

NEGBA AT YEAR'S END:

2018 a Year of Innovation at Negba; A Promising 2019 Slated for Further Development.

As we wrap up the civil year and set to embark on the upcoming one, Negba can look back proudly on 2018.



Negba's program in Jerusalem is a prime example. The Grosman After-School Home for children continues to impact the community in the Kiryat Menachem neighborhood from the first day it was launched as a unique Negba model in a school setting, in partnership with the Jerusalem Municipality. As a result of the established success of its first collaboration with Negba, the Jerusalem Municipality elected to partner again with Negba in the same neighborhood, in order to launch a special "Bogrim" program aimed at preparing young teens for the demands of middle school. The first initiative of its kind in Israel's capital, this "Bogrim" program recently began its second year, and

expectations are high to build on the successful pilot program and ensure that young teens will not drop out of school during this perilous transitional period of their lives.

The Beersheva Municipality, too, has recognized Negba's work time and again. It recently asked Negba with a request to take over "**Noam**", one of its after-school frameworks for children. It is an integrated framework falling under the jurisdiction of both the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Affairs. The Beersheva Municipality's request indicates its belief and trust in Negba's abilities to provide highly professional, integrated care in both the welfare and educational fields.



The City of Beersheva again demonstrated its confidence in Negba in collaborating with us to build the **Negba Center**, which is set to open in the coming weeks. The Negba Center will provide a permanent home for a number of Negba's existing After-School Homes and Clubs for children and youth, and enable the expansion of Negba's parent-child activities. But no less significant, the Negba Center will serve as a hub of activity for the overall community and offer engaging and quality programming for various populations, as well as joint programming between Negba's youth and local youth to further integrate Negba's members into the overall community.

These important milestones in Negba's growth allow us to look forward to 2019 potential with excitement and optimism.

We hope that you will continue to share in these successes with us.