MATANEL FOUNDATION | PARTNER REPORT

Activity Report 2026

Susan's House • Jerusalem & Beit Shemesh • January–October 2026

89	2	3	5
TEENAGERS EMPLOYED	CENTERS	CRAFT WORKSHOPS	DAYS A WEEK

Partnership overview

With the support of the Matanel Foundation, Susan's House continued providing at-risk adolescents with paid employment, vocational training and personal mentoring in professional ceramics, glass and jewelry workshops in Jerusalem and Beit Shemesh. Participants earn real wages, share meals, and develop skills and supportive relationships that help them move toward independent adulthood.

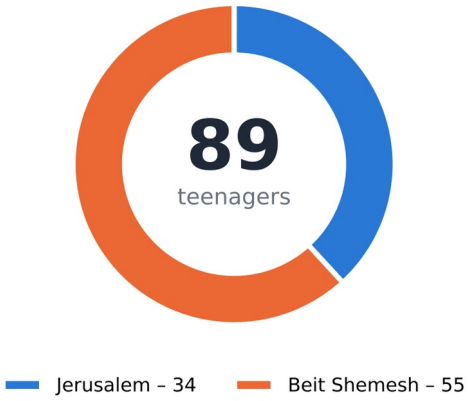
Activities during the reporting period

The centers operate five days a week, with morning and afternoon shifts. Young people take part in practical production, professional instruction, teamwork, mentoring and enrichment in life and employment skills. Their products are offered through Susan's House sales channels, connecting effort and craftsmanship with real customers.

The participant journey

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Paid work	**Professional skills**	**Mentoring**	**Independence**
Real wages and daily workplace routines	Ceramics, glass and jewelry production	Personal support from staff and volunteers	Confidence, belonging and next steps

Results & impact | 2026 to date



89 teenagers took part in paid work and training between January and October 2026.

- **Jerusalem:** 34 participants (38%)
- **Beit Shemesh:** 55 participants (62%)

100+ *participants are projected by year-end. This is a projection, not an achieved result.*

What participation provides

PAID WORK	PROFESSIONAL SKILLS	PERSONAL GROWTH
Real wages and workplace routines	Ceramics, glass and jewelry production	Confidence, communication, belonging and independence

Participants' voices

The following first-person narratives are adapted from staff-documented participant stories. They are illustrative reconstructions, not verbatim quotations, and should be approved for external use before publication. Names should be treated as pseudonyms unless consent is confirmed.

> *When I first came to Susan's House, I was afraid to speak up, and even taking a bus felt impossible. In the jewelry workshop, I started joining conversations and getting to know the others. Friends from my shift rode the bus with me at first. Little by little, I learned to travel on my own. Now I arrive independently, and I even have stories from the bus to share over lunch.*
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> **MIRIAM** | Finding my independence

> *I used to stay up very late and come to school exhausted. At Susan's House, the jewelry team got to know me and helped me think about my daily habits without judging me. I gradually cut back on energy drinks, began sleeping better and felt calmer at work. I started going to school more regularly. Now I'm thinking with the team about what I want to do after school.*
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> **RINA** | Building a healthier routine

> *After moving from Ukraine, I found it hard to speak Hebrew and connect with people. I spent a lot of time alone. At Susan's House I discovered I was good at designing jewelry. I also began helping prepare lunches, and people appreciated what I made. I am still shy, but I smile more, talk more and feel that I have a place in the group.*
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> **ABIGAIL** | Discovering that I belong

> *I always liked making things, but I didn't have much confidence in myself. In the jewelry workshop, I created a glasses chain that a visiting film producer bought. Later he sent a message saying the design had received compliments at fashion events in New York and Paris. Knowing that someone valued something I made helped me believe more in my abilities and imagine new possibilities.*
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> **TAMAR** | Seeing the value of my work

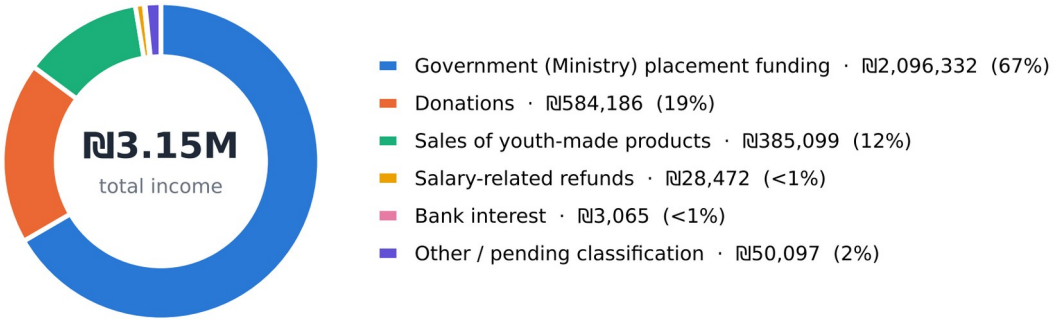
> *When I arrived at Susan's House, I kept my feelings to myself and tried to look tough. Then I began working with Nechama, a volunteer who kept encouraging me. I started laughing again and discovered that I could make things I was proud of. Later I moved to the jewelry workshop, where we designed pieces that were sold in the shop. Nechama believed I could succeed in the army, even when I doubted myself. I applied to a pre-military preparatory program, was accepted, and am now preparing for the next chapter of my life. I wanted her to be there when I said goodbye, because her belief in me meant so much.*
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> **YOSEF** | Someone believed in me

