



MATANEL FOUNDATION
ACTIVITY REPORT – Scholarships at Ulpanat Talya

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Summary

The Society for Advancement of Education, Jerusalem, and the management and students of Ulpanat Talya, are most grateful to the Matanel Foundation for its generous donation, funding scholarships for 118 girls in need of financial assistance during the 2017-2018 school year. While the donation was intended to provide scholarships for 125 girls, only 118 were in need of assistance. The remaining funds were allocated to the recipients who were in greater financial need.

Ulpanat Talya

Ulpanat Talya high school was established in 1971 (under its former name, “Midreshet Amalia”), and serves highly achieving religious girls from throughout the country who wish to focus primarily (but not exclusively) on technological subjects. The school has two tracks: the Chen track, intended for gifted girls, offering them an intensive program that includes an extra year of school, from which they graduate with high-level matriculation and a bachelor’s degree in computer science or in the natural or social sciences; and the Bina track, in which excelling girls focus on technological subjects – biotechnology, architecture or visual communication – graduating with the highest level of matriculation, equipped for employment in cutting-edge technological environments. While Ulpanat Talya is located in Jerusalem, its educational residence enables girls from throughout the country to study there and to benefit from its unique, advanced, focused programs.



Scholarship Assistance

Thanks to the generosity of the Matanel Foundation, 118 students from Ulpanat Talya received scholarships. While the donation was intended to provide a 500 NIS scholarship to 125 students, there were only 118 who were in need of assistance. Thus the balance was divided between girls who were in greater financial need. All of these students excel in their studies, whether as part of the Chen track for girls classified as “gifted,” or in the Bina track, which also targets excellent students. The students were chosen by a committee comprising members of the management of Ulpanat Talya, as well as SAE officials. Below are stories of two students who received the scholarship:

Bat Hen Danziger was an 11th-grade student during the 2017-2018 school year, studying towards a degree in computer science. She comes from a Haredi family with nine children, living in Jerusalem. Bat Hen arrived at Talya in 9th grade, and for her first two years, returned home from school every day. In 11th grade, Bat Hen decided to move to the educational residence, so that she could become more socially involved and focus more on her studies. This was an excellent change for her, both socially and emotionally, enabling her to make full use of her very significant abilities. Bat Hen is extremely responsible, has a pleasant nature, and took upon herself to host the guests who come to the educational residence for Shabbat (e.g. family members, Bnei Akiva groups, other organizations with populations such as children with special needs, etc.). As a staff member is generally responsible for hosting guests, having Bat Hen fulfill this role indicates both the staff's faith in her and her willingness to accept responsibility. Bat Hen is an excellent student, who has blossomed since arriving at Ulpanat Talya, an educational framework that enables her to fully express her talents.

Hesed Farber arrived at Ulpanat Talya last year in the middle of 8th grade, as she was functioning badly at her previous school – she would miss classes, and would not cooperate or study. Ministry of Education supervisors requested that Ulpanat Talya accept Hesed to study there. Hesed arrived at the school's residence, where she was received warmly and given personal attention and respect from staff. In this environment, Hesed has improved immensely both academically and socially, and now helps new girls settle into the residence. She is studying in one of the school's technological tracks, and staff is optimistic regarding her academic performance.

Hesed comes from a Jerusalemite family with eight children (she is one of the younger ones) and a blind mother who works as a social worker.

Evaluation

Students are evaluated through a variety of criteria, both academic and social.



Advancement of the Program

Ulpanat Talya will continue to offer cutting-edge technological and scientific education on the highest level to religious girls, enabling its graduates to integrate into both lucrative and engaging professions that are key to the advancement of Israeli society.

The Society for Advancement of Education, Jerusalem, and the staff and students of Ulpanat Talya, would like to express their gratitude to the Matanel Foundation for its financial assistance to these very talented girls, helping them to reach their full potential.

Financial Report

Project Expense	Details	Cost in NIS
Matanel Scholarships	500NIS x 125 students	62,500
Other Scholarships	118 students assisted in total	181,540
Total Project Expenses		244,040
Project Income		
Matanel Foundation		62,500
Marmamet (Ministry of Education)		28,000
SAE		153,540
Total Project Income		244,040