



Latet Youth Summer Camp Report 2023

Dear Mrs Aflalo, Mr Boukobza, staff and trustees of the Matanel Foundation,

We are happy to share with you a report from this year's Latet Youth Summer Camp, which took place in July at the Yemin Orde Youth Village in the Carmel Forest region. For 8 days, diverse participants gathered from all over the country to meet with friends and make new connections, to learn from one another and the counsellors that guided them, and to truly live the values of Latet Youth through practical activities. Now having completed the third year of the camp, it has become a highlight of the annual schedule and a week that participants look forward to throughout the year.

This has only been made possible through the support of dedicated partners, and we sincerely thank you, the Matanel Foundation for your unwavering and impactful partnership for this incredible program. With thanks to you, the participants of the summer camp were able to take part in this exciting experience and consolidate the Latet Youth values of volunteerism, social responsibility, and mutual tolerance in a meaningful and engaging framework.

Highlights

This year, the Summer Camp took place in Yemin Orde Youth Village in the North of Israel and, much like the previous years of the camp, focused on exciting activities that instilled important values as well as just having fun. For the first time, the camp utilized the exciting concept of a 'Wall of Fates', which featured a different theme for each day; every morning, all of the participants would gather in a central area for the daily theme to be revealed.





An activity that was particularly popular with the campers this year was 'Songleader', a concept inspired by summer camps in America, where a singer came to the camp with his guitar to lead the participants in a variety of songs, including more traditional songs as well as newer pop songs. Campers took turns to join the singer for some acoustic karaoke as well as dancing in the open space in the lead up to Shabbat. For those from religious backgrounds and non-religious backgrounds alike, this was a special experience to truly 'bring in' the weekend feeling and create an atmosphere of peace, relaxation and togetherness after a busy week of social action and learning.



As well as relaxing time by the pool and fun scavenger hunt activities, the Summer Camp included plenty of volunteering opportunities, as is the key feature of Latet Youth – both on site at the camp, and in Latet's warehouse. A particular highlight was the packing activity for Latet's Back to School project, where an assembly center was created on the camp's site and Latet Youth participants packed 3,500 school bags for other similar-aged teens who cannot afford new school supplies.

In addition to the regular camp and our leadership course which runs alongside it, this year for the first time in Latet Youth, our new Latet Youth Service Year participants ('shinshinim' in Hebrew) took part in the camp for a few days as part of their hands-on orientation to the program. This allowed the shinshinim to truly immerse themselves in the values, energy and enthusiasm that Latet Youth participants are known for and get prepared for their hard work in the year ahead. The shinshinim socialized with the campers, and helped in the logistics of the camp, whilst also taking part in their own learning and development sessions.





It is exciting to have now reached a stage where previous camp participants have moved on to become camp counsellors, helping to shape the future experience of likeminded peers and truly 'giving back' in a meaningful way. The following video features some wonderful feedback from both campers and counsellors alike and gives a small glimpse into the atmosphere of the Summer Camp this year.



Feedback

"Our first time at the [Latet Youth] camp we arrived scared and full of questions, but from the first day we realized we were in good hands. Thank you for all the investment, the exemplary organization, the fascinating content, and the care for the children. It was an unforgettable experience for the children and even for us [as parents] - all thanks to you. We are proud to be a part of it. Well done, and thanks for everything." - *From the parents of two camp participants, Beit Shemesh*

"I know my daughter. I know she is sensitive, especially at this age, but I did not expect a phone call today (the last day of camp) from her, quoting: 'Dad, I don't want it to end, I can't believe it's over', with her crying tears of emotion, love and satisfaction. As a father, I must say you [Latet Youth] are a legend – you gave independence, perspective, strength,



orientation in the field of social action, provided answers for parents at any time, and made them [the participants] understand that they are adults and that you can trust them! Thank you for taking care of Lian and all the other kids, just as you promised and more.” - *From the father of Lian, a participant from Beer Sheva*

“Just wow...writing to you with great excitement. Thank you, thank you, thank you for everything. It was challenging this year for Tohar because of her condition, yet it was perfect. Thank you for all your consideration, tolerance, and above all the infinite love you gave. I am writing this with great tears of emotion. There is a song that says, ‘good people in the middle of the road..’, and when you see such, it inspires you to be a good person too.” - *Racheli, the mother of Tohar, a participant from Petach Tikva*



“Summer just as summer should be”

Use of the Funds

For the entire 8 days of the camp and in the time leading up to it, all of the Latet Youth staff, including Henli Cohen, the manager of the program, worked full time both on-site and off to ensure the smooth-running success of the camp. As shown in the detailed budget below, camp expenses also included the accommodation and food at the Yemin Orde Youth Village, camp counsellors training, transportation, equipment, activities, and merchandise.

In addition to the grant from the Matanel Foundation, we received grants from the Institut Alain de Rothschild (NIS 132,000) and the Goodman Foundation (NIS 100,000) for this important project. There was a highly subsidized participation fee of NIS 750 for the week; families who were unable to pay this were not required to do so.

Below, please find details of our expenses and income for the 2023 Summer Camp.





Budget & Actuals

Description	Planned 2023	Actual 2023	Notes
Accommodation & Meals	₪ 165,000	₪ 162,000	
Human Resources	₪ 37,000	₪ 43,560	
Staff Training	₪ 1,000	₪ 1,100	
Transport	₪ 35,000	₪ 37,150	
Staff Meals	₪ 3,000	₪ 5,930	
Training/Office Equipment	₪ 7,000	₪ 6,100	
Activities & Workshops	₪ 10,000	₪ 13,500	
Equipment	₪ 7,000	₪ 9,770	
Printing	₪ 4,000	₪ 5,000	
Administrative	₪ 18,000	₪ 21,340	Medic, security, insurance
Branding/Merchandise	₪ 10,000	₪ 15,050	Camp flags, t-shirts, hats, reusable water bottles
Miscellaneous	₪ 1,500	₪ 1,500	
Marketing & Comms	₪ 10,000	₪ 5,000	
TOTAL	₪ 308,500	₪ 327,000	
Income			
Matanel Foundation	₪ 62,500	₪ 62,500	
Institut Alain de Rothschild	₪ 132,000	₪ 132,000	40,000 Euros
Goodman Foundation	₪ 100,000	₪ 100,000	
Participants Fees	₪ 14,000	₪ 32,500	
TOTAL	₪ 308,500	₪ 327,000	

Thank you, the Matanel Foundation, for helping us make the Latet Youth summer camp a resounding success for the third consecutive year. Your dedicated partnership has ensured a life-changing experience for the participants, and we look forward to continuing our impact together.

