

## Dear partners, donors, and friends,

Each year Nevet continues to work for Israel's children, pursuing our goal to reach every school where there are children lacking food security and are in need of the assistance we provide. It is with great pride that I share with you some highlights of our activities during the academic year 2022-2023.

Each school day Nevet supplied some 12,000 nutritious sandwiches to school children across the country. Furthermore, thanks to your help, we were also able to expand into five new municipalities: Safed, Netivot, Beer Sheva, Kfar Saba and Mitzpe Ramon.

Nebet, however, is not just about sandwiches, and we have been active on a number of fronts in order to ensure that no child in Israel goes hungry. It is gratifying to note that the Ministry of Welfare, having published a new criteria test, has certified Nevet as a program provider, and we have thus been granted substantial government support for our activities. More generally, we view this as an important milestone, as it marks the first time that the Government of Israel has acknowledged the acute nature of the issue of food security for children and has earmarked significant resources towards the issue.

There is still a long road ahead, and we will continue to raise the necessary funds to expand our reach to additional children, while in parallel working towards the goal of encouraging the GOI to support and establish a national nutrition program in the country, similar to those which exist in many other Western nations.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit our new website, which tells the story of the organization from inception until today, and where you will find information about Nevet's team, our partners, and more. If possible, I would greatly appreciate receiving any feedback you might have about the website and ways to improve it.

Looking forward, we know that the upcoming year will bring its unique set of challenges, as we continuously strive to expand to new municipalities and grow. We also know that none of what we do would be possible without your help. Thus, on behalf of myself and the entire Nevet team, I extend to you our profound thanks and gratitude for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,  
Rotem Yosef-Giladi,  
CEO



# Nevet by Numbers

Twice in each year, Nevet invests in measuring and evaluating the impact of the program on participants – once in the middle of the academic year and once at its close. A questionnaire is sent to the heads of all participating institutions and organizations, from school principals to directors of Youth Advancement units in the municipalities, asking if they were satisfied with the sandwich program and asking them to consider what impact they believe it has had on the children.

These are the results:



Has there been an improvement in the quality of the student's learning?

**97%**

of respondents answered yes

Has the grade point average improved

**96%**

responded yes

Has the number of absences from school decreased

**93%**

responded yes



Has there been an overall improvement in behavior?

**96.5%**

responded yes

Is Nevet a crucial program for the school I run?

**94%**

answered yes

Has Nevet helped to lessen and or prevent drop-outs in the school that I run?

**90%**

responded yes



# Voices from the Schools

Active in over 250 schools and related institutions throughout the country, from the north to the south, Nevet encounters students, teachers, and principals from across the spectrum of Israeli society. As a result, we see firsthand the incredible work being carried out by the country's educators while never forgetting that at the heart of our efforts is the belief that each and every child is a full world in and of themselves and that every child deserves not to be hungry.

**Below are voices from several of our partners.**





## **Shikmim-Maoz School, Sderot**

### **Principal: Ayala Hadad**

“There are 408 students in the Shikmim-Maoz School for the Arts. This varied student body, the majority of whom come from low-income homes, enjoys exposure to a broad variety of plastic and performance arts, in an atmosphere infused with the values of striving for social and academic excellence. Our students learn how to play music, sing, perform, paint, and create as a means of expressing themselves and their world.

We have been participating in the Nevet program for many years now, and the sense of comfort and wellbeing that it generates among our students, knowing that in school their basic needs are being met, is profound. In our school no child goes hungry – not for food (thanks to Nevet) and not for love and a sense of belonging”



## **Department for Youth Advancement, Kiryat Shemona**

### **Director: Tal Karavani**

“My name is Tal Korani. Born and raised in Kiryat Shemona, I have been director of the Youth Advancement program in the city for two years and am a big believer in its educational approach. My goal is to provide the best possible solution for teens who struggle to thrive in the normative frameworks of formal education. The unit provides these kids, who are considered at-risk, with programs that address both their educational and therapeutic needs, including preparedness for serving in the IDF, re-building relationships with their parents, employment, community, and more. This is the second year that we have been working with Nevet. The program has contributed to our work on several levels, but first and foremost among these is the atmosphere and experience of homeliness that it has evoked in the unit, particularly the sense of togetherness, comfort, and wellbeing generated by the experience of simply preparing food together”





## **Ort Abu Talul**

### **Principal: Raaje Alkarem**



“Ort Abu Talul is located in the village of Abu Talul in the regional council of Neve Midbar. The school was established in 2012 at the initiative of the Israeli Ministry of Education, and caters to students from the unrecognized villages in the area. Ort Abu Talul focuses on developing creativity and encouraging the curiosity of our students in order to prepare them for the modern, technologically savvy, world. We also infuse our educational efforts with democratic values in order to help our graduates acclimatize successfully into Israeli society.

