

NEVE MICHAEL CHILDREN'S VILLAGE in the news

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NEVE MICHAEL
Children's Village
A Home With A Heart

Happy Passover

Dear Friends,

As Passover approaches, it is a time of renewal, freedom, and faith. We reflect with full hearts on the incredible blessings your unwavering support has brought to Neve Michael's children.

Your kindness has been a true light in dark times. You have not only helped us sustain vital programs, but have touched the lives of vulnerable children in the most profound way—by giving them hope. Hope to heal, to grow, and to believe once again in a brighter future. Your compassion reminds us that even in the face of great adversity, we are not alone. We are surrounded by a global family that cares deeply.

Together, we wept tears of overwhelming joy with every hostage who came home—and we wept with shattered hearts for every soul we laid to rest. These moments have etched themselves into the heart of our nation. For our younger generation, growing up in the shadow of such pain and uncertainty, this is one of the most difficult chapters in the story of the people of Israel. And yet, through the tears, they are learning what it means to love deeply, to stand strong, and to carry hope forward.

In recent months, as our children faced the trauma of life-threatening missile attacks from Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and the Houthis, your emergency support helped us remain strong and united. Like the Israelites in the Exodus story, we have endured hardship—but with courage, faith, and community, we continue forward, never losing sight of the promise of deliverance and peace.

As it is written in the Haggadah: *"In every generation, a person is obligated to see themselves as if they personally came out of Egypt."* This sacred reminder inspires us to continue praying for those who are still struggling for freedom. Together, let us pray for the swift and safe return of all hostages and for the protection of our brave soldiers defending our homeland.

From all of us at Neve Michael, thank you for being a vital part of our extended family. Your generosity uplifts us, and your love fuels our mission every single day.

Wishing you and your families a joyous, meaningful, and peaceful Passover.

With deepest gratitude and warmest wishes,

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Joy, Color, and Laughter: Purim at Neve Michael!



This Purim, Neve Michael was bursting with life, laughter, and the beautiful spirit of the holiday! Our children and staff dressed up in vibrant, joyful costumes, transforming the village into a celebration of color, creativity, and pure happiness.

The sounds of festive music echoed through the air as a cheerful procession of superheroes, princesses, animals, and dreamers danced their way through the streets. Tables overflowed with delicious Purim treats, and everywhere you looked, there were smiles, laughter, and hearts full of joy.

For children who have experienced hardship far too young, Purim at Neve Michael is more than a holiday—it's a moment of magic, belonging, and light. Thanks to the love and support of our extended family around the world, our children were reminded that joy always finds a way.

Planting Seeds for a Brighter Future



As our Grade 11 and 12 students at Neve Michael take their first steps toward adulthood, we are walking beside them — heart and hand — through our Pathway to Independence program. Recently, they had the privilege of learning from a guest speaker from Pa'amoni, an incredible organization devoted to financial empowerment and responsible living.

For teens who have already faced more challenges than most, learning how to manage money is more than practical—it's empowering. It is a message that says: You are capable. You are worthy. Your future matters.

In a world that often feels uncertain, this session introduced our youth to real tools to build stability, make smart choices, and dream with confidence. Because independence doesn't just begin with a bank account—it begins with belief.



More than Just Books: A Sanctuary for Children at Neve Michael

At Neve Michael, our library is a warm, nurturing haven where children find comfort, imagination, and healing. Curated with love for over a decade by our devoted librarian, Shuli Sarig, it offers a rich collection of Hebrew and English books — making it one of the largest libraries in a children's home in Israel. Each week, children gather for storytelling, games, and creative writing, using literature as a path to learning and emotional growth. For many, the library is a safe refuge — a place of peace and quiet strength in times of need.



Tu B'Shvat at Neve Michael

Neve Michael's children joyfully celebrated Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish New Year for the Trees—a holiday that reminds us of growth, renewal, and our deep connection to the land of Israel.

As part of the celebration, our children took part in a Tu B'Shvat Seder, a beautiful tradition that includes tasting the seven species of the Land of Israel — figs, dates, grapes, pomegranates, olives, wheat, and barley — as well as a variety of fruits and nuts. The Seder is filled with blessings, songs, and meaningful reflections about nature, gratitude, and spiritual growth.

At Neve Michael, Tu B'Shvat is not just about trees—it's about planting seeds of hope, nurturing resilience, and watching our children blossom.

Healing in Every Stride: The Power of Horses & Hope



There is a quiet, almost sacred magic in the bond between a horse and its rider—a silent understanding that needs no words. For the girls at our Teenage Girls' Crisis Center, horseback riding is not just an activity—it is a lifeline.

In the presence of these gentle, intuitive animals, walls begin to crumble. Horses feel what words cannot express—they sense fear, pain, and hope. In their calm, steady presence, our girls find a safe space to begin again. Each ride becomes a journey towards healing—where trust is rebuilt, anxiety softens, and self-worth begins to take root.

With every gentle stride, our girls learn not only to ride, but to rise. They discover strength in vulnerability, beauty in connection, and the quiet courage to believe in themselves once more.

Every Step a Promise: Walking in Honor of Israel's Fallen Heroes



Neve Michael's children and staff participated in the heartfelt "Walking in Their Honor" initiative, led by Head Mother Kiki Friedman, to commemorate fallen IDF soldiers. Carrying the names and stories of Israel's heroes, they walked with love, sorrow, and pride—honoring the memory of the fallen, supporting bereaved families, and standing in solidarity with those still serving.

Through each step, the children embraced the legacy of sacrifice and ensured it lives on in their hearts.

Finding Healing Through the Lens

We are deeply moved and incredibly proud to share that a group of Neve Michael's inspiring 9th–12th graders recently took part in the Sharon Israel Center's transformative "Movies Create Change" program.

Through the power of video therapy, these remarkable teens were given a safe, supportive space to process their experiences, express their emotions, and tell their stories—some for the very first time. In each frame they created, they found strength. In every shared moment, they found connection.

