

Back to School

In early September activities resumed at Negba's Houses of Hope after a successful summer camp program and the New Year and Sukkot holidays. The children returned with smiles and excitement about the upcoming year of programming awaiting them at Negba.

Our Houses of Hope are operating at full capacity, given the increasingly high demand to attend Negba's programs. As a result, unfortunately many children have been placed on a waiting list.



Sherut Leumi (National Service) - the Backbone of Negba's Volunteer Cadre

Young Israelis aged 18-20 performing National Service in lieu of army duty volunteer at Negba for 1-2 years and form the backbone of Negba's volunteer ranks. This year Negba has recruited 20 young women. Following intensive training, these volunteers become integral parts of Negba's staff team. These volunteers possess a unique and privileged relationship with the children, who look up to them as older siblings bringing stability to their lives.



A Day in the Life of Negba's Children

Each day after school Negba's kids arrive at its six Houses of Hope (possessing twelve units) and Teen Club of Hope. Following a hot meal – for some, the only hot meal of the day- they receive assistance with homework and individualized academic tutoring, use a computer-aided math enrichment program, and participate in a host of social and cultural activities. Some of the kids' favorites include dance classes, cooking instruction, and a soccer program taking place on a professional soccer field. Negba is grateful to its generous supporters sponsoring these activities.



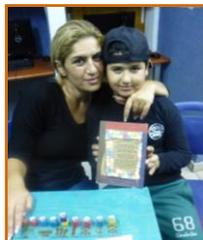
Birthdays, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs Marked at Negba

Most children eagerly anticipate their birthday. But for many Negba kids, the arrival of a birthday is not a celebratory one. Sensitive to this reality, Negba's staff marks each child's special day with a party at the Houses of Hope to bring a smile to each child on his/her birthday, replete with balloons and cake, a crown, and lots of songs and games. Every Negba child is a queen or king for at least a day at Negba!



Negba's Parents: Important Partners

Negba has always considered parents as essential partners in the development of their children, and this year there is again strong participation by parents in the activities offered at Negba. A special pre-Hanukah roundtable workshop was offered to parents exploring techniques to engage their children during the long Hanukah holiday break. It was a beautiful moment of exchange and sharing between parents and Negba's staff.



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