



**ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MATANEL FOUNDATION**  
**Perach Zahav Bnei Bayit: Yeshiva Orot Shaul's Weekly Home**  
**Visits to the Elderly in South Tel Aviv**  
**2024-2025**

**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:** 2024-2025 (program's 3<sup>rd</sup> year)

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**Number of active participants in the program:** 17

**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):**

- **Home visits:** Throughout the year, students visited their senior “partners” weekly in their homes, speaking with them, studying Talmud together, playing board games (e.g. backgammon) or simply “being there”. Beyond the social connection, the students also provided practical help when needed, such as basic cleaning, changing light bulbs, unclogging drains and rearranging furniture. In one case, after identifying that the apartment was in a state of severe neglect, the volunteer initiated a renovation project.

In all cases, the students’ relationships with the senior residents continued to grow over the course of the year, with some becoming deeply meaningful for both parties.

Feedback from the volunteers indicated that they underwent an emotional transformation: from initial shyness to growing openness, and eventually to enthusiastic anticipation of the weekly visits. For residents who were lonely, ill or lacked support networks, the meetings became a joyful and reliable anchor of their week.

- **Group activities in day centers:** In parallel with the home visits, ~30 group meetings took place weekly on Thursdays throughout the year at the local Senior Activity Center. A group of 18 students attended each of these meetings, helping the seniors prepare for Shabbat with dancing, singing and story telling.

These joyful activities created a festive atmosphere and a sense of intergenerational community for the 30+ senior participants.

- **Training of volunteers:** At the start of the year, the program’s Project Coordinator held several sessions to train the students in collaboration with Oshrat Cohen, a social worker from the Welfare Department.

Throughout the year, the students maintained ongoing contact with the trainers, who assisted them in addressing specific dilemmas, identifying seniors in need of support, and providing professional intervention when necessary.

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

- 35 students participated in the initiative
- 17 elderly shut-ins were visited in their homes once each week
- 30+ seniors who attended the day center enjoyed the weekly group programs
- Training for the program and ongoing supervision was provided by a qualified social worker and a program coordinator.

**Assessment:**

Perach Zahav Bnei Bayit provided a needed service for the neighborhood's elderly residents while providing the yeshiva students with a unique opportunity to develop their personal compassion, generosity and ability to connect. Volunteers reported a deep sense of meaning and a personal experience that continued to resonate with them after the meetings ended.

**Guidelines for the advancement of the program in 2025-26:**

During the coming year, we plan to continue the program in the same format.

**Appendix A: Financial Report**

	<b><u>Annual expenses</u></b> <i>(NIS)</i>	<b><u>Annual expenses</u></b> <i>(USD)</i> <i>(USD 1=NIS 3.4)</i>
Program coordinator	NIS 17,500	USD 5,1467
Training program and ongoing supervision by a social worker	NIS 10,000	USD 2,941
Insurance, office supplies, Internet connections, printing, accounting	NIS 7,045	USD 2,072
Overhead (10%)	<u>NIS 3,455</u>	<u>USD 1,106</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>NIS 38,000</u></b>	<b><u>US 11,176</u></b>

**Appendix B: Participant Lists****Students who carried out home visits**

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Uri Sigal        | 10. Neriya Nussbaum    |
| 2. Eyal Lifshitz    | 11. Matan Baruch Dayan |
| 3. Gilad Weinrav    | 12. Ido Beitner        |
| 4. Peleg Schultz    | 13. Aviya Shoshtri     |
| 5. Yair Kauders     | 14. Noam Feffer        |
| 6. Yagel Feuerstein | 15. Oz Mashaan         |
| 7. Malachi Levavi   | 16. Adiel Shalit       |
| 8. Dror Guyat       | 17. Shibi Levy         |
| 9. Yaakov Adler     |                        |

## Students who participated in group activities at the Senior Day Center

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Maayan Kornitz   | 10. Hillel Golan   |
| 2. Roy Bashan       | 11. Gilad Gans     |
| 3. Yagel Feuerstein | 12. Minyamin Pet   |
| 4. Roy Keller       | 13. Noam Jacobson  |
| 5. Aviad Feintuch   | 14. Elad Kaminsky  |
| 6. Yehuda Peer      | 15. Hagai Kaminsky |
| 7. Yair Kauders     | 16. Uri Ron        |
| 8. Dor Yadin Fried  | 17. Dror Cohen     |
| 9. Hanan Katz       | 18. Amotz Davidi   |

## Appendix C: Photos from the program

