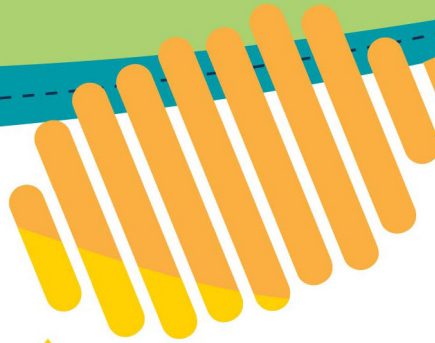


FRIENDS OF NEVE MICHAEL

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Dear Friends,

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, I wish you and your loved ones a Shana Tova, a year filled with health, happiness, peace, and renewed hope.

This past year was extraordinarily difficult for the children of Neve Michael. During Operation Roaring Lion, which began on February 28, 2026, sirens, missile attacks, and ongoing uncertainty became part of their daily reality. For children already carrying the emotional wounds of abuse, neglect, and family instability, the war intensified anxiety and reopened earlier trauma.

Our dedicated staff provided continuous supervision, emotional support, educational assistance, and meaningful activities. Neve Michael became an essential source of stability and healing, offering individual and group therapy, art, music, drama, animal-assisted therapy, sports, and academic support. These services helped the children express their fears, regulate their emotions, maintain a sense of routine, and strengthen their resilience.

This support remains vital as we welcome 30 new children, each arriving with a unique and painful story. Our responsibility is to provide not only a safe home but also the professional care, compassion, and sense of belonging they need to heal.

We are deeply grateful to you for your generous and ongoing support. Your partnership has enabled us to surround our children with the care, security, stability, and hope they need throughout this exceptionally challenging year.

May the New Year bring calmer days and lasting peace.

Shana Tova U'Metuka - wishing you a happy and sweet New Year.

With love and appreciation,

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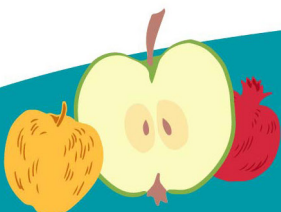
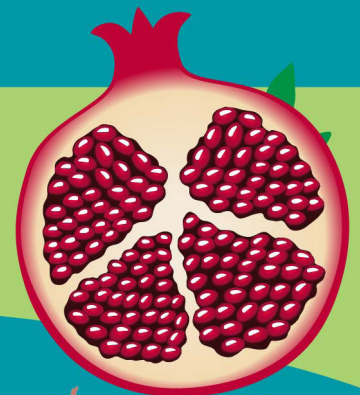
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On Rosh Hashanah, it is customary to eat seasonal fruits that have not been eaten since the previous year.

The pomegranate is the most traditional "new fruit," eaten on the first night, and sometimes also on the second night.

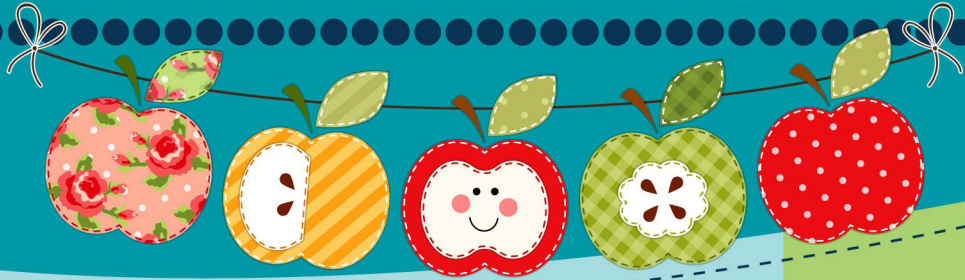
In short, Jews eat pomegranates at the New Year to pray for a year of abundance, spiritual growth, and inner merit, while also symbolizing the idea that true value lies within, not on the outside.

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SHANA TOVA





Our B'nei Mitzvah

It was a truly unforgettable day at Neve Michael Children's Village as our B'nei Mitzvah boys and girls celebrated this meaningful milestone together! The day began with a joyful celebration at Neve Michael, followed by a special visit to the Kotel in Jerusalem alongside family members and staff to pray and give thanks.

The celebration concluded with a festive dinner filled with warmth, laughter, and togetherness. For many of our children, these moments create lifelong memories and a deep sense of belonging and hope. Heartfelt thanks to all of our generous supporters who helped make this very special day possible.



Sowing Seeds of Care



Magic happens when we step out into the sunshine together, and this beautiful moment captured shows exactly why. Whether it's learning the delicate art of harvesting herbs or carefully tending new growth, these shared experiences do more than help our plants thrive. These outdoor activities foster precious bonds, creating a safe, sunny space for Neve Michael's children to connect, learn valuable life skills, and build confidence alongside blooming plants. This image of focused teamwork under wide-brimmed hats is a wonderful reminder of the warm, nurturing community we continue to cultivate here at Neve Michael - one growing season at a time.

Neve Michael's Graduates

This year, Neve Michael proudly celebrated thirteen remarkable graduates (seven boys and six girls) as they completed an important chapter in their lives and prepared to embark on new paths. For young people who arrived at the Village after experiencing abuse, neglect, and family instability, reaching this milestone represents far more than academic achievement—it reflects extraordinary courage, perseverance, and personal growth.

