MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: Mechinat Ami-Chai
Year: 2018

Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole rapport will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).

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Year of activity: 18
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Number of active participants in the program: 54 Mechina students

Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):

Were in the middle of the program's 18th year, with 54 great students. In December, during Hanukkah, we embarked on a journey marked by heroism from the door of the Mechina to the peak of Masada (65 km). The journey was dedicated to the memory of two IDF fallen soldiers: Yair Yifrach, a combat soldier from the Egoz unit who was killed in Protective Edge operation, and Hadas Malka who was killed at the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem. The journey was inspired the Palmach's initiation journeys, and it incorporated a great symbolism: a journey of members of a pre-military preparatory program, in memory of fallen IDF soldiers and Palmach fighters, to the site of heroism during the heroic days. The journey was marked by a joint ceremony with the parents of the students at the top of Masada.

We finished the month of December with a tour of the Gaza surrounding settlements and a week of fulfillment (Hagshama)- a week in which we met exemplary and inspiring people from Israeli society who inspired the students. These days we are facing the future for 2019 in preparation for an outdoor skills week, and a series of events surrounding the end of the first half of the annual process.
The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

90% of the students complete the program. 100% are joining the army. Close to 90% in command positions and more than 30% complete the officers' course. But the most important achievements are the non-measurable. The success of the process in the development of social consciousness, the Jewish-Israeli identity and the personal abilities of our students, on a personal and group level.

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

Next year we aim to increase the number of students to 60. Development of an alumni program. And development in the field of planning and building in order to build a new Beit Midrash and provide safer and more comfortable living conditions for our students.