2026 financial overview | January–October

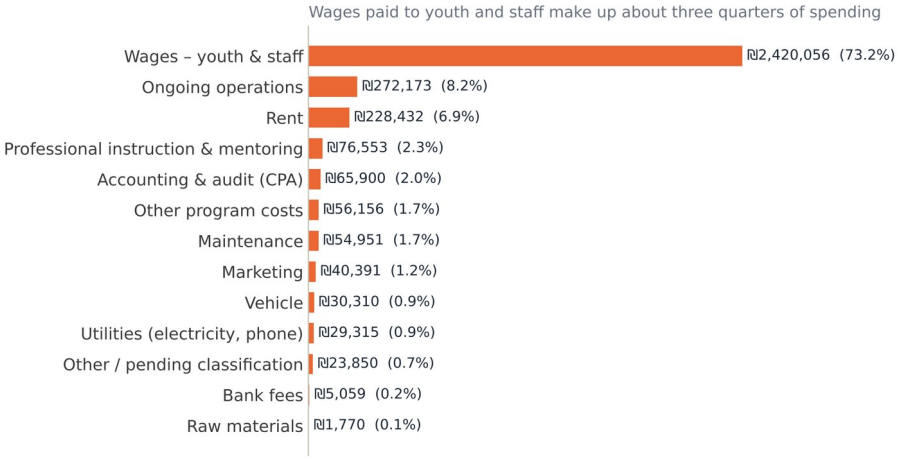
Organization-wide income and expenses for both centers, based on actual bank activity from January through October 2026. All amounts are in New Israeli Shekels (ILS).

₪3,147,252	₪3,304,916	(₪157,665)
TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL EXPENSES	NET DEFICIT

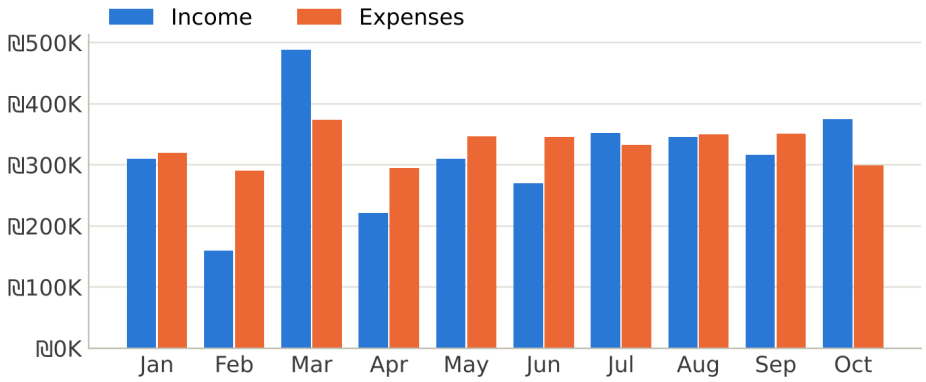
Where the money came from



How the money was used



Month by month



Income and expense statement, January–October 2026

INCOME	ILS	% of total
Government (Ministry) placement funding	₪2,096,333	66.6%
Donations	₪584,186	18.6%
Sales of youth-made products	₪385,099	12.2%
Salary-related refunds	₪28,472	0.9%
Bank interest	₪3,065	<0.1%
Other / pending classification	₪50,097	1.6%
Total income	**₪3,147,252**	**100.0%**

EXPENSES	ILS	% of total
Wages – youth & staff	₪2,420,056	73.2%
Ongoing operations	₪272,173	8.2%
Rent	₪228,432	6.9%
Professional instruction & mentoring	₪76,553	2.3%
Accounting & audit (CPA)	₪65,900	2.0%
Other program costs	₪56,156	1.7%
Maintenance	₪54,951	1.7%
Marketing	₪40,391	1.2%
Utilities (electricity, phone)	₪29,315	0.9%
Vehicle	₪30,310	0.9%
Bank fees	₪5,059	0.2%
Raw materials	₪1,770	<0.1%
Other / pending classification	₪23,850	0.7%
Total expenses	**₪3,304,916**	**100.0%**

Net result: surplus / (deficit)	**(₪157,665)**

Notes

- Figures reflect actual bank activity for January–October 2026. No forecast for November–December is included.
- Bank deposits (short-term savings) and transfers between the Jerusalem and Beit Shemesh accounts are excluded, since they are not income or expenses of the organization.
- Wages include payments to the participating youth as well as staff.
- Professional instruction & mentoring combines workshop instruction, the ceramics instructor and national-service volunteers.
- “Other / pending classification” includes bank transactions still being categorized.

Documentation for submission

This report includes the 2026 financial overview for the reporting period and participant counts by center, without unnecessary identifying details. Activity photographs with appropriate permissions will be provided separately, and additional verified operating indicators can be incorporated when available.

Thank you to the Matanel Foundation for helping make meaningful work, belonging and personal growth possible for young people at Susan’s House.