With the guidance of Neve Michael's dedicated staff and the generous support of our donors, these graduates are moving forward with renewed confidence, valuable skills, and hope for a brighter future. We could not be prouder of each and every one of them!



Yom Yerushalayim

At Neve Michael Children's Village, our children celebrated Yom Yerushalayim with joy, learning, and togetherness! The children participated in a fun and competitive game all about Jerusalem—its history, landmarks, traditions, and special place in the heart of the Jewish people. Afterwards, everyone gathered together for a festive meal filled with laughter, friendship, and celebration.

Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem following the Six-Day War in 1967 and celebrates the deep historical and spiritual connection of the Jewish people to the city.





Neve Michael's Animal Therapy Center ... Every Animal Has a Story



Every animal at Neve Michael's Animal Therapy Center becomes part of a child's healing journey. Two guinea pigs were rescued after a petting zoo near Gaza was destroyed on October 7. Tzvika, a large but shy tortoise, teaches children that strength does not mean being fearless and that trust takes time. Moka, the dog, senses when a child needs comfort. Jako, the parrot, accompanies children during sessions and cheerfully says "goodbye" when they leave. Gloria, a beloved 20-year-old cat, has comforted generations of children.

Recently, a Neve Michael graduate who is now serving as a soldier asked to visit her before returning to his unit. Sitting quietly beside his old friend, he showed that although children eventually leave Neve Michael, the healing they experience here remains with them forever.



SUMMER FUN AT NEVE MICHAEL

Thanks to our wonderful supporters, the children enjoyed an unforgettable summer camp filled with exciting day trips, creative activities, and plenty of laughter on the inflatables right here at Neve Michael. Your generosity gave them a summer full of joy, adventure, and beautiful memories!

For children who have experienced difficult and traumatic circumstances, these carefree moments are especially meaningful. The summer camp offered them a safe and nurturing environment in which they could simply be children—playing, exploring, laughing, and enjoying the summer together.



Shana Tova!

Lighting the Way: The Impact of the Big Sister Project

At Neve Michael Children's Village, a powerful connection is reshaping lives one afternoon at a time. The Big Sister Project, established by Midreshet Emunah Be'eri (MEB), pairs compassionate MEB students with children at risk, building a foundation of trust, encouragement, and joy. For the children, having a dedicated "big sister" offers far more than extra personal attention and fun enrichment activities; it provides a profound sense of love, support, and belonging. Through these meaningful bonds, the children gain the emotional grounding needed to build healthy relationships, develop key social skills, and navigate the world around them with renewed confidence. These MEB mentors serve as true beacons of hope, showing each child that they are seen, valued, and capable of reaching their fullest potential.





New Beginnings: Rehabilitation Home for Young Mothers and Children

Every young mother from a disadvantaged background deserves the opportunity to raise her children in a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment while building the tools needed for an independent future.

In May 2026, in recognition of Neve Michael's longstanding professional expertise and proven therapeutic reputation, we were awarded a Ministry of Welfare tender to establish a unique Rehabilitation Home for Young Mothers and Children.

This new therapeutic and rehabilitative framework is housed in a two-story building. It will provide young mothers and their children, who have been placed in the program under court orders with stability, guidance, emotional support, and the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

The Home will serve up to twelve vulnerable young mothers, each with up to three children aged six and under. During their stay of up to twelve months, mothers will receive parenting guidance, therapeutic care, assistance accessing their rights, vocational and educational training, employment preparation, and life-skills development. Their children will benefit from safe daycare and preschool frameworks that promote stability and healthy development.

The residence is not an emergency shelter, but rather a structured rehabilitation program designed to help mothers develop confidence, experience positive parenting, and transition successfully to independent community living.

Since July 2026, the Home has welcomed four mothers and their eight children, ranging from five months to six years of age. The first mother arrived with two children, while two of her other children remain in a separate residential setting elsewhere in Israel. A second mother arrived with one child, while another of her children is also living in a different residential facility. Neve Michael is actively working to facilitate the transfer of these three children, with the goal of reuniting them with their mothers and siblings. The third mother arrived with two children, and the fourth mother arrived with three.

The Home is being transformed into a secure, welcoming residence. The project includes furnishing twelve bedrooms, upgrading the building's interior systems, renovating therapeutic and administrative spaces, creating accessible facilities, and installing outdoor play equipment. A new reinforced shelter will also be constructed, and the existing shelter will be expanded to provide mothers, children, and staff with essential protection during emergencies.



CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER

Neve Michael's dedicated staff, together with the wonderful young women performing their Sherut Leumi (National Service) at the Village, enjoyed a fun-filled day in the Golan Heights. They went rafting, toured the beautiful region, enjoyed a delicious meal at a restaurant, and shared plenty of laughter—all while proudly wearing T-shirts that read "Made at Neve Michael."

The outing celebrated the beginning of another new year and provided a meaningful opportunity for team bonding, relaxation, and strengthening the special connections that enable everyone to work together with compassion, commitment, and care.

