



Celebration of Negba's B'not Mitzvah

Purim Season at Negba: Time for Some Healthy Fun!



Modern medicine has shown that a little humor can diffuse conflict, reduce stress and foster a wholesome outlook. Jewish tradition recognized this some centuries ago, injecting the Purim holiday with lots of good cheer. Negba has drawn inspiration from both these worlds to foster a healthy culture of fun during the month of Adar.

And boy are we having fun!

Purim-themed parent-child activities were held across Negba to develop the family unit and strengthen interpersonal interactions. The kids at Beit Grosman in Jerusalem went above and beyond, turning their After-School Home into a café replete with décor and menus, preparing and serving food to their parents. Other Homes designed Purim masks and ran art projects. Some held Purim trivia competitions full of laughter and sheepish smiles when the kids outshone their parents.

In Beersheva, Negba's children arrived one day in SpongeBob style costumes, and Negba's staff came to work in dress-up, too. Pajama parties were held at some After-School Homes, and Mishloach Manot, food parcels for the needy, were prepared for delivery on Purim.



It wouldn't be Purimesque without some blurring of roles ala Mordechai and Haman. In the spirit of "ונהפכהו" counselors switched between their usual groups, utterly confusing Negba's children who goes with whom. And no Negba Purim is complete without Negba's teens running the carnival with prizes, face painting (which the teens learned from their artistic make-up program), inflatable rides, art projects, popcorn and cotton candy for all.



The fun culminates with a festive reading on Purim of the Megilla – the Story of Esther – followed by a magic show for all of Negba's Beersheva children and youth.