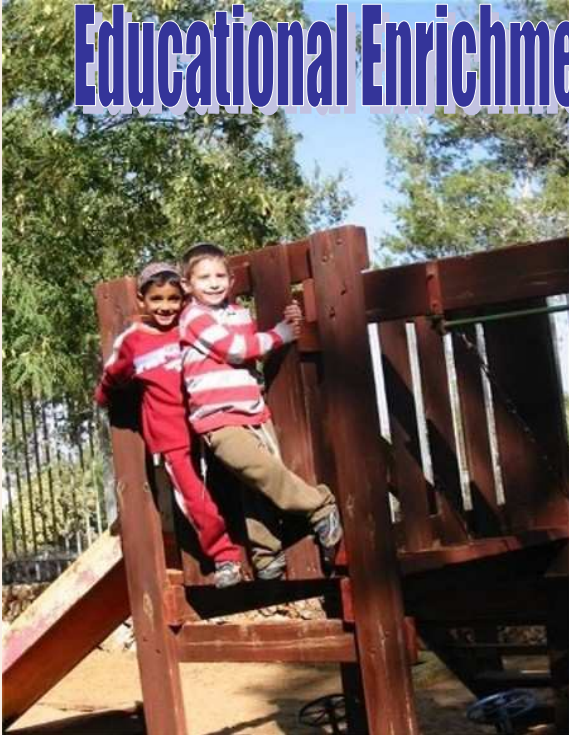


Educational Enrichment For the Children of Emanuel



A dream should never be allowed to shrivel up and die.

But the dream of building a life in the city of Emanuel, is in danger of being snuffed out. Emanuel's peaceful existence has been brutally disrupted since the outbreak of the Palestinian war of terrorism waged against the innocent residents of Israel in September 2000. On two separate occasions, the bus that connects Emanuel to the cities of the Dan and Sharon region were ambushed as they approached the town. Bombs ripped the bus to pieces, and terrorists laying in wait fired on the rescue workers and survivors who escaped the flaming bus.

The population has declined, as fear drove many families to seek "safer" communities. But the strong survivors who remain in Emanuel continue to try and build

and expand their very special community. The city of Emanuel, founded in 1983 is home to over 3,000 people, on the border separating the Biblical tribes of Ephraim and Menashe, overlooking the nearby tomb of the prophet Joshua. The community boasts no fewer than three elementary schools for boys, two elementary schools for girls, one high school for girls, a daycare center, and kindergartens. Emanuel has 17 synagogues, an emergency ambulance station, a fire department, commercial facilities and an industrial zone.

Emanuel's population is made up of ultra-orthodox Jews who adhere strictly to religious practice. Emanuel should be an idyllic environment, free from the temptations of the secular world, where families can practice Judaism without distraction, and raise their children in a wholesome environment that integrates traditional values in everyday life.

But in reality the residents' existence is anything but idyllic. Some families cannot even afford the most basic furniture and are sleeping on mattresses on the floor. The terrorist attacks have wreaked havoc on entire families, especially the young children. Many of the community's school-age children suffer from learning and behavior issues as a result of this trauma. With 30% of the community's 700 elementary school-age children suffering from problems, and resources stretched to the limit, the school system cannot cope with the burden. The residents of Emanuel

suffer from a low socio-economic level and a low awareness of what needs to be done for the welfare of their children. There are over 2,000 children in Emanuel and their welfare and education is at the top of the municipal agenda.

For years the people... the children of Emanuel... have been waiting to incorporate an educational support program into their community. And now, thanks to their partnership with the existing program in the community of Karnei Shomron, things are starting to happen. Karnei Shomron was always a leader in the field of supplemental education with a strong belief in prevention, intervention, and treatment. And their "Mafteach" program is where help is found.

"Mafteach", literally meaning "The Key", is an educational development and support program which has been treating children for many years, dealing with learning disabilities, behavioral problems and speech and motor difficulties. This will save the child, the parents, and the educational system as a whole, years of emotional heartache, compounding frustration, behavioral complications, and financial burdens. By pinpointing the problems early on, during the neurological development of the child, children can start getting help for their language and speech problems and get treatment for their sensory motor delays. With intervention treatment they have the chance to function normally, effectively and happily, on the level of their peers.

Occupational and speech therapists need the right training and the right tools. Emanuel is excited to be able to take advantage of Karnei Shomron's Mafteach program, with all the planning, expertise and professionalism it has to offer. Rather than starting from nothing, Emanuel is completely under the auspices of Karnei Shomron, and as a result, the Emanuel Municipality must contribute to the administrative costs of the Karnei Shomron Center. The administration Karnei Shomron office has had to increase its staff and their hours in order to handle the increased volume, while maintaining contact with parents, teachers and children, and supervising the treatments to maintain its trademark highest standards. The majority of the costs of the treatments themselves are covered by the families' medical coverage. What remains to be paid by the parents is a small symbolic amount.

Your contribution to this project will demonstrate to these faithful pioneers that you believe in their dream, and that you support them in their quest to fill God's land with holiness and sanctity, as they struggle to raise children against a backdrop of violence and suffering. Your gift to the children in Emanuel is a gift to ensure the future generation of God-fearing pioneers, who will continue to settle the Homeland.

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