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NEVE MICHAEL
Children's Village
A Home With A Heart

From Tools to Smiles:

NSO Volunteers and Neve Michael Children Craft Joyful Spaces



Neve Michael had the incredible pleasure of hosting a team of enthusiastic volunteers from NSO, a remarkable hi-tech company. Together, they embarked on a special mutual project aimed at creating beautiful and functional sitting areas for the children of Neve Michael. With their sleeves rolled up and a shared sense of purpose, the volunteers and children joined forces to bring this project to life. The air was filled with anticipation and excitement as they gathered around, armed with tools, materials, and boundless creativity. As the project neared completion, a sense of pride and accomplishment permeated the air. The children admired their handiwork, beaming with satisfaction at the sitting areas they had helped bring to fruition. The volunteers applauded their efforts, commending their dedication and hard work. It was a true testament to the transformative power of collaboration and the indomitable spirit of the human connection. Neve Michael will forever cherish the incredible partnership with the hi-tech company and the memories created during this transformative project. Their collaboration exemplifies the beauty of bridging gaps and igniting sparks of inspiration within the hearts of children, paving the way for a world where possibilities are endless and dreams become reality.

Dear Friends,

As the warm embrace of summer gradually gives way to the golden hues of autumn, we find ourselves standing at the threshold of a new season and a new beginning.

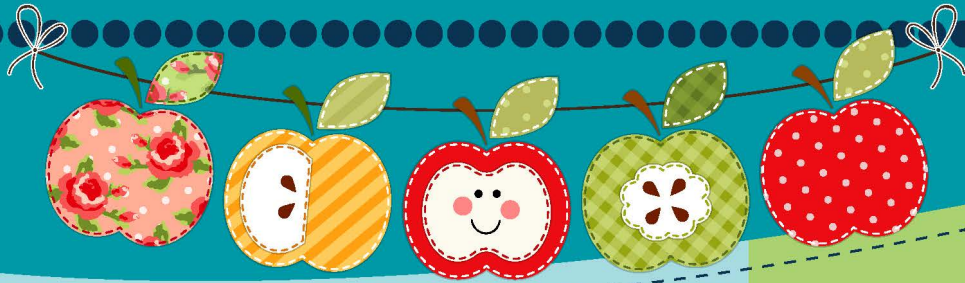
With Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, just around the corner, we are filled with a sense of anticipation and renewal. I am excited to share stories of resilience, growth, and hope that have blossomed within Neve Michael over the past months. From heartwarming success stories to the innovative initiatives that have enriched the lives of our children, this newsletter reflects the dedication of our staff, the unwavering support of our donors, and the remarkable spirit of the children under our care.

As we come together to celebrate Rosh Hashana, a time of reflection and gratitude, we invite you to join us in embracing the beauty of new beginnings.

May the stories and updates within these pages inspire you, as they inspire us, to continue nurturing dreams, building bridges of opportunity, and spreading kindness in all that we do.

From our Neve Michael family to yours, we wish you a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah, a year filled with goodness, joy, and blessings.

Love,
Hava



SHANA TOVA

B'nei Mitzvah Celebration



The B'nei Mitzvah celebration that unfolded on June 8th at Neve Michael proved to be a momentous and eagerly awaited event for the 17 girls and 11 boys at its center. The air was charged with excitement as these young individuals embraced a significant milestone in their lives. The festivities commenced with a joyous party held at Neve Michael, where the celebrants were showered with delightful presents, adding a touch of enchantment to their day.

However, the jubilation did not halt there. The celebrations took a captivating turn as the children, accompanied by some family members, embarked on a bus journey to Jerusalem. The heart of the ancient city beckoned them as they congregated at the revered Kotel, immersing themselves in its historical and spiritual aura. This profound connection to tradition

marked a moment of deep significance for these budding adults.

The day's grandeur concluded with a scrumptious dinner at a restaurant, an opportunity for the young B'nei Mitzvah celebrants to relish in good food and cherished company. This occasion stood as a testament to their dedication throughout the year. Their relentless efforts were evident in the range of activities they partook in, from enlightening lectures to invigorating trips, all of which traversed the country and contributed to their growth.

As the sun set on this memorable day, the B'nei Mitzvah celebration of June 8th remained etched in the hearts of these 27 young minds, forever signifying their journey towards adulthood, knowledge, and cultural heritage.

The Power of Pet Therapy

In the incredible journey of healing, the children at Neve Michael find solace and strength through the power of Pet Therapy. These remarkable animals become vessels for the children to share their own personal narratives, creating a profound connection and fostering emotional growth.

An illustrative example comes from a young girl who confided in one of our pet therapists about an abandoned dog, left to navigate the harsh streets on its own. She drew parallels between the dog's struggle to survive and her own challenging experience as the child of a drug-addicted mother. Through the story of the resilient dog, she found a voice for her own resilience and survival.

Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of these courageous children.





Nurturing Young Hearts: The Importance of Teaching Neve Michael's Children to Give Back

Allow us to share the heartwarming story of ten remarkable boys and girls from Neve Michael, who have inspired us all with their unwavering spirit of service. This summer, these young souls chose to dedicate their time to a very special cause - volunteering at a summer camp for children with special needs.

Their decision to give back to the community is a testament to the values we instill at Neve Michael - values that emphasize empathy, compassion, and the significance of making a positive impact in the lives of others. These children at risk, who themselves have faced unique challenges, embody the belief that we are all interconnected, regardless of our differences.

As they stepped into their roles as volunteers, their radiant warmth and boundless kindness transformed the summer camp into a haven of joy and inclusivity. The campers with special needs embraced their new friends from Neve Michael with open arms, and together, they shared laughter, friendship, and unforgettable moments of connection.

