

Together Nitzan Matanel - 2024-25 Testimonies

How did you feel on the first day of the program?

- **Aviv:** It was fun to see them. At first, it was a bit hard to connect because they sat at one table and we sat at another. Then the instructors brought us together, and then I made a friend named Miril.
- **Miril:** I felt curious.
- **Karmel:** Everything felt new and interesting.

How do you feel now?

- **Miril:** I feel satisfied and proud.
- **Karmel:** I learned many things about science.

Did you make new friends in the program? How did that happen?

- **Itamar:** I met some kids who sat next to me in our very first lesson. Eiwana sat beside me every time, and we played and talked.
- **Aviv:** We sat and made slime. It was always funny my slime, for example, did not work, but hers did.
- **Miril:** Yes, I made new friends in the program.
- **Karmel:** When we did things together, we had fun.
- **Itamar:** I talked with Eiwana. He wrote my name on a sticker, and I wrote his. We put them on our shirts. I wrote in Hebrew and he wrote in Arabic. That made us feel connected.

Would you like to continue participating in the program next year?

- **Miril:** Yes, I would really like to continue next year.
- **Karmel:** I am already curious about what will happen next time.
- **Itamar:** Yes, because I want to meet new friends.

Would you be interested in learning the language spoken by the children who joined you?

- **Miril:** Yes, I would be happy to learn their language.
- **Karmel:** That way, we can talk more easily.

Would you be interested in staying in touch with one of the new children you met?

- **Miril:** Yes, they were really nice.
- **Karmel:** I would like to go on a trip together with them.

Do you remember any especially fun or funny things that happened?

- **Ariel:** Everyone worked in groups. Since I was younger, they gave me a kind of "connector" role between the polymer group and another group. I remember how well the kids connected.
- **Itamar:** We taught them the rules, played with them a lot, and ate pizza together. That was fun.

What helped you feel comfortable during the activity?

- **Karmel:** The instructors acted nicely.
- **Aviv:** We sat together and connected in pairs. For example, I sat with one of their girls or boys. If the instructor said something and they asked me, I answered. If they did not understand me, I told their teacher, and she translated for them.
- **Itamar:** Working in groups and having friends around to talk to helped me a lot.

What were you a little afraid of or worried about at first, but later turned out to be a good thing?

- **Aviv:** I did not know how I would connect with them or talk to them. Before class, we used to play in the yard, and I wondered, "How will the games?" However, they played fairly and really well.

What do you think was the most special thing about this program compared to other activities you have joined?

- **Karmel:** We learned new things, but in a fun way.
- **Miril:** I felt like I was learning and enjoying myself at the same time.
- **Itamar:** We had lessons, trips, and activities all together.
- **Aviv:** This was pretty much my first time doing activities with them. We even met on one of the trips, and we had a lot of fun.

What will you tell your family or teachers about what you did here?

- **Miril:** I am happy I took part in the program.
- **Karmel:** I will tell them that I learned many new things I did not know before.
- **Itamar:** I will tell them that we had many very fun trips and lessons where I learned a lot. The program helped me feel more confident and have more fun.
- **Aviv:** I will tell them that we had the most fun here, we went on a trip, did experiments, joined activities, and I totally recommend being part of this.