

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: *Bein Hatlamim Farm*

Year: **2023-2024**

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

Name of the Program: Bein Hatlamim farm

Year of activity: 2023-2024

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Number of active participants in the program: 23

Estimated number of impacted participants:

This is the first year we have had the Matanel Foundation's support and Amutat Kaima's guidance. The guidance of Guy and Yoni throughout the year was significant and much appreciated. We couldn't imagine this year without them. This year, which hasn't been easy for our country, made us face challenges and situations that forced us to be united and stronger. Your support was significant and enabled us to keep our program running and be a safe environment for our youth. Thanks to your support and in spite of the situation, we were able to reach most of our goals. We thank you deeply and appreciate your support, standing with us so that we can be there for our youth.

Hoping for more fruitful and significant cooperation in the future.

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

At the beginning of the war, our supporting community donated a protective structure for the farm, to allow us to continue with our activity alongside keeping our youth as safe as possible.

Our community kept supporting us throughout the year and we are providing 150 organic, healthy, fresh vegetable baskets each week.

In August four members of our young staff successfully finished their personal development on the farm, turning 18 and moving on to their next step in adulthood. All of them were part of our staff at least for one year, and the longest for three and a half years.

We put up a fence around the whole farm and doubled the growing area.

We are now on vacation from the farm work, preparing for the new youth and Shirut Leumi who will join us next year.

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

We started the year with a significant accomplishment- We opened two Shirut Leumi apartments in Pardes Hanna with ten amazing young adults who joined our staff. They are all part of a youth-at-risk program in the Shirut Leumi. These young adults became an inseparable part of the farm and part of the significant process the youth go through during their time at the farm. Each youth that joined our farm this year finished at least three months on the farm. We did not have any participants that left our program because of unsuitability or lack of motivation.

During the year we were able to enrich the staff with an elective welding course that lasted a whole year.

In addition to providing baskets to 150 families per week, we were part of a collaboration with cooks from the community to provide meals for evicted families from the south and north. We supplied vegetables for more than 500 meals and families. During that time we hosted dozens of volunteers who needed the healing touch of the soil.

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

This year to expand and to deepen the process with the youth, we decided to add Shirut Leumi to our staff. We wanted to expand our impact to young adults, ages 18-22, that come from unfortunate backgrounds. In addition to their important role with the youth, our goal is to prepare them for adult life, by taking initiative and giving them a chance for significant roles in the farm. In the process this year we emphasized: independence, capability, happiness, and success. Eight out of the ten participants that started the year with us completed the program successfully. Each one of them had a different responsibility on the farm and guided the youth during the year. They all testify that the year on the farm prepared them for adult life, helped them gain confidence and motivation for their next step. To support them we expanded our staff, and hired two new members who met with them on a weekly basis to support and help them throughout the year.

Our main conclusion this year is that adding the Shirut Leumi was a success. We saw the impact on the Shirut Leumi and also on the youth and the farm itself. The intensity of their guidance caught us by surprise. They are under our responsibility not only on the farm hours but also when they go back to their apartments 24\7. We understand that we need a full time staff member to guide and be incharge of the Shirut Leumi. In addition, we would like to add more professional content to enrich their skills together with the youth.

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

For even better results we need one staff member who guides all of the Shirut Leumi, meets with them in the farm and not in their apartment and even works in the field with them.