



New at Negba: Hadracha Training Initiative

Negba recently launched an innovative **Hadracha Training Initiative** for the management and staff of welfare boarding schools in Israel. The initiative offers professional training, team building, education and guidance, evaluation and assessment over time to upgrade the professional capability of some of Israel's harshest boarding schools and enable staff teams to better assist the youth at-risk in their care.



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Launched in partnership with **Yehudit Toronto-Friedberg Charitable Foundation**, the Negba Hadracha Training Initiative is currently operating at the Ohr Simcha Educational Center in Kfar Habad, and at the Darchei Shalom Educational Center in Givat Yearim, in all serving 160 children.



Computers at the Core of Negba's Reinforced Learning Approach

Each Negba House of Hope initially was equipped with a designated computers room, with two units of children (15 kids in each unit) from each House sharing the computers room. In order to increase computers instructional time, the computers were transferred into the activity rooms of each unit, improving the ratio of computers per children from 1:4 to 1:3. Not only did this provide more flexible access for more kids to the computers, but it also freed up the computers room for other use.



With currently over 70 computers in use at Negba's Houses of Hope, approximately 20 will need to be replaced this year. In recent **years Bank Hapoalim** has generously donated a total of 20 used computers, and the **Broadcom Company** has committed to donate 10 computers in the near future. Any donation of used computers in good condition is welcome for the benefit of Negba's children. *(In photo: Negba CEO Hanna Geissmann and Directors of Bank Hapoalim, Beersheva.)*



Negba Attends Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly in Jerusalem

Over 3,000 individuals from North America, Israel and Europe were exposed to Negba at Negba's exhibition stand at the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) General Assembly Conference in Jerusalem. Known as the "GA," this annual meeting afforded an excellent opportunity for Negba to promote its work, cultivate new relationships and engage potential partners in advancing the needs of children and youth at-risk in Israel.

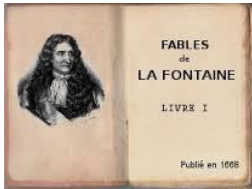


Negba Co-Founder Claude Meyer, Treasurer Jean Bisseliches, CEO Hannah Geissmann and North America PR Director Daniel Sheer were on hand to greet and network with conference participants, as well as attend some sessions on topics of interest to the global Jewish community. The JFNA represents 154 Jewish Federations and over 300 Network communities, which raise and distribute more than \$3 billion annually for social welfare, social services and educational needs.



Negba, OSE and Israel's Ministry of Social Affairs Explore Program Collaboration

As part of Negba's collaboration with the **Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants (OSE)**, a French-Jewish social welfare organization, Negba met with Israel's Minister of Social Affairs, Mr. Meir Cohen, and his advisor, Mr. Albert Assaf, to explore possible cooperative projects by the three entities to benefit children at-risk.



Infusing Negba's Houses of Hope with French Culture

At the initiative of Mr. Maurice Meyara, an agreement was signed with the **France-Israel Foundation** to incorporate French culture into the neighborhoods of Negba's operations, such as the organization of French literature book clubs, the establishment of a media library, and more. One activity has already commenced in Negba's Houses of Hope, comparing the morals of Jean de La Fontaine's *Fables* and those in Judaic literature.



Negba recently participated in a France-Israel Foundation gala event at the halls of the Quai d'Orsay at France's Foreign Ministry, where Negba Co-Founder Mr. Claude Meyer gave a brief presentation about Negba. (In photo: Negba Co-Founder Mr. Claude Meyer and France-Israel Foundation President Mrs. Nicole Guedj.)

Charity Event to Benefit Negba Held by the Mouvement Juif Libéral de France



The **YAHAD** (young leadership) group of the MJLF held a fundraiser auction in November to benefit Negba's Houses of Hope and the Hadassah Organization's Medical Clowns program. Mrs. Nicole Cohen represented Negba at the evening and delivered remarks about Negba's activities. Many thanks to the MJLF community, and to Mrs. Cohen, for this wonderful initiative.

Negba Launches Houses of Hope Organization in France



Negba is delighted to announce the founding of its Friends chapter in France, which will organize events to raise Negba's profile in France and assist in raising support for Negba's activities on behalf of Israel's children at-risk.



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