



MATANEL FOUNDATION
ACTIVITY REPORT – Scholarships for students at Ulpanat Talya

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Summary

Generous support from the Matanel Foundation enabled the Society for Advancement of Education, Jerusalem to provide scholarships for 125 girls in need of financial assistance studying at Ulpanat Talya during the 2018-2019 school year. Ulpanat Talya is a unique school for excellence for religious girls, allowing girls to maximize their potential and paving the way for personal and career success.

Ulpanat Talya

Ulpanat Talya high school in Jerusalem serves high-achieving religious girls from throughout Israel. The school focuses primarily (but not exclusively) on technological subjects and offers two tracks. The Chen track, which is intended for gifted girls, includes an intensive program with an extra year of high school, from which they graduate with high-level matriculation and a bachelor's degree in computer science or in the natural or social sciences. The Bina track for excelling girls focuses on technological subjects –biotechnology, architecture or visual communication. Students graduate with the highest level of matriculation, equipped for higher education or employment in high-tech and similar fields. Ulpanat Talya's educational residence enables girls from throughout the country to study there and to benefit from its unique, advanced, focused programs. The residence environment enables girls from large families, who would have significant household responsibilities at home, to instead focus on their high school studies and achievement without these pressures.

Scholarship Assistance

125 students received scholarships thanks to the generosity of the Matanel Foundation. All of these students excel in their studies, either as part of the Chen track for gifted girls or in the Bina track for excellent students. A committee of members of the Ulpanat Talya



administration and SAE officials chose the students to receive the scholarships. Following are two stories of students who received the scholarship:

The T. sisters are from a Russian immigrant family that have been in Israel for some time. The father has been ill with an incurable disease for many years and the mother, who works to support the entire family as an intensive care nurse, cares for him with love and sensitivity while working to preserve a normal life as much as possible for the entire family.

The family lives in the town of Kochav Yaakov in the Eastern Binyamin region and despite the difficulty, chose to send their daughters to Ulpanat Talya beginning in 7th grade, because of their desire for the girls to learn at a high level.

The girls do not have an easy time both emotionally and financially.

The older daughter Miriam is in 9th grade. This year she began staying at the residence which made it much easier for her. She is studying in the Chen track and loves science and math subjects. Rachel is in 8th grade and is greatly looking forward to next year.

We are pleased to see them happy and successful in their studies and integrating well into the school community, and we pray for good news for their father and their whole family.

Neta is a student in 12th grade in the Chen track for an undergraduate degree, and has one additional year of studies before graduating. She comes from a large family that has economic difficulties who live in Elon Moreh in the center of the Shomron.

The world of computers was opened up for Neta thanks to the Ulpana and she is making great progress in her studies and intends to serve in cyber and security forces.

Neta has an infectious joy and projects a positive social outlook. Her starting position for adult life has improved wonderfully thanks to the Ulpana's unique program and we wish her much success and are confident that we will hear a lot more about her success in future.

Evaluation

The school program is evaluated each year by the Department of Education. The school also evaluates students throughout the year through grades and individual meetings. At the end of the school year, each student has an individual meeting with her homeroom teacher to assess her academic, social and personal progress. The interview focuses on goals for the coming year and areas to address. We believe that these individual meetings are essential to helping form the students and to tracking their progress from 7th through 12th or 13th grades.

Between 9th and 10th grades, the meeting includes the student's parents. This assists the girls in making decisions about future learning during the important transition from middle school



to high school. The interviews are conducted over the summer to ensure that the parents of residential students can also attend.

The high quality matriculation certificates received by the graduates, the number of units they study and the grades they achieve reflect student success at Ulpanat Talya in the variety of subjects they study.

Advancement of the Program

Ulpanat Talya plans to continue its unique program offering cutting-edge technological and scientific education on the highest level to religious girls, making it possible for graduates to integrate into high-quality, engaging professions in which they can use their talents for the advancement of Israeli society.

Scholarships provided by the Matanel Foundation make a great difference to the girls and their families in ensuring continuity and success. We thank the Matanel Foundation for enabling these talented girls to reach their full potential by providing scholarship assistance.

Financial Report

Project Expense	Details	Cost in NIS
Matanel Scholarships	500NIS x 125 students	62,500
Other Scholarships	150 students assisted in total	89,168
Total Project Expenses		151,668
Project Income		
Matanel Foundation		62,500
Marmamet (Ministry of Education)		25,000
SAE		64,168
Total Project Income		151,668