Our students all come from low socio-economic backgrounds, and the administration and teaching faculty strive to provide them with a supportive educational, social, and emotional environment within the school, and encourage them to succeed. Our goal is to keep as many students in school as possible, and Nevet is a key part of that strategy.

There is no doubt that thanks to Nevet’s “sandwich for every child” program the number of dropouts has decreased significantly in recent years and the level of academic achievement has gone up, as indicated by an increase in the number of graduates who sit for the matriculation exams. In addition to decreased levels of violence in the school, the program has also generated a sense of mutual respect among the students, who work together as a group to prepare the sandwiches. As a result, the program encourages cooperation, teamwork, and an awareness of the value of helping others. It gives students a sense of belonging and of accomplishment.

Based on this experience, it is my opinion that a national nutrition program for needy populations is a crucial step in narrowing gaps and generating social and educational equality. I believe that the responsibility for this program should be shared between government ministries, schools, and the community.

We in the Bedouin community as a whole and in Ort Abu Talul in particular, believe in equality and tolerance and would like to see these values embedded in our school. The Nevet program is considered one of the most important in the school and is one of the programs consistently lauded in my conversations with students, parents, and faculty, all of whom never fail to single out Nevet and its positive contribution”







## **Department for Youth Advancement, Kfar Kara**

### **Director: Maram Alyan-Masarwa**



“The unit was established in 2011 in order to provide a solution for at-risk youth between the ages of 14-18 who had dropped out of school. We serve as a safe space and open house for these youth and work to return them to school by strengthening their sense of social responsibility, initiative, and personal motivation.

This is our second year of collaboration with Nevet. The teens who attend the program come from highly complex backgrounds, on the lower end of the socio-economic spectrum, often from broken homes with divorced parents and marked by neglect. It is therefore crucial that we be able to provide them with something as basic as good nutrition. Each day at a set time the kids receive a healthy sandwich prepared for them with lots of love by Renin, a therapeutic education staffer.

They all gather around the table to eat, and the atmosphere is always pleasant – they talk, they laugh, and they feel at home. Many come especially to experience what has come to be known as the “ceremony of the Youth Advancement Family meal.” Some come straight from work and seek to comfort themselves with food, and some because there is no one at home to prepare food for them, and no food to be prepared.

In my opinion, it’s very important, if not critical, to have a steady and nutritious food program throughout the year that gives these kids what they need, and encourages them to continue to show up, persevere, and take part in all the programs meant for them”

# Partners and Volunteers

Over the years, Nevet has been extremely proud of the fruitful collaborations we have developed with our wonderful partners. They are the energy that powers the wheels of our operation. All of those we partner with are committed to dedicating their time, talents, and money to further Israeli society and strengthen education and mutual responsibility in the country. We work with businesses, national education networks, schools, government ministries, municipalities, and volunteers to create an equitable, cohesive, and more just society, that supports quality education for every child in Israel. Below are some of the stories that our valued partners have shared with us.



- Bituach Yashir employees who volunteer with Nevet to prepare the sandwiches.







## **Raz Kinstlich, Rishon LeTzion**

“Rishon LeTzion is in a period of renewal and is constantly working to improve the quality of life of its residents. One of the municipality’s focus areas is education, and the success of our students. Children are the beating heart of this city, and I and those responsible for education in the city are making sure that no child goes hungry. The strength of a city is measured by the care and solidarity they evince towards those who need help and assistance. Under my leadership as mayor, I am proud to say that Rishon is among the municipalities leading the way in this area, and we have internalized the fact that the promotion of true equal opportunities in education begins with ensuring that the basic needs of the city’s students are met. With the help of Nevet we are providing sandwiches to over 1,000 students in tens of schools throughout the city, helping them to start the day on the right foot and achieve positive results in their schoolwork. On behalf of the residents of Rishon LeTzion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nevet for its important contribution to our city”



## **Elinor Halali-Gal, Director of Social Responsibility, Perion Network**

“The Perion Network believes that giving back to the community is an integral part of our success as a company. We are committed to actively engaging with the community in order to bring about positive change and also encourage our employees across the world to donate their time and energy to working with those in need. To maximize our impact, we collaborate with nonprofit organizations doing effective work in the community. Perion has been working with Nevet for several years now, and from the first moment we saw an organization carrying out heartfelt work to combat the acute issue of child hunger. We feel strongly that it is our responsibility, as a society, to ensure that no child in school should go hungry!

