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# Tavor Mechina in Nazareth-2011-2012

## **Name of program**

Tavor Mechina in Nazareth

## **Year of activity**

2011-2012

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## **Status of program**

- The program is in its second year of activity with 34 students and five staff members. None of the students stopped his participation during the year.
- 35 students were selected to the third year of the program out of 700 candidates. We consider this figure a reliable index to the success of the program.
- The program was recognized by the ministry of education and the ministry of security on October this year. We hope that the first year of activity (2010-11) will be recognized retroactively so that we can be funded next year (2012-13).
- Upper Nazareth municipality has decided to allocate three hundred thousand NIS for the Mechina activities for 2012. We hope that this decision be implemented without problems.

## **Main achievements during the last year of activity**

- Tavor operates nine different social projects this year in Nazareth Illit. As part of the projects more than two hundred fifty children and teenagers are active every week, An increase of more than fifty percent compared to last year (160).
- Expansion of the programs funding sources. The Avi- Chai Foundation, Steinhardt Foundation and other private donors have decided to help us financing plan.
- Recruiting of more than seven hundred candidates for third year of activity, a major success out of which 35 were recruited.

## **Evaluation**

### **- Strength**

1. High quality staff morally and professionally.
2. High demand for the project among youth and as a result a very high quality of students, with a true potential for leadership.
3. Highly effective social operation in Nazareth Illit at a low cost.
4. Exciting curriculum, special weeks were added this year in a range of fascinating subjects: Week on security and foreign relations, a week on Israel in 2048, a week on economics and other weeks

### **- Weaknesses**

1. The mechina Facilities are neglected and we do not have sufficient aid from Nazareth illit municipality in handling the problems. Unfortunately we lack the ability to finance the renovations on our own.
2. Lack of proper management license and tax exempt 46 bring difficulties in receiving donations from other foundations. We need to wait till next march in order to receive the licenses.
3. Committee Manager is not active enough; efforts are being made to improve the situation.
4. The Instability of the local authority is still impacting the mechina. We have recently begun to receive property tax statements in Contrary to the opinion of the mayor.

## **Others**

### **- Lines for advancement**

1. Institutionalization of the mechina activity with an emphasis on the team work and the instructional program.
2. Ensuring receipt of funding from the municipality of Nazareth Illit and Immediate cessation of municipality property tax reports.
3. Ensuring the Ministry of Education will Finance the mechina starting next year as planned.
4. Fundraising for specific social projects through the local authority and other bodies to raise the quality of activities carried out in our projects.

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