

# FRIENDS OF NEVE MICHAEL in the news

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Many thanks to you, our dear friends, and supporters, who have been at our side during these challenging times. Every donation, phone call and e-mail is so greatly appreciated.

## DEAR FRIENDS...

### Due to COVID-19, our world has changed...

Everyone has suffered in some way; many have lost family members and friends.

We must not let Neve Michael's children suffer more than they have already suffered because of their painful past.

Recently there were over sixty children in isolation including countless staff members. Unfortunately, there was a precious ten-year old little boy who had such a severe anxiety attack, because of the last lockdown, that he needed to be hospitalized.

As a result of long-distance learning with many of Neve Michael's children diagnosed with ADHD, we needed to add 80 additional hours a month of tutorial assistance. In addition, we added 120 hours a month of therapy to help Neve Michael's children to deal with the current situation.

Our children missed out on interacting with 900 people who usually came to visit Neve Michael. Some children experienced triggers of POST TRAUMA STRESS DISORDER because of COVID-19. Others live in fear not knowing how their drug-addicted parent will survive another lockdown.

## What a magical moment!



Please meet a boy who has been at Neve Michael since the first grade. Today he is 18 years old and came to Neve Michael's Birthday Room for the last time to choose a birthday present.

Yechiam, Neve Michael's Deputy-Director told him, "We have carried you

and taken care of you, now it is your turn to carry us"...he hugged Yechiam and said, "Come and I will carry you."

The special moments at Neve Michael.

## Tu B'Shvat at Neve Michael

Tu B'Shvat is a Jewish holiday occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat and it is literally the "New Year of the Trees." Trees, plants and flowers are planted in celebration, dried fruit is eaten, and it is also an ecological awareness day.

The children in each Family Home in Neve Michael prepared Tu B'Shvat delicacies!! Enjoy the beautiful displays!!



**WE LOVE SHARING SOME OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS OUR CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO DO  
BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS...**

## More special moments...

In addition, Neve Michael's children visited Holocaust survivors and elderly on Tu B'Shvat and brought them dried fruit packages.



Acts of kindness are greater than charity since they can be done for both the rich and poor... Charity can only be done with one's money, while acts of loving-kindness can be performed both personally and with one's money.

Rambam (Hilchos Aivel 14:1)





HAPPY  
PURIM!

## SUCH JOY AFTER A MONTH OF TOTAL LOCKDOWN

It is customary to start celebrating at the beginning of the Jewish month of Adar in preparation of the Jewish holiday of Purim that falls two weeks later, on the 14th of Adar.

Neve Michael went all out to bring joy into the lives of Neve Michael's children who were under a month lockdown. The music got everyone up and dancing and the delicious falafel and ice cream added to the festive celebration.

It was so nice to see the children happy and having such a great time.

## PURIM DELIGHT

Check out how each Family Home at Neve Michael was decorated by the children displaying different themes and stories!!



I would like to wish you  
and your families a very  
happy Purim!!

Keep safe and healthy,  
*Nava*

