

MATANEL FOUNDATION

TESTIMONIES

Program: *Vacation Group 365 – Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers*

Year: 2024

Itzik Dvir, Director, The Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers

“The Vacation Group 365 is imperative for our support of the children who simply do not have a home or family to go to during vacations or free weekends. Instead of having to pick up the pieces when they return after a hard time at home, we can continue their therapeutic progress and provide them with memorable activities that make them feel loved, seen, and like any other child.”

Yael, Staff Member, The Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers

“The Vacation Group 365 is another opportunity for us to show the children stability and love – something they unfortunately are not used to from their upbringings. You can see how much they enjoy the excursions and trips off campus, and the special activities we provide them at the Children’s Home. I am grateful for the Vacation Group 365, especially this last year with the war surrounding us – it brought joy to some of our most traumatized children.”

Raz, 10 Years Old (For privacy purposes this is not his real name)

“I like being with my counselors during vacation, especially when we go on trips to places like the zoo or aquarium.”

Sara, 12 Years Old (For privacy purposes this is not her real name)

“Even though I stay here and don’t go home like most of my friends, I feel safe when I stay at the Children’s Home during vacations. My counselors always make sure we are having a great time.”

Mor, 14 Years Old (For privacy purposes this is not his real name)

“My little brother is also at the Children’s Home, so even though we can’t go home for vacations, we have a nice time on campus – especially when we go on hikes and to the pool. The summer vacation is long but it’s always busy with lots of fun activities.”