The story of these ten remarkable children at Neve Michael serves as a poignant reminder of the potential we have to create positive change. It inspires us to continue fostering an environment where empathy and compassion are celebrated and encouraged. As these young souls remind us, even the smallest acts of kindness can create ripples of love and goodness that extend far beyond our immediate circle.



Turning Dreams into Reality!

Hodaya, a Neve Michael alumna, followed her passion and achieved a significant milestone by attaining a professional certificate in the field of beauty. Neve Michael not only celebrated her success but also gifted her valuable equipment, a step that empowers her journey towards future financial independence.

This accomplishment is a shared dream realized, marking the beginning of Hodaya's pursuit of further aspirations.

Fostering Financial Independence

The sight of one of Neve Michael's girls opening a bank account was truly exhilarating. This act holds great significance

as it serves as an essential step in imparting financial Responsibility to our children and equipping Them with the skills to prepare for their future. By encouraging them to manage their finances wisely and cultivate a savings habit, we empower them to navigate their financial journey with confidence. We wholeheartedly wish her abundant luck and success in her financial endeavors.





Capturing the Beauty of Nature

Priel, a Neve Michael graduate with a passion for capturing the beauty of nature through photography, is about to embark on an exciting new chapter in his life. His journey will lead him to a pre-military academy, where he will continue to pursue his dreams and aspirations. As he takes this significant step forward, we want to extend our heartfelt best wishes to Priel. May his path be filled with growth, learning, and remarkable experiences. Here's to embracing new challenges and opportunities with determination and enthusiasm. Good luck, Priel! Your journey is an inspiration to us all.



Neve Michael's

"In Their Way"

Project Recognized for Community Service



Yechiam Sherlo, Director of Neve Michael's Family Homes, initiated the "In Their Way" project four years ago, a heartwarming endeavor that has left a profound impact. This initiative involves boys aged 13 and above, who willingly go to the cemetery to assist families in forming a minyan, a prayer group of 10 males, for reciting the Kaddish prayers or attending funerals when there are no family members present.

The boys' dedication is truly inspiring, as they brave all weather conditions to fulfill this meaningful mitzvah, whether day or night. This project's essence lies in fostering compassion and communal support during times of loss and mourning. Recently, Neve Michael's outstanding community efforts were recognized by the Pardes Hana Municipality, which awarded them a "community badge" certificate. This accolade stands as a testament to the impact of "In Their Way" and the remarkable spirit of community service that it embodies.

Neve Michael takes immense pride in this accomplishment, celebrating the boys' unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of others during moments of need.

Symbolic Foods for Rosh Hashanah

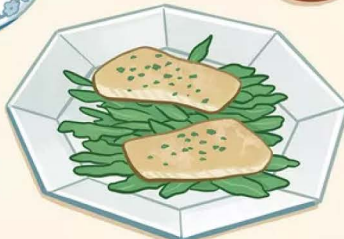
Pomegranates
(Celebration of new and unusual experiences)



Green beans
(Hope for a fruitful year)



Fish
(Awareness of God and opportunity to do good)



Carrots
(Desire for increased blessings)

Honey
(A good and sweet new year)





Keep Reaching for the Sky

Yoni, a remarkable Neve Michael graduate, held a dream close to his heart – the dream of soaring through the sky. With unwavering determination and a shared commitment, we transformed this dream into a reality. Yoni's longing to fly high was met with open arms, and together, we made his aspirations come true.

The moment he took to the sky, his face illuminated with a radiant smile, and his heart raced with the thrill of the unknown. The wind beneath his wings echoed the triumphant beat of his spirit. It was a moment of pure exhilaration, one that encapsulated the power of believing in dreams and making them a tangible truth.

As Yoni soared through the azure expanse, he carried with him not just his own dreams, but the dreams of everyone who had supported him along the way. His flight became a symbol of triumph over challenges, a beacon of hope that encourages us all to aim higher, push boundaries, and embrace the extraordinary.

In granting Yoni the gift of flight, we also gifted him the realization that his dreams were valid, attainable, and worth pursuing. As he continues to explore new horizons, we stand beside him, ready to support and celebrate every endeavor he undertakes. Yoni's journey has touched our hearts and ignited a spark of inspiration that will forever remind us to keep reaching for the skies.



Children Experience the Magical Balloon Story Exhibition

Thanks to Sharing Seats and to some of the generous parents of Kol HaNearim volunteers, 150 children at risk and 5 staff members from Neve Michael's Children Village along with 30 volunteers from the Kol HaNearim organization, had the incredible opportunity to attend the Balloon Story exhibition at Hanger 11 in Tel Aviv's port.

Sharing Seats, a nonprofit organization, works diligently to provide event tickets to sick and underprivileged children and families.



The attendees were left in awe as they enjoyed the captivating worlds constructed from transparent balloons. They embarked on a journey from the tropical jungle to the feet of the Statue of Liberty in New York, and even visited the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The experience continued with a cosmic adventure alongside a 12-meter-long spaceship, a dive into the underwater world, and a fascinating encounter with a balloon octopus. Interactive areas added even more joy to the event.

The children of Neve Michael found joy and companionship in the presence of Kol Hanearim volunteers—enthusiastic young teens and adults who dedicate their summers to volunteering at children's homes. Their unwavering passion, infectious happiness, and boundless hope breathed new life into the hearts of Neve Michael's children.

Yechiam Sherlo, Director of the Family Homes at Neve Michael, expressed his amazement, stating, "This was a spectacular balloon exhibition that has never been seen before in Israel. It was truly beautiful and provided a wonderful and enjoyable experience that Neve Michael's children will never forget."

This special day created cherished memories that will be treasured for a lifetime.