



Recipient of the
President's Award for
Volunteering | 2026

IMPACT REPORT

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026



Dear donors and partners,

The past academic year was one of the most challenging in recent memory for Israeli society and for Nevet. Despite the uncertainty and ongoing challenges, we remained steadfast in our commitment to the students and educational teams we support every day. Amid the many challenges, the year also brought moments of pride, recognition, and meaningful achievements that inspired us and reaffirmed the importance of our mission.

This year, we launched a new initiative in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ), providing daily meals to approximately 4,000 students in 90 youth centers across Israel. These youth centers offer a safe and supportive environment during the afternoon hours, giving the children a place to learn, connect, and spend time together. Providing a nutritious meal has contributed to higher attendance and greater engagement, reinforcing the centers' ability to support the students who need them most.

This initiative reflects the Ministry of Education's continued confidence in Nevet and marks our second national partnership.

In September, Nevet was honored to receive the 2025 Ilan Gilon Social Justice Award, presented in memory of the late Knesset Member Ilan Gilon. The award was presented by his wife, Yehudit Gilon, who shared that one of Ilan's greatest aspirations was to see school meal programs restored in Israel.

Toward the end of the school year, I received a phone call I will never forget. President Isaac Herzog informed me that Nevet had been selected to receive the 2025 President's Volunteer Award, honoring individuals and organizations that strengthen the human fabric of Israeli society. Sharing that moment with our staff, board members, and long-time friends of Nevet at the ceremony in Jerusalem, was a truly unforgettable experience.

Opening the event, the President said: "You are the pillars of a wonderful civic movement that expresses the Israeli spirit at its best - the distilled essence of civic leadership at the heart of the nation. At a time when Israeli society seeks anchors of trust, unity and hope, you have become a moral compass and a source of inspiration for an entire people." This recognition is not only for our daily work; it is also a source of strength and inspiration to continue working for a connected, equitable and thriving Israeli society.

This report highlights the initiatives, achievements, and meaningful moments that defined the past academic year.

Thank you - our partners and donors for your continued trust in Nevet. Together, we are reaching more children, expanding our impact, and creating brighter beginnings for thousands of students every day.

With deep appreciation,

Rotem Yosef-Giladi
CEO



Partnerships That Expand Opportunities

This year, together with the Ministry of Education and the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ), we expanded Nevet's program to reach approximately 4,000 additional students in youth centers across Israel. For many students, the youth center provides a safe place to learn, connect, and enjoy a nutritious meal. The positive response from the field has highlighted the meaningful impact of this initiative.

"For the first time this year, the center began receiving food donations from Nevet. This contributed greatly to the students' participation and persistence at the center. The students felt a stronger sense of belonging, cooperation and cohesion developed while preparing the sandwiches, and everyone felt equal."

- Youth Center Director, Lod



In Times of Emergency

During the Operation 'Rising Lion', as schools closed and the education system came to a halt, Nevet quickly mobilized to support children and families across Israel.

Working closely with local authorities, we provided food to families in need, ensuring that children continued to receive the support they relied on. During Passover, we also distributed matzah and other kosher food, helping families celebrate the holiday with dignity despite the challenges of the time.

From the second week of operation, youth centers serving at-risk children were permitted to reopen. As these programs resumed, we immediately restarted food distribution, reaching nearly one-third of the children we support throughout the year.

As schools gradually reopened across parts of the country, we resumed our regular activities, helping thousands of students return to a sense of routine.



Public Engagement

As part of our ongoing efforts to advance school feeding programs in Israel, Nevet's CEO, Rotem, and Chair of the Board, Yael Elad, met with President Isaac Herzog and First Lady Michal Herzog at the President's Residence.

During the meeting, they shared Nevet's vision of ensuring that every child begins the school day with a nutritious breakfast and an equal opportunity to learn and succeed. The President showed genuine interest in our work and in the impact of school feeding programs on children and school communities. Just a few months later, we were deeply honored to receive the 2025 President's Volunteer Award.

This year, Nevet participated in several Knesset committee discussions, advocating for school feeding programs and greater awareness of child food insecurity.



In November 2025, we met with Minister of Welfare Yaakov Margi and his ministry's Director General, Yinon Aharoni, at the Knesset, and presented the organization's activity and the need to institutionalize feeding programs. Following this important meeting, increased support for our activity was approved.

During December, CEO Rotem Yosef-Giladi addressed the Knesset Special Committee for the Rights of the Child, presenting Nevet's work and emphasizing the vital role of school breakfast programs in improving children's well-being, learning, and equal opportunity.

In April 2026, Amit Avner, Nevet's Partner Relations Manager, participated in a meeting of the Knesset Education, Culture and Sports Committee on strengthening and rehabilitating the education system in the north in light of the security situation.

In the year ahead, we will continue to advocate for our vision wherever decisions are made raising awareness of child food insecurity, promoting school feeding programs, and working to ensure that every child has an equal opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

Insights from the Field

For the first time this year, Nevet's entire staff visited schools and communities across the country to experience firsthand the reality of the children and educators we support.

Meeting with school leaders, educators, and students offered a firsthand perspective on the difference our work makes every day. Hearing directly from the staff helps us continue to improve the program, respond to the changing needs of students, and ensure it remains meaningful and relevant.

While the meal supports students' concentration and learning, school principals spoke just as powerfully about its emotional value—the sense of security, belonging, and care it provides. Their insights reminded us that beyond nutrition, this program strengthens children's well-being and creates a lasting educational and social impact.

"Before Nevet, children would chase other children to get a bite of their sandwich. Since Nevet came in, we almost never see this anymore."— Yaniv, High School Principal, Tel Aviv

Connecting Business and Community

New companies joined Nevet's circle of partners this year, bringing new opportunities for meaningful connection between the business world and social action. Beyond the financial contribution, it is especially moving to see the personal involvement of employees who choose to arrive voluntarily in the early morning hours, prepare sandwiches for students and even deliver them themselves to schools. This experience enables employees to see the impact of their work up close and to begin the workday with a sense of meaning, giving and optimism. Alongside the contribution to the students, the activity strengthens team cohesion, responsibility and commitment among employees, and creates a deep, values-based connection between the organization and the community.

In some companies, the connection to Nevet expanded beyond volunteering.

For example, Perion- a global technology company opened its doors to students participating in our program and exposed them to the world of high-tech, artificial intelligence and a range of career paths. For the students, it was an empowering and inspiring day that broadened horizons and opened new possibilities for the future. It was a meaningful morning that brought together students and a company deeply committed to giving back to the community, creating connections that will stay with them long after the visit.



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Voices from the Field

"Students feel that they are seen. Food is not given as charity; rather, the school offers breakfast to everyone. It strengthens belonging, the sense of togetherness and the culture of giving within the school."

- **Head of Education Department, Northern Israel**

"Principals tell us that breakfast is often what brings children to school. For many students attending youth centers, knowing that a nutritious meal awaits them is a powerful incentive to show up each day."

- **Educational Network Director**

"Children come to school by bus. They used to get off the bus and run to the grocery store to look for something to buy. Today they enter school with confidence and trust that the school will provide what they need. There is also less violence. A hungry child can become violent. We all get irritable when we are hungry."

- **School Principal, Southern Israel**

Nevet in Numbers



3,420,000
sandwiches
distributed this year



19,000
children
per day



470
schools



150
municipalities
& authorities