



ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MATANEL FOUNDATION
Perach Zahav Bnei Bayit: Yeshiva Orot Shaul's Weekly Home
Visits to the Elderly in South Tel Aviv
2023-2024

Name of the Program: Perach Zahav Bnei Bayit: Yeshiva Orot Shaul's Weekly Home Visits to the Elderly in South Tel Aviv

Year of activity: 2023-2024 (program's 2nd year)

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Number of active participants in the program: 19

Number of impacted participants: 75

Indicate the current status of the plan (where the plan stands on the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):

Due to the outbreak of the October 7th war, most of Orot Shaul yeshiva's students were drafted into months-long reserve duty, making it necessary to delay the launch of the program by 6 months. In March, after a substantial number of students returned, the initiative was restarted,

focused on three activities:

1. **Home visits and food baskets:** The students visited homebound senior citizens from Tel Aviv's Shapira neighborhood weekly, speaking with them, bringing them food baskets and helping them with routine household tasks. A second food basket was also delivered each week.
2. **Activities in day centers:** The students ran Kabbalat Shabbat programs every Friday at an elderly day care center in the Shapira neighborhood, playing instruments, singing, discussing the weekly Torah portion and offering refreshments.
3. **Holiday food packages and coupons:** During the week before Passover, the students distributed special food packages and vouchers to the shut-ins. The goal of the project was to assure that the elderly had enough food for the holiday, and to give the students an additional opportunity to strengthen the personal relationships created.

At the end of the 2023-2024 academic year, the project went into recess for the summer. It is planned to restart after Succot.

Achievements of the past year (goals attained, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

- 19 students participated in the initiative
- ~75 elderly shut-ins were visited in their homes once each week and provided with food packages twice each week.
- Training for the program and ongoing supervision was provided by a qualified social worker and a program coordinator.

Assessment:

The project was judged to be significant by both the elderly people served and the yeshiva students. As a lesson learned from the previous year, we added a social worker to the program to provide student training and support, and added twice-weekly food baskets to the program.¹ Distribution of the food baskets made it more natural for the students to create relationships with the clients and to offer help when needed. The Kabbalat Shabbat and pre-holiday programs added another layer of interaction.

¹ Please note that the cost of the food baskets is not included in the program budget: it is covered by another donation.

Guidelines for the advancement of the program in 2024-25:

During the coming year, we plan to continue the program in the same format, including the provision of the guidance of a social worker and the twice-weekly distribution of food packages.

Appendix A: Financial Report

	<u>Annual expenses</u> (NIS)	<u>Annual expenses</u> (\$) (\$1=NIS 3.7)
Program coordinator/trainer	NIS 25,000	\$6,757
Social worker (<i>supervised and advised the students</i>)	NIS 15,000	\$4,054
Supplies for activities and refreshments for programs in day centers*	NIS 10,000	\$2,702
Overhead (10%)	<u>NIS 5,000</u>	<u>\$1,351</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>NIS 55,000</u>	<u>\$14,864</u>

Note: the budget does not include the cost of the project's food packages and coupons, which were covered by a separate donation.

Appendix B: Participant List

1. Roy Even Ari	11. Yonatan Finkelstein
2. Achikam Dvir	12. Maoz Ararat
3. Ori Wieder	13. Amichai Koudres
4. Aviad Feintuch	14. Raz Lifshitz
5. Gilad Miles	15. Uriel Chazan
6. Noam Pfeffer	16. David Yadin Fried
7. Noam Shenhav	17. Yair Osher
8. David Sugarman	18. Shai Tessler
9. Eitan Avrahamov	19. Malachi Levavi
10. Tomer Davidian	

Appendix C: Photos from the program

Students making the food packages

