

MATANEL FOUNDATION
ACTIVITY REPORT

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

Name of the School: The Ruth Z. Korman Pelech School for Girls. Kiryat Ekron

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

Throughout the past year, every Sunday and Thursday, a group of 32 seniors joined our school for a day of studies and experiences. Each week a different class of high school students joined this special group and an exceptional bond was created. The weekly lectures that they received included, Computer Studies, English, Tanach, and Citizenship. In addition to these weekly lectures, we introduced the Matanel Perach Zahav Program, which included a series of lectures, activities and outings that were weaved into the weekly meetings. The Matanel Perach Zahav Program was an incredible upgrade to the weekly sessions and played an invaluable role in creating a unique, continuous and treasured connection between the generations. The group continues to meet and our hope is that we can continue to provide them with the enrichment that they received during the past year.

The main achievements during the last year of activity:

- *Outing to The Cholon Museum to experience the "Dialogue with Time" exhibition* experience. The 10th grade class joined this outing and the experience the two generations had together was fascinating and remarkable.

- *Monthly celebration of Birthdays:*

Each month a different grade celebrated with the senior class.

Celebration included balloons, a cake, personalized blessings and each senior participant sharing a personal life story with the class.

- *Together with the schools Theatre department,* we arranged a learning experience which included learning literature and experiencing the literature through acting at Machon Ayalon.

- *Outing to see the movie "Wonder" in Rechovot followed by a lecture on "Differences in Society"*

- *"Project Kroovit"* is a project where meals are prepared before the Jewish Holidays for underprivileged people. Together with The Pelech students, the Senior class prepared pies and quiches, which were then delivered to the organization.

- *Exercise Classes:* The Senior class enjoyed many exercise classes that were designed specially to fit their needs.

- *Recipes and Stories:* A unique project where each participant chose a family recipe, presented the recipe with a personal story, including personal stories related to that particular recipe, from various family members. A recipe book was created using all these recipes, and was presented to each participant at the end of the school year.

- *Cooking workshop:* Each participant enjoyed a hands on cooking workshop which brought together the "Recipe and Story" project. The cooking proved to be therapeutic, enjoyable and enable to participants to share special stories and recipes.

In addition to the above activities, it is important for us to mention that The Ruth Z. Korman Pelech School for Girls sees this wonderful group of people as an inseparable part of the school.

The Matanel Perach Zahav class participates in school activities and Ceremonies whenever possible - for example the Yom Hashoah Ceremony, weekly lectures and more. The students know these special people well and are always happy to include them and spend time with them.

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

The framework of this project proved to be extremely successful. The same team of teachers and school staff will continue to lead and develop this project during the coming year. The group continues to meet twice a week and our hope is that we can continue to provide them with the enrichment that they received during the past year.

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year (please give the number of students, the number of classes and the main guidelines of the project in case where such project is implemented in your school):

The project continues to provide a weekly series of activities for an average of 35 senior citizens in the Kiryat Ekron area.

The middle and high school classes (average of 32 students in each class) take turns in joining the class for weekly sessions, celebrations and activities. With the dedicated leadership and guidance from staff, the group dynamic continues to be extremely successful.

A summary table – as **PDF document** – specifying:

The main achievements in the area of the Matanel Social Aid for students' families and their involvement in school life.

The Main achievements in the area of the Matanel Scholarships for Excellency.

The Main achievements in the projects which have been implemented in your school grants to the Matanel encouragements.

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the lists of the beneficiaries from the Social Aid (which will not be published), and the list of the beneficiaries from Scholarships of excellence (which will be published) (**PDF documents**)

Please join photos – separate photos – and any document (**as PDF document**) connected to the program which will seem relevant to you.

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.