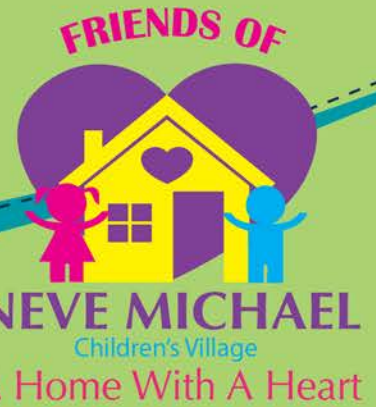


# FRIENDS OF NEVE MICHAEL in the **n**ews

Rosh Hashana 5785  
September 2024



Dear Friends,

As we welcome the New Year, we at Neve Michael extend our warmest wishes for a Shana Tova—a year of health, peace, and fulfillment. This past year has been one of immense challenge but also remarkable resilience, especially for our children, who have endured and overcome so much adversity.

Despite the difficulties and uncertainties they faced, our children showed incredible strength. They navigated emotional hardships and trauma with courage, and much of this resilience was made possible because of you—our steadfast supporters. Your generosity has been a beacon of hope during these trying times through emergency funds, love, and care.

You stood by our side when we needed it most, ensuring that our children received the basic necessities and the emotional, psychological, and educational support they required to heal and grow. Your unwavering commitment has touched their lives in ways that words cannot fully express.

As we look forward to the New Year, we carry with us hope, strength, and gratitude for the community that has rallied around us. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being there—for your kindness, your care, and your continued belief in our mission.

May this year bring us all renewal, healing, and the joy of witnessing the fruits of our shared efforts. Let us pray together for the safe and swift return of our hostages and brave soldiers.

Shana Tova U'Metukah!

With deepest gratitude and love,

*Hava*



## POMEGRANATE

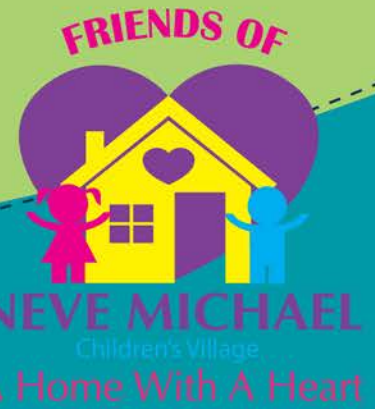
A pomegranate's abundant seeds symbolize our hopes that we will come before G-d with abundant merits. There is a custom to refrain from bitter, sour or tart foods on Rosh Hashanah, to symbolize our hopes for a sweet, pleasant year. The Talmud declares that symbolic acts have significance.





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## New Year at Neve Michael

As a new school year begins at Neve Michael, we warmly welcome new children into our family while bidding farewell to those embarking on the next chapters of their lives. Though their time at Neve Michael may have come to an end, our graduates know that Neve Michael will always remain their home.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we offer a comprehensive Graduate Program that provides vital support to our alumni in various aspects of their lives. This program addresses crucial factors for successful integration into society, such as employment, education, and professional training. It also offers personal support, life skills development, and housing solutions, ensuring our graduates have the tools they need to thrive beyond our gates.

At Neve Michael, we instill the values of giving back to

society, and we are immensely proud that over 90% of our graduates go on to serve their country through military service, pre-military academies, or National Service (Sherut Leumi). It fills us with pride to see our alumni continue to contribute to society, embodying the principles of care and responsibility they learned here. We are honored to have played a role in shaping their futures, and we remain committed to supporting them as they forge their paths forward.

Transitions like these can be challenging, but Neve Michael's dedicated professional staff is here to provide support, guidance, and care to ensure each child feels secure and encouraged. Let's wish all the children, both new and returning, the best of luck as they embark on this exciting journey. Together, we look forward to a year of growth, healing, and success.





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## SUMMER CAMP



We are overjoyed to share that the children of Neve Michael recently had an unforgettable experience at summer camp, where they enjoyed an exhilarating day of paintball in Caesarea. The air was filled with the sound of their laughter and excitement as they engaged in friendly battles, building teamwork and camaraderie.

The adventure brought out their playful spirits, creating memories that will last a lifetime. It was a day not just of fun and games, but of bonding and joy, reminding us all of the resilience and happiness that these children embody.

## Kol Hanearim

Every summer, Neve Michael is filled with joy and enthusiasm as volunteers from Kol Hanearim join us to enrich the lives of our children. Kol Hanearim, meaning "Voice of the Youth," is dedicated to supporting children in residential facilities across Israel, providing care, support, and enriching activities that foster growth and happiness. The volunteers, united by their passion for making a positive impact, bring love, compassion, and energy, creating memorable experiences through fun activities and personal support.

Their presence is eagerly anticipated, embodying the spirit of community and caring, and their dedication leaves a lasting impression on our children, filling Neve Michael with love and happiness each summer.





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## Annual B'nei Mitzvah Celebration

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. Held on June 9, the day began with a

festive breakfast, setting a joyous tone for the celebrations that followed. After the meal, the children, and some who have family members, embarked on a memorable trip to Jerusalem. This journey was a fun excursion and a heart-warming opportunity for bonding and creating lasting memories. The day culminated at a restaurant where the children received presents amidst laughter and joy, highlighting the importance of this special day in their lives.



This year, we celebrated twelve boys and six girls, each of whom had reached this pivotal moment in their journey to adulthood. The Neve Michael family and friends shared in the joy and pride of this unforgettable occasion.

## Yom Hazikaron

For the past six years, the children of Neve Michael have poured their hearts into writing letters to the families of fallen soldiers, gently placing each heartfelt message on their graves. This year, they crafted 60 such letters. Among these poignant moments, they encountered the brother of Yogev Aharon, of blessed memory, from the Golani Brigade, who tragically fell in battle at Kisufim on October 7th. With tears streaming down his face, he read the letter aloud, his voice laden with emotion. Overwhelmed, he embraced the children and expressed his heartfelt gratitude. For us, this encounter underscores a profound educational lesson on Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, for all our children, teaching them about respect, remembrance, and the deep impact of empathy.

