

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: Beit Yatir Pre-Army Torah Academy
Year: 2019

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

Name of the Program: Beit Yatir Pre-Army Torah Academy

Year of activity: 2019

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Number of active participants in the program: 108

Estimated number of impacted participants: 108

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

Our students learn according to the study program about Jewish identity, Torah ,Am Israel and Zionism in our special attitude to open them and get in their heart. Once a week we invite a lecturer to talk with the students about different subjects. The lecture talks about the readiness to serve in significant roles in IDF, connection to the land of Israel, Politics and history. The variety of these subjects enriches the students' world of knowledge. While their army service, the graduates visit the Mechina in every chance they have and that a big sign for us that we are on the right way.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

The major achievement of the Mechina in the past year is the establishment of a special program that combines Torah study and Zionism together with agricultural work. The program arouses great interest among the youth and helps us in recruiting students to the Mechina. The students also volunteer at farms in the South Mount Hebron area and assist them in their ongoing work. Increasing student numbers contributes to financial preparation and this allows us to formulate more activities and events throughout the year.

The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):

Opening the agriculture program has led to an increase in the number of students this year. This is a significant achievement considering the fact that there are a large number of frameworks for students after high school graduation.

In addition, this year there is a 4% increase in the number of combat units among our graduates (85% compared to 81% last year). 68% of them carry out varied command duties and even continue to command. With the help of the Alumni Coordinator, we know that 70% of our graduates started studying at the Academy this past year.

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

In our view, we are required to invest in our graduates even during their military service to fulfill the purpose of the preparatory work. This is reflected on Shabbats dedicated specifically to graduates, which gives them the strength to continue to influence their environment and do well as educated in the Mechina. We also make sure that the Alumni Coordinator visits the alumni during their military service, strengthens them and encourages them to continue working for the people of Israel. We will continue our student recruitment marketing program this year as well. There are many pre-military frameworks for high school graduates, and this requires us to be creative and think of more unique curricula and thus focus our efforts over the coming year.

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (**as PDF documents**)

Please join photos – as **JPG files** – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seem to you relevant – as **PDF document**.

Please join a 5 minutes movie which presents your institution and the particular project supported by the Matanel Foundation. The movie should be accessible to the philanthropic world and to other potential donors.