

### Dear Partners and Friends,

We are closing what has proven to be a particularly challenging school year for Israeli students and the education system. COVID-19 caused numerous unfamiliar challenges on multiple fronts, as well as instability due to school attendance guidelines frequently altering.

Our most important goal throughout this period was to ensure ongoing food distribution for students, whether attending physical classes or learning at home. To meet that objective, we substituted in-school nutritional meals with home packs of non-perishable breakfast products sufficient for several days at a time. Although the pandemic drove frequent changes, our operational response in most cases provided creative immediate solutions.

We also continued providing sandwiches to schools which extended their academic year into the summer, maintaining our food distribution routine and the security it offered the children. The pandemic exacerbated anxiety in the children's families, many of which were already experiencing crisis due to disadvantaged economic statuses prior to Covid-19's outbreak. The pandemic's effect pushed the economic disparity even further. Taking this into account, collaborative efforts with our amazing partners enabled our students and their families to receive home-delivered food packs.

The current academic year is coming to a close, we are already well into preparations for the coming school year, and wish to update you on our activities. Our new collaboration, a first of its kind with the Ministry of Education, sees us readying for an exciting school-year start. The new joint venture aims to feed thousands of students in the at-risk sector. We anticipate an increase in joint programs with various educational systems: incorporating more schools brings new students into the program and its benefits.

The increased need derives directly from pandemic caused unemployment levels which caused many families to enter the cycle of poverty. As a result, we anticipate starting the coming school year with an unprecedented number of students and schools covered by this project.

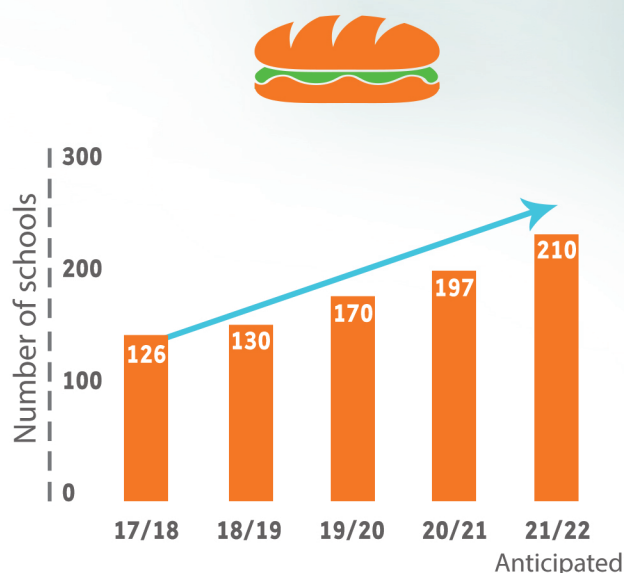
In the next school year, we plan to launch the "Vacation Meals" pilot which will distribute food packages to our students during school vacations. The goal is to ensure an ongoing food supply that is not linked to active studies.

Simultaneous to the new government's swearing in, we focused on advancing the pilot and expanding our activities. Initially we plan to reach all schools for at-risk children nationwide, followed by working to enact a law that secures breakfast for every student in Israel.

Together with Nevet's staff, I offer my personal thanks for your valuable partnership. It is my hope that together we will continue extending our reach so that no child is overlooked.

### Nevet in Numbers

For years Nevet has maintained its goal of expanding activities to reach and positively impact all Israeli children in need of sandwiches and nourishment in school, with particular emphasis on the geographical and social peripheries across all sectors and age groups.



Best wishes,  
Rotem Yosef  
Nevet CEO



## Our Partners

One activity that makes Nevet especially proud is the collaboration with partners in different sectors of Israeli society. Nevet works with businesses, school principals, national educational networks, government agencies, municipalities, and volunteers towards creating a more egalitarian, cohesive, and just society that supports equal opportunities in education for all Israeli children.

### A Glimpse – Partners from Different Sectors Talk about Their Work with Nevet and its Impact:

#### Anat Yeshayahu – Principal of a Kfar Saba High School

- “This is Nevet’s second year of involvement in our school. It’s clearly becoming one of the most important and transformative programs for many students.

Nebet offers security, calm and motivation in many students. On a daily basis, students look for the sandwich distribution stand: many students’ families cannot afford basic sandwich ingredients.

Nebet was always attentive and willing to adapt to the students’ needs with compassion.

