

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: *Castor Camps*

Year: 2025

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: Summer Camps 2025

Year of activity: 2025

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Number of active participants in the program: 230

Estimated number of impacted participants: 230

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

In 2025, for the second consecutive year, our activities were significantly affected by the war and its impact on the economy, the morale of our members, and the logistical constraints surrounding our operations. Some of our leaders (incl. Jeremy Korchia, our National Commissioner spent months in miluim)

While our programs in Raanana, Netanya, and Jerusalem remained relatively stable, we successfully expanded our presence in Tel Aviv, particularly among the community of *olim hadashim*. Another highlight of the past year has been the continued delivery of our leadership training, thanks to the strong involvement of our youth movement alumni.

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

In 2025, we managed to organize bi-monthly activities in 3 cities (Raanana, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv) gathering about about 250 kids each month.

Our mini-camp organized during Chol Hamoed Sukkot and just before Pessach also attracted about 250 kids and teenagers.

And this past summer, we organized the CASTOR SUMMER CAMPS in July. (in addition to summer camps in France and in Israel/Greece)
Our Castor summer camps gathered about 150 young kids in the region of Ness Harim, split in 2 different age groups: 8-11 year old (“batisseurs” / builders) and 12-16 year old (“eclaireurs” / scouts).

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

This year, we have paid a special attention to do a careful selection of the camp directors based on criteria that would allow better success: former successful experience as leader (madrich) in the Hameirim association, minimum age threshold of 22-year-old (i.e. post army service) to ensure sufficient managerial maturity.

This helped us better anticipate the upstream preparation of the various camps that takes place in May and June and allow for productive meetings between camp managers and leaders / madrichim

During these preparations we established the educational objectives to be achieved, defined the main theme of the camps and distributed the different roles and responsibilities.

A concluding activity was done on the last day with the children in order to get their feedback and assess the goals achieved vs our objectives.

Finally, a review meeting was also held between the directors and the madrichim team, as well as between the directors and the association's executive committee.

The quality level and satisfaction level of this year has been rated higher than the previous year for the following reasons

- More time spent by the leadership team to prepare the activities and logistics
- More experienced staff inducing better interactions in the field
- Improved logistics thanks to the one-site only policy we've applied this year
- We were able to observe a real satisfaction of the participants and the directors for this year.

On top of it, and like previous year, we have successfully passed the inspections of the misrah hachinuch who came a number of times to our campgrounds to check if the organization was in line with the legal requirements.

Provisional guidelines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

For 2026 we want to further improve the training of the leaders (directors / madrichim / team leaders) to continue on our path for a better preparation of the Castor camps.

This means staying very focused during the year on the achievement of the 2 activities per city and per month, to give enough experience to each level of management, create the right contact between the kids and the leaders and enabling the summer

Castor camp to be the climax of a great year with the Groupe Local Israel Ron Arad – Hameirim.

We would also like to solve the logistic issues related to the site of the camp that is not ideal and maybe find another one.

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (as PDF documents)
(see attached documents)

Please join photos – as JPG files – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seems to you relevant – as PDF document.

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