



## **TESTIMONIALS FROM ANI SHLISHI'S PARTICIPANTS**

*Nachman, 17 years old, Rishon Lezion branch:*

"Ani Shlishi is an amazing place, a place like no other. I feel that every day at work has taught me new and interesting things. The managers are amazing and extraordinary people. Ani Shlishi is a place that helps customers find unique and interesting clothing but more importantly, it gives young people tools for life."

*Nathaniel, 16 years old, Tel Aviv branch:*

"I absolutely love Ani Shlishi's store! I have learned the value of a shekel and how to spend less and save more through Ani Shlishi's program. I have learned how to manage my finances. I have learned to be tolerant towards different populations, which was something I struggled with before Ani Shlishi. I have matured a lot in the store and will continue to take on more personal responsibilities as I move forward in life."

*Zohar, 18 years old, Tel Aviv branch:*

"I'm Zohar, a youth employee at Ani Shlishi. Ani Shlishi is a wonderful place that has given me practical tools, experiences, and even best friends for life. I learned what it means to persevere, what it means to be independent, to be punctual and to work properly. I have enjoyed every moment and I have memories that I will never forget."

*Yava, 18 years old, Tel Aviv branch:*

"Ani Shlishi feels like home. The people who work with me allow me to feel a sense of independence in a safe and supportive environment.

My managers listen to me and accept me without judgement. You can laugh, be silly together, and no one will say it's wrong in the store. I feel like I belong. I have gained many skills that will help me find employment, I have especially built confidence in my ability to talk to customers and work as part of a team."



*Aden, 19 years old, Mevsaret Zion branch:*

"My time at Ani Shlishi has helped me to build skills, practical for employment and in life. Ani Shlishi allowed me a safe environment to work, make mistakes, and learn from those mistakes. I also now know my rights as an employee and the obligations of any employer.

All the experience I have gained has given me confidence in myself as well as the confidence to find a job with good working conditions for the long term. Beyond that, Ani Shlishi is another home for me, a safe place where there are good people who care about me, who want my best effort because they want me to succeed. Even after completing the program, I am still in touch with them and consult with them, especially for assistance with financial management. Which is so important and helps me!! I can truly say that this is an organization that has important goals and is really helpful and effective for youth in need."