



"Houses of Hope" network  
for helping children at risk in Israel

## Recent news from Negba !

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### *New "Houses of Hope"*



On 13th November Negba opened its first House of Hope in Jerusalem, in Kiryat Menachem, a neighborhood that is in need of help to nurture its future generation. The house, located in the Reshit school complex, is dedicated to the memory of Marianne and Bernard Picard, and is designed to take 40 children in danger.

This is the second House of Hope that operates in schools in which the **AMIT** Network is a partner. Negba works with AMIT's management towards the establishment of more Houses of Hope in the networks' schools in Jerusalem, in Matte Yehuda and in the Negev.

### *Special activities during the summer vacation and at the start of the school year*



- After the summer camp which was open during the month of July, Negba was asked by the Ministry of Welfare, the Beersheba Municipality and the Rashi Fund to organize a second camp during the month of August. Thanks to that, during the whole of the summer vacation, children were not wandering the streets and they enjoyed a rich program of varied activities and nutritious meals. Mention should be made of the intensive swimming course for all the children, held in the pool at the Soldier's Hostel in the city.



- In July, there was a day of activities organized by the Beersheba police, which presented their various services and gave the children an opportunity to play the roles of investigators and detectives. Further to the success of the day's activities, the police will arrange regular activities for the Negba children following a special program of education in good citizenship, road safety and knowledge of the law.



- A group of 30 young people from the senior age group of Jewish Scouts from France, taking part in a visit to and training in Israel, contributed four days of volunteer activities with the Negba children. They participated in the activities of the children, and organized for them a day of scouting in the French style. The children were thus made aware of the spirit of scouting and expanded their horizons by getting to know young people from the diaspora.



- The Negba children received instruction in the training of dogs in a meeting with youths at risk who receive treatment from the association "Dogs in the service of People". The contact between these youths, who fulfill the role of instructors, the abandoned dogs who are looked after by the association "Distress to Living Creatures" and the Negba children, created a moving and unique experience and it is intended to repeat it during the year.



- Following the success of "A Shabbat Together" at Susia in June, which was attended by 45 children and 10 staff, Shabbat meetings will be organized during the year. This is in order to give children a chance to go out sometimes from their neighborhoods and experience a different Shabbat atmosphere. Claude and Michelle Kadouch and Claude and Claudine Meyer will take part in the next two Shabbat meetings.

- Students from Sami Shmoon College in Beersheba will organize a series of activities for the Negba children, tailored to their age, in order to arouse their interest in the natural sciences, physics and chemistry.

### *New partnerships*



EDMOND J. SAFRA  
PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION

The Edmond Safra Foundation has decided to join in the work of the Negba Association and to help finance the house named after Bernard and Marianne Picard.

### *New targets*

The Houses of Hope model has made it possible to attain impressive results, both in terms of the personal development of the children, and in the area of scholastic achievement.

In the light of these results, it is hard for us not to respond to requests from municipalities and schools who want us to expand our activities, in order to help a greater number of children at risk.

The Board of Directors has made a strategic decision to try and increase significantly the number of children Negba will take under its wing over the next five years.

Follow the Negba children regularly through recent photos: [www.facebook.com/ AssociationNegba](http://www.facebook.com/AssociationNegba)



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