

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program:
Year: 2019-2020

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

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Year of activity: 2019-2020

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Number of active participants in the program: 47 Israelis + 7 Americans

Estimated number of impacted participants: 54

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

As the Mechina is coming to a close, participants have said that finished an intense year, filled with activities, volunteer work, skills that they will take with them to the future, enhancement of their Jewish identity, and their ability to use Jewish texts as a foundation for conversation with other Jewish people in the Israeli society that have met throughout the year .

The goal of the Mechina is to pave the way for meaningful service, 35% of our alumni from this branch are officers in the military, they were able to learn the importance of being meaningful and we now see that the future will be filled with socially active citizens .

This year was significant, the first wave of corona completely paralyzed us, and emergency assistance at the “Aleh Gadera Nursing Home” was necessary. The entire staff was in isolation or was sick, the participants volunteered and replaced the staff to help those who are treated at the facility.

The educational process was completed despite the corona, the period was a test of courage for the Chanichim- they chose to come and volunteer. The situation tested the organization and we showed resilience and we conclude the year by being very proud.

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

- 30 thousand volunteer hours that were done by 55 participants of the Mechina during the challenging time of Corona
- The volunteer work included helping to save the “Aleh Gadera Nursing Home” (facebook post regarding the matter: https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3594455393962887&id=100001953864026&__entstream_source=timeline)
- A two-day seminar that focused on Jewish identity, fully integrating between culture and religion (the circle of life between Judaism and Israeliness), meeting Orthodox and Hassidic Jews, learning texts and Havrutut (small discussion groups), and learning from the Jewish textbooks.
- Participants with the sense and ability to take social responsibility.
- The organization taught a lesson that was able to change the mindset of all of the Mechinot in Israel (thanks to the Alea Negev case)- the necessity of social activism in the most challenging parts of the Israeli society: no Mechina was willing to take action and understand the Mechina has the power of changing the world.
- The ability to be adaptable and creative, “when life gives you lemons, make lemonade”.
- A five day- start of the year hike, Pioneer seminar, eight navigation days, 4 day hike in the south, a 5 day Judea and Samaria series, a 5 day Jerusalem series, 7 day- end of the year hike
- We accomplish our core topics: Jewish identity, Zionism, learning about Israel, preparing for meaningful military service.

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

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

- Creating a flexible educational program that participants are in charge of.
- Expanding the program in order for the participants to have more say- their ability to make their year as relevant to them as possible.
- Bravery, adaptability, and daring- after this year we have decided to open two more branches.
- Importance of our relationship with alumni.
- The depth in which our courses go to in topics such as Jewish identity which is a key topic throughout the year, and adding discussions and other courses that cohere with the topic.

- An empowering personal growth process which allows the participant to be seen as an individual, and not only as a part of a group
- Once the participants steps into the world after the Mechina it will be natural for them to take leadership and to be active

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

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

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