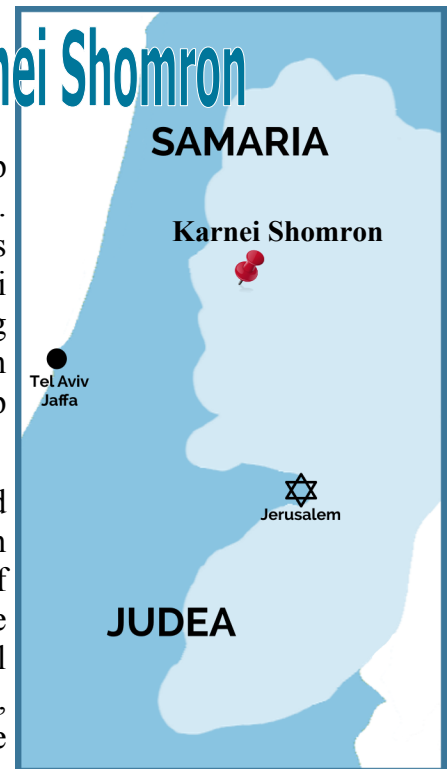


Helping Children with Special Needs in Karnei Shomron

Karnei Shomron was founded in 1977 by a committed group of families eager to settle the hilltops of Israel's heartland. Imbued with Zionism, these early pioneers lived for many years in mobile homes, securing the right to build the town that Karnei Shomron has become. Today Karnei Shomron is a sprawling regional center, one of the largest communities in Samaria with some 8,000 residents and growing, spanning every age group from infants to seniors.

In Karnei Shomron, helping children with special needs and learning disabilities has always been a priority. Karnei Shomron places emphasis on its children, particularly in the area of education. Its four elementary schools are among the finest in the country, but not every child succeeds in school. Sometimes all that is required is evaluating a child, targeting his weaknesses, and treating problems appropriately before they become insurmountable. Karnei Shomron has become a leader in the field of supplemental education and doesn't believe in waiting for trouble to happen. They believe in prevention, intervention, and treatment.



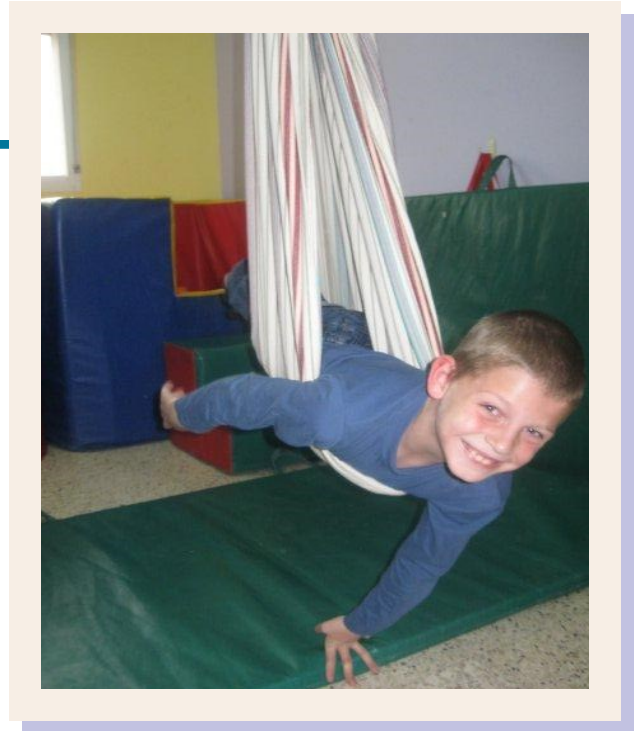
Maftach, which literally means “The Key”, is an educational development and support program which has been treating the children of Karnei Shomron for many years. The program addresses learning disabilities, behavioral problems and speech and motor difficulties. Just this past year, Maftach grew from treating 250 children to helping almost 550. As a result, they have had to expand their staff and upgrade the services the center has to offer.

At Maftach, the child learns how to work within a framework, and how to develop concentration and curiosity. The self-respect and confidence a child develops is boundless; and it works. Parents and teachers are amazed and gratified by the positive changes in the children. Programs like Maftach are wonderful because the special-needs child is center stage. What an amazing way to help a child feel good about himself or have the fun his “regular” brothers and sisters take for granted. By blessing these children, we are blessing those who truly need it most.

In the past donors like you helped purchase new equipment for play therapy, occupational therapy and music therapy. You have also supported in-service training programs for therapists and Maftach is asking you to continue your support for this vital need. In addition, the building itself is in need of some repairs and renovation all of which will be carried out by local volunteers. But funds are needed for the supplies and supervision. In addition, Maftach has launched an amazing new program at the local Gymboree. They have therapists on hand for consultation and as a result of this informal presence, dozens of children have been recommended for early intervention at Maftach, preventing so many problems that would have developed later had the child not received the proper early attention.

The trained and caring therapists at Maftach are dedicated to helping children, saving them from years of frustration and suffering by treating their developmental and learning delays early. With your help, they will continue to seek out children who need help ensuring that no child will be left behind.

- ☆ Karnei Shomron has always prided itself on excellence in education and has made helping children with special needs a top priority.
- ☆ Mafteach understands special needs children... they understand that every child, whether suffering from behavioral problems or learning disabilities can and should be helped and treated with respect.



There is no greater joy than helping children reach their full potential, especially when those children struggle with a disability. These children are Karnei Shomron's future. God's precious children are the future of all of Israel. You can give them the hope of a better life through the ability to overcome obstacles and reach their highest potential. Your donation today will be a gift of joy to a child.

Project Budget

In-service training and computer programs	\$4,300
Gymboree therapists	4,900
Renovation and repairs	2,300
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....	\$11,500

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