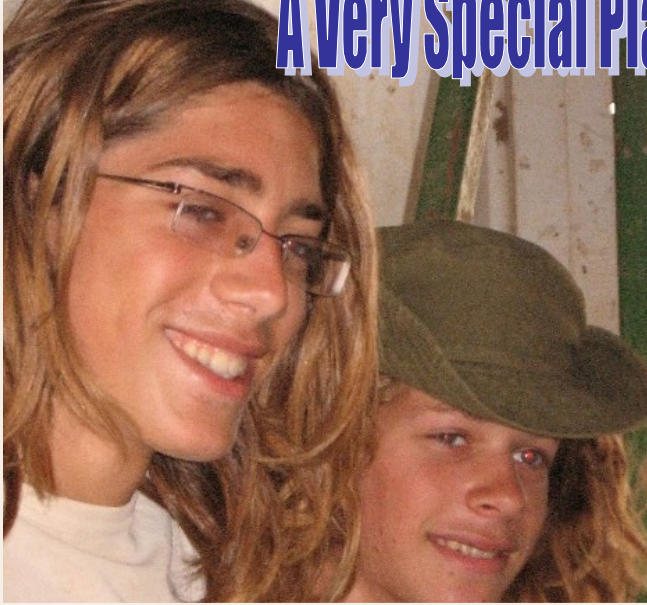


A Very Special Place in Itamar for Very Special Boys



The Center provides basic schooling, all within a supportive religious atmosphere, and many of the boys complete full matriculation requirements. These boys are at a hard age, at various stages of rebellion. In addition to their regular subjects, religious and Bible study is presented in a new and inviting way – as rabbis and mentors provide them with the spiritual tools they need to grow, inspiring them rather than fighting them.

The Center has decided to initiate an vocational training program for its boys. There is an excellent technical school in Nehalim, a religious kibbutz about 70 kilometers from Itamar, which is able to offer the boys an auto mechanics course. The course meets once a week and 26 boys would be bussed to Nehalim each week. Upon finishing the course, they will receive a proper certificate that will enable them to get a job. But even more importantly, completing a vocational course will improve their self-esteem, giving them a skill that is marketable and useful, enabling them to feel valuable to society.

So often, a special needs child is on the receiving end of help and care. In Itamar, these children will learn to become service providers. They will learn rules, how to work with a team, how to develop concentration and curiosity and how to focus on getting a job done.

CFOIC is being asked to help cover the costs of this program, both the transportation to Nehalim each week and the cost of the course itself. Help these young people pull themselves up; help the pride of our future grow into competent, contributing members of the State of Israel.

These boys wish they had some sort of outlet – a focus for all those pent-up emotions, besides putting their hands through a wall, starting a fight, or sneaking another drink from their parents’ bottle of vodka. These boys are lost, waiting to be found.

The School-based Intervention Center in Itamar is a one-of-a-kind initiative. It is the only place of its kind in Samaria. Its audience is teenage school dropouts from religiously observant homes who have experimented with dangerous substances but are not yet drug or alcohol dependent. These boys continue to live at home, but travel daily to the intervention center.

Distressed families, involved social workers and concerned truant officers refer the boys to this program. At the Intervention Center these boys find a loving, caring staff, which offers guidance, therapy and a strict set of rules. There is constant testing to make sure the boys are staying drug free.

Transportation Costs	\$23,000
Course Tuition	40,000
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:	\$63,000

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