

A Day of Unity

A year after the abduction and murder of three Israeli teens Eyal Yifrach, Naftali Frenkel and Gilad Shaar, their bereaved mothers declared June 3rd as a Day of Unity in memory of their sons and to honor the many volunteers across the country who assisted in the searches for their boys during the weeks when they were missing. Negba's children participated in this day of Unity, handing out stickers emblazoned with "ואהבת לרעך כמוך" - "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself" - and encouraging passers-by to respect others differences.



Teen Club Footballers Crush Negba Staff in End of Year Soccer Match

To mark the end of an excellent year of soccer training and play for the boys at Negba's Teen Club, a football match was held versus Negba's pedagogic team of social workers, educators and counselors. It wasn't even close. The teens crushed Negba's staff 11-5, in large part due to the teens' superior physical shape and strategic tactics as a result of the teen club's intensive weekly soccer sessions. Negba's children cheered the teens on as they handled the staff with ease. Negba's staff has begun exploring some offseason acquisitions to gear up for next year's match...



Parents of National Service Volunteers Visit Negba, View Their Daughters' Impacts on Negba's Children

A new tradition has been born at Negba. For the first time since the absorption of *Sherut Leumi* volunteers at Negba, the girls' parents visited with Negba in Beersheva, to learn more about the organization at which their daughters spent one – or even two- years of their lives volunteering for the community. Some parents made the trip from as far as northern Israel, and all were duly impressed with Negba's programs.



The parents were grateful for the personal and professional growth opportunities Negba afforded their daughters, and they went home as ambassadors spreading the word about Negba for future National Service Volunteers.

Negba's staff and children greatly appreciate the invaluable contribution of its National Service Volunteers.

Don't Forget to Brush Your Teeth – Even During the Summer Break!

An important element of Negba's programs for children at-risk is educating about health and hygiene, to empower the children and provide them with skills and tools to forge a better future. At the Marianne and Bernard Picard After-School Home in Jerusalem, the children concluded the year with a special workshop on the importance of brushing teeth each day – particularly during the school summer vacation, when the kids will be on break from Negba, and presumably, be eating more sweets and less healthful meals. Negba looks forward to seeing those pearly whites in September when the kids return to Negba's after-school programs.



Wishing you and yours a pleasant summer holiday!

The smiles of the month:

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"Les Cigognes" House, Beersheva

