



### ***Negba Youth Run Used Clothing Drive to Benefit Beersheva Teen Club***

As part of Israel's annual Good Deeds Day, members of Negba's Beersheva Teen Club organized a used clothing sale to benefit the Club. A small business in the Oren shopping mall volunteered to collect second-hand clothing in good condition from neighborhood residents, and the goods were sold at bargain prices to the community. The teens used the profits of the sale to fund additional activities of their choice at the Teen Club.



### ***Pre-Passover Trips throughout Israel for Negba's Children***

The Pesach holiday break affords a great opportunity for Negba to treat its children and youth to special excursions- those which most of Negba's children have not experienced. The younger grades enjoyed an exciting day in the Jerusalem area, which included a nature water hike in Sataf and stops in the Old City. The older grades went on a challenging two-day hiking excursion in the southern Negev and Eilat, which also featured scuba diving and archery. Great fun was had by all!



### ***Negba's Children Remember Children who Perished in the Holocaust***

A moving afternoon of events was held at Negba to mark Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day. First each House at Negba ran its own program to teach about *Yom Hashoah*, and then all Negba's children viewed a special exhibit about children in the Holocaust, prepared by Negba's Teen Club of Hope. Each Negba child was given a name of a child who perished in the Shoah and lit a candle in the child's memory.



Negba's teens then directed a powerful ceremony of readings, song and dance incorporating some of Negba's younger children, and the day concluded with an emotional singing of the *Hatikvah*, Israel's national anthem. We remember.

### ***Teen Club Girls Begin Seminar Equipping Them with Skills to Confront Abuse***

A new empowerment seminar, "***Self Confidence and Self Defense: Techniques to Combat Verbal, Emotional and Physical Abuse,***" was launched recently for girls at the Teen Club in Beersheva. The first of this five-session seminar began with the girls learning to overcome their fears and gain self-confidence to effectively confront many types of abuse. The girls mastered simple techniques and gestures which equipped them to now defend themselves in the face of aggression. The teen girls are taking the seminar very seriously, given the real dangers that exist in the neighborhoods in which they live. Negba views the seminar as a critical one for the girls; but it sincerely hopes the girls will not need to utilize their new skills.

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### *Picture of the month:*

*Children of the "Marianne and Bernard Picard" House in Jerusalem, exploring the Children's Museum in Holon*

