

# in the news

## A new year...A new hope!

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

Your compassion for our disadvantaged children, and your steady moral support has greatly helped us in our ongoing efforts for children at risk. Thanks to your open-handed giving and kindness, our children are receiving the best educational and therapeutic services, overcoming their past traumas and experiencing the joys of childhood. Your concern for our children is a source of inspiration for us to carry on with our life's work.

## Beginning the School Year at Neve Michael Children's Village...

Neve Michael kicked off the school year on a happy note as we treated our children to a fun event that lasted a whole afternoon. This celebration included an inflatable slide, bounce house and waterpark, trampolines, all kinds of games and a rousing soccer match with our staff cheering on the sidelines. The event culminated with a late afternoon BBQ and a singalong. The smiles on the faces of our children were most rewarding.



## Welcome to Neve Michael

In September 2019, Neve Michael welcomed 15 underprivileged boys and girls who were sent to us by the Welfare authorities. Our new children bore their tearful and often traumatic childhood experiences as they were ushered in through the gates of Neve Michael's Children's Village. Our new children arrived at Neve Michael showing signs of exhaustion and stress because of their traumatic experiences.

More children will arrive after the holidays – as always, we don't know in advance how many children will be sent to us. To attend to the many basic, educational and therapeutic needs of our deserving children, we have taken in 10 new counselors and 16 new Sherut Leumi (National Service) young women.



## Opening of Midreshet Neve Michael

Midreshet Neve Michael (MNM) is something new on the Israeli landscape.

It is a seminary where Torah, Israel and Chesed come alive.

Sited in Neve Michael Children's Village, this year initiative for highly motivated religious Zionist young women is unique and offers an innovative educational model. With Rav Tuvia Aronson as the Rav of the MNM, Rachel Bargad as the Administrative Director and a wonderful staff of prominent educators, we know that these girls are in for an experience of a lifetime.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS OUR CHILDREN WERE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE, WITH YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE, OVER THIS PAST YEAR...**

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH CELEBRATION

On June 6th, 2019, 11 boys and 13 girls celebrated the biggest event of the year at Neve Michael, the one our come of age boys and girls so look forward to: the Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebration. This memorable event, which included a play staged by our Bnei-Mitzvah children, was preceded by months of preparation that included educational field trips to points of interest all over the land of Israel. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and to those who came and shared in this emotional and happy celebration, one that our children will remember and cherish all their lives.



**"THE END RESULT  
OF WISDOM IS...  
GOOD DEEDS."**

~ THE TALMUD

## MEET NEVE MICHAEL'S GRADUATES



Neve Michael is proud to present its 8 graduates who have completed their high school studies and can now look forward to meet life's great challenges. Our graduating class includes: 3 alumni who will enlist in the IDF, one who will attend a Mechina - military preparatory program, one who will join the Yeshivat Hesder program combining IDF service and yeshiva studies, one who will learn in a yeshiva and two girls who will join the National Service. The realization of all the work we do at Neve Michael comes when we send our young men and women out into the world. Please join us in wishing them the best of luck and a wonderful future!

## DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

Neve Michael started a new project of making dreams come true for its graduates. Avatmo had a dream of scuba diving and thanks to Neve Michael, Avatmo arrived on the shores of Caesarea and went scuba diving accompanied by 2 professional diving instructors. He was totally thrilled and had the best time of his life. Avatmo will soon be going to a pre-military program and he will always remember the love and care that he received in Neve Michael.



## A WEDDING TO REMEMBER AT NEVE MICHAEL

The presence and impact of the American volunteer force over the summer was highlighted by a high profile wedding at Neve Michael: Shira Ben David, a co-founder of Kol Hanearim whose father Shlomo, a successful American businessman who grew up in Neve Michael in the 1970s, married her beloved Noah.

The wedding was so amazing and meaningful. It showed the children of Neve Michael that they could look forward to a wonderful and hopeful future.

## NEVE MICHAEL'S WINNER IN GERMANY

For the past five years, the Youth Department of the Pardes Hana Sports Club has sent a soccer team to a special tournament in Leipzig, Germany. The trip is mostly financed by the organizers of the tournament and the Jewish community in Leipzig in memory of the S. K Bar Kochba Soccer Club that was established by Jews in Leipzig and ceased to operate in 1939 because of the Nazis. Only one member of the soccer team survived the Holocaust.

There were 20 soccer teams (participants were from 13-15 years old ) from Berlin, Hanover, Halle, Leipzig, Zurich, Prague and from Pardes Hana. In addition to the tournament, there were various activities, which included lectures about the Holocaust and meetings with Holocaust survivors and the Rabbi and Jewish community leader in Leipzig. The soccer team from Pardes Hana came in first place in the tournament.

Neve Michael is very proud of its representative, 10th grader, Itai Moshe, who was in the winning team.





## NEVE MICHAEL'S SUMMER CAMP!

This summer vacation we gave our children the best of outdoor fun in the sun at our summer camp. Our boys and girls enjoyed a wide variety of activities including: swimming, afternoons at the beach, amusement park rides, bumper carts, games, arts and crafts, dancing and singing. In addition, our children went on memorable day trips to the Western Wall and other fun venues. We also treated our children to night surprises such as bowling and pizza. Our boys and girls got to experience the joys of childhood in a fun-filled summer, thanks to our kind supporters who made it all possible.



## UNISTREAM COMPETITION

Our Neve Michael children generated lots of excitement in July when they made it to the finals in the Unistream competition, but unfortunately did not win. Our young contestants entered their start-up product, a toothpaste capsule called Freshpill. You don't need a toothbrush to freshen up as the capsule contains the toothpaste, like chewing gum. Freshpill is targeted for people who don't have access to water, such as hikers and soldiers in the field.



## KOL HANEARIM ORGANIZATION

Our summer program was supported by 35 visiting college student volunteers from the US-based Kol Hanearim organization. Kol Hanearim is a non-profit program that aims to enrich the lives of disadvantaged kids, especially orphans and children at risk. This highly motivated volunteer force planned and ran the summer programs that our children love so much. Their guidance and participation in all the fun activities made a big difference to our children over the summer.



## VOLUNTEERS FROM ATARA HI-TECH COMPANY VISIT NEVE MICHAEL

Many thanks to the Atara Hi-Tech company volunteers who came to inspire our Neve Michael children. The volunteers excited our children with a car made of carton and Styrofoam.



This visit has stimulated the imagination of our youngsters by showing them the wonders and myriad possibilities of modern technology. Some of our youngsters are even envisioning their own future in the hi-tech world.

## MOUNTAIN TO VALLEY RELAY RACE



Kudos and congrats to Neve Michael's marathon runners who came in 3rd in the Mountain to Valley relay race. It was a rousing strong finish to a rigorous race that extended over 217 km and lasted around

20 hours. The racecourse began at the Roaring Lion statue in Tel-Hai and continued along the vistas of the Hula Valley, Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee), Beit Netofa Valley, Menashe Mountains and Jezreel Valley.

## OUR GRADUATES IN ZEELIM

Facing IDF recruitment, our young men and women graduates paid a visit to an artillery corps unit at the Zeelim army base. The gunner exercise gave them a taste of the military life and the IDF service time that awaits some of them.



*As always, your kind support helps keep alive our strongest hope: that someday our children will be able to sit around the Rosh Hashana table and savor that special holiday atmosphere with their own children. Once again we thank you for your kind assistance and wish you happiness, the best of health and fulfillment for the New Year.*