Thank you, Nevet, for being fully integrated partners with the school and providing this vital need for our students’ development and success.”



#### Anastasia Madar, Head of Wellbeing, Community, and Volunteers at Ebay

- “The community is us, and we are the community.” Here at Ebay, this is not just a slogan but the organizational culture in which we work. From the moment our website was launched in Israel, we sought to be involved in the place where we work. We connected so well to Nevet: from the outset it was clear that we wanted to be a part of their tremendous effort. For more than five years we have partnered their activities and supported Nevet’s work. Prior to the outbreak of Covid-19, a group from our staff would go early every Thursday morning to prepare 110 sandwiches and bring them to a school in Netanya to ensure that no student there feels differentiated. Even during the pandemic we continued our giving by purchasing food products and packaging food for around 100 families. It was good to know that we were continuing to support the children and their families despite the cessation of regular school frameworks. The staff at Ebay are proud to be a part of Nevet’s activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you. We look forward to continuing and to contributing.”



#### Nava Ginsburg, Director, Division of Recruitment and Partnerships, ORT Israel Network

- “As the largest organization in Israel educating 1 in 10 Israeli children, we discovered that despite their academic excellence, some teens have to deal with the harshest of basic hardships.

It became increasingly clear that in many localities, particularly in the peripheries, some youth are simply unable to bring a sandwich to school. It is important to note that food factories are geographically located near these youth, yet it is precisely these teens who face hunger problems which cause them to drop out of school and instead, turn to stealing, violence, and other negative behaviors.

Nebet has become the sole party assisting us countrywide no matter which population is in need: ultra-Orthodox and national religious sectors, secular Jews, Arabs, Bedouin, and Druze. Nevet’s support reaches even the most far-flung locations and peripheries. The support that a sandwich provides increases students’ school attendance which in turn has led to a significant drop in violence and lessened need for Ritalin.

Schools receiving Nevet’s support report that the daily sandwich has helped improve many students’ grades and ability to concentrate and learn.”





## Special Projects – Looking Ahead

### Focus on the Bedouin Community

- In recent years, Nevet strategically focused on the Bedouin population as a top priority. The Bedouin community's characteristics are unique, as are the challenges of integrating their members into society at large and particularly in the educational system. Among the difficulties faced by this sector are insufficient school buildings and deficient infrastructures in existing ones, inadequate access roads, a lack of designated budgets, the high crime rate, and many boys and girls coming from the bottom of the socio-economic scale and severe hardship.

Food insecurity among adolescents in this sector is very high. The cumulative drop-out rate among Bedouin school students in southern Israel is considerably higher than among the Arab and general populations. Scattered across southern Israel, the Bedouin are often perceived as being in Israel's "backyard," distanced from public acknowledgment.

Nevet is therefore working hard to reach all Bedouin schools in need of our help. We are allocating designated resources towards bridging as much of the organizational disparities as possible. Ensuring Bedouin children's food security is critical, and has a strong positive impact.

Although sandwich distribution may seem trivial, the action encourages many youth to attend school and acquire an education. Sandwiches are personally distributed by the schools rather than directly by Nevet. The principle is to reinforce the child's confidence, security and relationship with the teacher and the school system, which in turn leads children to an appreciation of educators as positive role models.

Nevet views education as an engine driving change and a central tool in creating a society that promotes equal opportunities. Education offers every individual the chance to realize her or his destiny in life. In the past two years, Nevet doubled the number of sandwiches distributed among the Bedouin. This scope will likely be expanded in the coming years.



### Promoting a National Breakfast Nutrition Program in the Education System

- Currently there is no national solution for children facing food insecurity even though direct responsibility for food security and the wellbeing of Israeli children lies with the government.

The only way to provide minimum food security for all Israeli children is to distribute fresh nutritional food within the framework of the educational system and under government auspices.

Nevet therefore recently joined forces with representatives from other social and educational organizations. The goal was to find a national solution for this acute problem through a nationwide framework where any current school student lacking food security would receive a healthy breakfast based on a sandwich and a fruit or vegetable. Following the establishment of the new government, the goal of our collaborative activities is to ensure that the government adopts responsibility for school-based food security while encouraging supportive and regulated legislation to encompass all school children.



Nevet sincerely thanks our partners for supporting our projects.

We trust that the coming school year will be successful, enjoyable, and secure for all Israeli children.