



MATANEL FOUNDATION
ACTIVITY REPORT



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Summary

The following activity report describes the provision of much needed material support, scholarships and equipment at Midrashiat Amalia and residence, located in Givat Mordechai neighborhood in Jerusalem. Matanel scholarships for excellence were awarded to 20 girls from seventh through 12th grades currently learning in the Midrashia. Material assistance, in the form of pocket money and transportation stipends, was provided to 80 girls from ninth through 12th grades living in the Amalia residence.

These social support services have greatly improved morale, motivation, participation and scholastic performance of the recipients. Matanel sponsored equipment, in the form of acoustic panels, was installed in school hall. This equipment has made the hall more suitable for holding school events because the sound is now absorbed, the echoes have been considerably reduced, and the venue is more aesthetic.

Achievements

The following activities were carried out with Matanel Foundation support, between September 2014 and July 2015 at Midrashiat Amalia.

1. **Scholarships:** Matanel Scholarships worth 500NIS each were distributed to 20 talented but economically disadvantaged girls at Midrashiat Amalia. Six girls are in 7th grade, three are in 8th grade, three are in 9th grade, three are in 10th grade, three in 11th grade, and two in 12th grade.
2. **Material Assistance:** There are currently 111 girls in the Amalia residence, over 70% of whom (80 girls) are from families surviving on a monthly income of \$1,250 or less. Many of the girls require residential facilities because they live at a great distance from Jerusalem, while others, despite living in the city, are from homes which struggle economically. During the reporting period, SAE distributed \$36,600 in material assistance (including pocket money, hygiene produces, clothing, and travel stipends) to 80 girls in need. Of this total material assistance, Matanel support comprised \$5,300, the Ministry of Education comprised \$17,150, and SAE provided the remainder (\$14,150).
3. **School Hall:** During the month of July 2015, an acoustic ceiling was purchased and installed in the Amalia school hall.

Evaluation

Matanel scholarships were distributed to 20 girls in 7th through 12th grades. The girls were identified by the Amalia principal as being both from a low income family, and being motivated, active and positive in class, and showing encouraging progress in their studies. Matanel scholarships were administered directly to the girls in the form of a reduction in their tuition fees. Scholarship winners were informed personally that the Matanel Foundation has provided them with a 500NIS award.

Material Assistance was distributed according to specific needs of 80 girls living in the Amalia residence. The assistance was provided in the form of a travel stipend and a stipend for pocket money totaling 250NIS. The travel assistance enabled the girls to visit their homes and families more frequently (over Shabbat approximately once every two weeks) than what is possible when using Ministry of Education funding. With the help of Matanel, each girl received a weekly allowance of 50NIS for pocket money. This is generally used for personal hygiene supplies, snacks during the school day, and personal needs.

The acoustic ceiling was installed in the Amalia school hall by a Petach Tivka based company known as Obzotek. The ceiling is 260 square meters in size, hall dimensions are 26m in length and 10 meters wide. Insulation is achieved by attaching to the existing ceiling 334 acoustic panels composed of an acrylic, fireproof, and environmentally friendly material. The panels are 1250mm x 625mm x 50mm. Photographs of the work in progress are attached.

Future Implementation

In the 2015-16, and 2016-17 school years, Matanel scholarships (worth 500 NIS each) will be distributed to 20 deserving students in the Amalia high school, and material assistance worth 20,000NIS will be distributed to students in the Amalia residence. There is currently no allocation from Matanel for the purchase of equipment in the coming years at Amalia. That said, Matanel support from 2015 has transformed the school hall into a venue that is now more functional and appropriate for school events. This support is therefore set to serve the school far beyond the current school year.

Financial Report

Project Expense	Details	Cost in NIS
Matanel Scholarships	500NIS x 20 students	10,000
Social Aid	80 students assisted in total	139,080
School Hall	Acoustic ceiling	40,190
Total Project Expenses		189,270
Project Income		
Matanel Foundation	Scholarships: 500NIS x 20 students = 10,000 NIS Social Aid: 250 NIS x 80 student = 20,000 NIS Acoustic Ceiling = 35,000	65,000
Ministry of Education	Social Aid for 80 students	65,170
SAE	Social Aid for 80 students = 53,910 NIS Acoustic Ceiling = 5,190 NIS	59,100
Total Project Income		189,270