Perion has been an ardent supporter of Nevet for many years and we have even developed programs together, such as tutoring for children from Holon. Each week students from Holon come to Perion to be tutored by employees who volunteered for the program. We also prepared hundreds of sandwiches for students in schools in Rishon LeTzion, leaving no child hungry and no eye left dry among our volunteers. Perion is proud of its strong connection to Nevet and wishes it much continued success. As always, we are here to support you and to continue to do good together”





## **Denise Kirsh, Volunteer**

"I was born and raised in South Africa and immigrated to Israel in 1977, with my husband, three children and the family dog. We ended up living in Ra'anana until 2021, when my husband and I moved into assisted living in Bnei Dror. I can't remember a time when I wasn't volunteering. As a university student in Johannesburg, I was a volunteer teacher in an "African night school," and ever since then, in addition to my regular work, I have always sought out volunteer opportunities. Many studies have shown that volunteering is one of the best things a person can do for their society, and for themselves. Personally, I just want to be of use, to give of my time and talents wherever they are needed and to feel that I am contributing to bringing about change. Especially now, as a senior citizen, my volunteering feels even more important and impactful. I have been volunteering with Nevet for over a year, filling a number of different roles. I enjoy the experience tremendously. All the people involved are incredibly warm and welcoming and what can be more important than helping children in need? I think the concept of "a sandwich for every child" is wonderful, and the love and care with which they are delivered each morning gives the children much more than just a nutritious meal. It's a privilege to be part of the Nevet team"



## **Einat Socher, Business, Community and Partnerships Manager, Matan Invest in the Community**

The international John Deere Ltd. invests significant resources in supporting food rescue, food security, and education across the globe. In Israel, this is done through the Matan Invest in the Community, which supports community projects in the fields of food and education. In addition to supporting food baskets for low-income families in Afula, we are now, in collaboration with Nevet, expanding our activities in the northern region of Israel by supporting the provision of sandwiches to school children in Beit Shean, Tiberias, and Afula, and including our employees in their preparation. For the past two years, the staff of John Deere in Israel have carried out two major volunteering events with the staff of Nevet at our factory in the Beit Shean valley, during which the employees prepared over 400 sandwiches in the morning and gave them out to the schools in the area. We are happy and excited by our collaboration with Nevet in particular, and by the wide-ranging social investments being made by John Deere in Israel more generally.





**Dr. Yulia Argaman,  
Head of the Education Administration and School Operations,  
Atid Education Network**

“Atid was founded in 2004, with the goal of establishing itself as a socially forward educational network committed to supporting the values of excellence, shared life, and mutual respect. We focus on building the generations of the future by positing innovation and change as a way of life. Atid currently consists of over 24,000 students in 60 junior and high schools across the country. In addition, we also work with the Ministry of Absorption and the Ministry for National Security on country-wide educational programs.

Atid provides school principals with logistical and financial support, human resources, legal counseling, information systems, and accounting services. The network has its own educational administration, resource and development authority, and teacher training programs.

Atid believes that its responsibility to our students includes creating an existential safety net for them during the hours that they are in school in order to prevent them from seeking solutions that are easier and quicker than school. We see Nevet’s “sandwich for every child” program as an integral part of that strategy and have been collaborating with the organization for over seven years.

Although Nevet’s nutrition program makes a substantial contribution to the daily lives of the recipients, it is clear that a more significant direction would be for government legislation and action on the part of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance to allocate resources for a national nutrition program for students, similar to that which exists in numerous countries around the world. Of course, the meals could be subsidized or modular according to the needs of each student, but the comprehensive and uniform nature of the program would prevent students from feeling a sense of disparity or alienation from the group. A national program of this type could operate similarly to the one that provides scholarships for needy students in schools”

**The past year has been a positive one of growth and development. We have taken a significant leap forward in a number of areas, including:**



**The launch of a new website** – the newly revised and restructured website tells the organizational story of Nevet and provides a wide variety of relevant and related content. The website is part of the organization's ongoing project of adapting itself to the constantly evolving digital world and is part of a broader upgrade of our entire digital system.



**Entering new municipalities and regional authorities** – this year saw several municipalities and regional authorities join the “sandwich for every child” program, including Be’er Sheva, Kfar Saba, Netivot, Mitzpe Ramon, and Tzfat.

**Onboarding these new areas requires a significant investment of Nevet's resources** – both of time and money – to building and setting up the necessary infrastructure in regions that rank lowest (1-3) on the Ministry of Welfare's socio-economic scale, where the need is greatest, and the available resources limited. We hope to see this trend continue next year as well.



**The Ministry of Welfare has recently launched a new criteria test, several years in development, to determine which organizations they are willing to support. As a result of passing this test, Nevet has been able to significantly expand our activities among the weakest sectors on the socio-geographic periphery of Israel.**