaningful holiday to each of you. We also pray earnestly for the swift and safe return of all hostages and soldiers still awaiting reunion with their families.

In this moment of gratitude, we must also acknowledge the unwavering support of our dear friends and supporters, whose continuous backing of Neve Michael has been a beacon of hope and healing for our children.

Your generosity and commitment have made a significant difference in the lives of many, and for this, we are eternally grateful.

May this Passover bring us closer to the values of freedom, peace, and kindness that we hold dear.

Chag Sameach!

Love,

*Hava*



## Hope & Strength

During these challenging times, where the war has led to a significant agriculture crisis with a shortage of workers, it's heart-warming to see the compassion and hard work are none other than the children of Neve Michael Children's Village!

These wonderful children have taken it upon themselves to go out into the fields and pick tomatoes, contributing their time and energy to help alleviate the crisis.

Their actions not only help in providing much-needed support to our local agriculture, but also serve as a shining example of how we can all make a difference. Neve Michael children are not just picking tomatoes, they are planting seeds of hope and strength in our hearts.





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### Purim

At Neve Michael, Purim was a time of boundless joy and heartfelt connections, as we extended our biggest smiles, warmest wishes, and the unique joy of Purim from our hearts. Purim was filled with laughter and happiness, despite the challenging times. The festivities saw us donning costumes, sharing treats, and reveling in the Purim narrative, all of which served as poignant reminders of the profound strength and resilience derived from kindness and unity. This Purim, we were inspired to spread happiness and generosity symbolizing the spirit of Purim at Neve Michael.



### B'nei Mitzvah Celebration



This year, Neve Michael is thrilled to announce our annual B'nei Mitzvah celebration, a milestone event that marks a significant rite of passage for our children. Scheduled for June 9th, the day will commence with a festive breakfast, setting a joyous tone for the celebrations to follow. After the meal, the children, alongside their family members, will embark on a memorable trip to Jerusalem. This journey promises not only to be a fun excursion but also an opportunity for bonding and creating lasting memories. The day will culminate at a restaurant where, amidst laughter and joy, the children will receive presents, marking the importance of this special day in their lives. This year, we are celebrating twelve boys and six girls, each of whom has reached this pivotal moment in their journey to adulthood. We look forward to sharing this joyous occasion with our Neve Michael family and friends.

Our B'nei Mitzvah recently enjoyed a wonderful trip to Haifa.

### Creating Leaders

Neve Michael's B'nei Mitzvah children had the incredible opportunity to spend the day at the Leadership Center in Ariel, and it was nothing short of amazing.

The day was packed with engaging activities, workshops, and team-building exercises designed to inspire and empower our young participants.

Each moment was an opportunity for growth, learning, and fun. The Leadership Center provided the perfect backdrop for our B'nei Mitzvah to explore their potential, challenge themselves, and bond with their peers.





## Zissen Pesach!

### Community Outreach

Neve Michael's initiative involving children in packing up boxes of food for the needy for Shabbat embodies a powerful and meaningful lesson. Engaging children in such acts of kindness and community service not only helps those in need, but also instills in the young participants the values of empathy, generosity, and social responsibility.

By actively participating in giving back to the community, children learn the importance of supporting others and the impact of collective efforts.



### Spirit of Service



We express appreciation for these young women, from Sherurt Leumi, because they have chosen to commit a significant portion of their lives to serving others, particularly through their work at Neve Michael, as part of their national service. This commitment is not just about the time they dedicate; it is about the selflessness, the effort, and the positive impact they're making on the community. Their work often involves challenges and sacrifices, yet they approach it with dedication and tirelessness.

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