



The Jerusalem Hills  
Therapeutic Centers  
Children's Home  
Treatment & Training Center



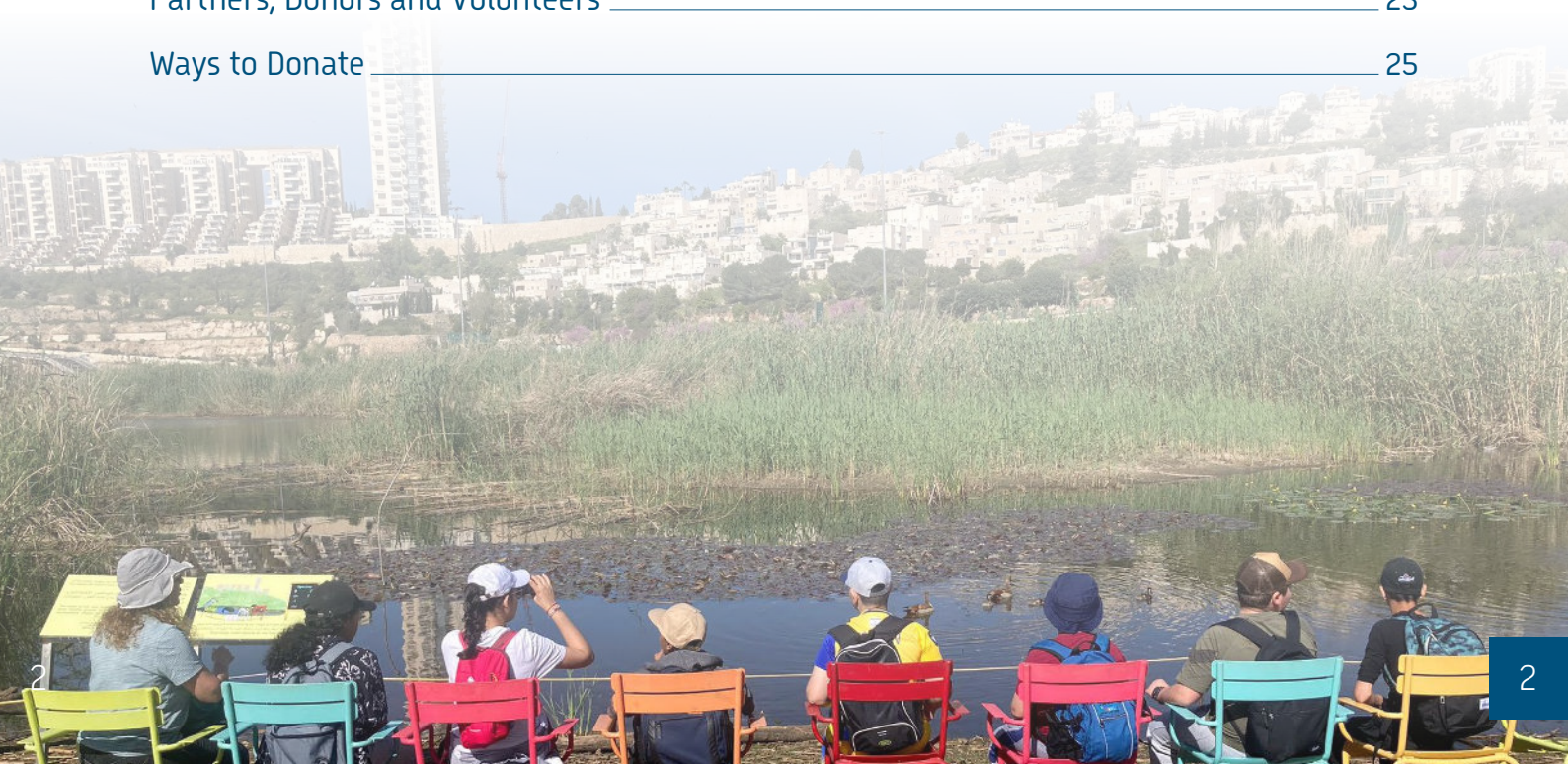
# The Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers

Annual Report



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# Dear Friends,

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In the shadow of a long and painful war, the past year was one of the most difficult we have known as a country, a people, and a Children's Home. This year reinforced our core mission – to provide a safe and protected home-away-from-home for some of Israel's most at-risk children, with the highest level of therapeutic care.

Over a third of our children come from the South and North of the country and were directly and painfully exposed to the horrors of October 7. The difficult events compounded the trauma these children suffer from their unstable upbringings, and the consequences are clearly visible in every aspect of day-to-day life at the Children's Home. Even for the children who did not witness the horrors of October 7th directly, the war overwhelmingly intensified their anxieties, fears, and behavioral issues.

Our staff, many of whom were drafted into the reserves or whose spouses were drafted, did everything they could to create a stable and protective environment for the children, continuing to support their therapeutic process at the Children's Home. Despite the difficulties and struggles, our staff were steadfast and dedicated and I am proud of each and every one of them.

Despite the emotional and therapeutic difficulties caused by the war, we did everything we could to provide the children with normalcy and stability. Our school operated as normal while adhering to the national curriculum, the therapeutic treatment process was amplified to meet the heightened demand for the children and their families, including staff supervision, and the boarding school proceeded as routinely as possible while struggling with many staff members going in and out of reserve duty.

However, we also celebrated a happy event this year – the 80th anniversary of the Children's Home!

Our unique institution was established in 1943 by the Bnei Brit Women's Organization as a safe haven for boys and girls who escaped Nazi-occupied Europe through Tehran and could not be integrated into regular society. As the years went by and we became a not-for-profit organization "the Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers", we have always maintained a unique therapeutic approach and special spirit. We celebrated this 80-year-long spirit with a festive event on the lawn of the Children's Home with therapists, graduates, and staff members from over the many years, and a unique photo exhibition with memories from the 40s until today. On the occasion of the exciting event, we also updated our logo and website ([www.childrenshome.org.il](http://www.childrenshome.org.il)).

As we enter 2025, I want to thank each and every one of you who accompanied us and supported us the last year. We rely on our generous donors to continue providing the best care possible for our children and their families, and to give them the tools to create a brighter future for themselves and our society at large. I hope you will support us in the years to come and together we will create a better future for our children.

I would like to take this opportunity to share that this will be my final year as Executive Director of the Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers. As of September 2025, Ronit Shpinner, a clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst, will be taking over the role. Ronit has had a long and distinguished professional career, holding various positions at the Children's Home, and I wish her much success.

**With gratitude and appreciation for your friendship and support,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noa Haas".

**Noa Haas**

**Executive Director at the Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers**



For over 80 years, the Jerusalem Hills has been changing the lives of thousands of at-risk boys and girls, providing them with the tools to achieve the independence and maturity needed for a successful integration into society and a brighter future.



## Our Mission

**At the Chezzi Cohen Children's Home**, next to Abu Gosh, our children receive unique therapeutic treatment and special education, tailored to the needs of each individual boy or girl.

**At the Treatment and Training Center in Jerusalem**, we offer high-quality therapeutic and professional services to children and their families in the wider community. Additionally, we provide training programs to psychologists, social workers, and therapists, based on our dynamic treatment methods and decades of experience.

# Facts and Figures

In 2024, the Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers cared for hundreds of children and youth in our two different frameworks, with the Children's Home campus housing

# 93 children



62 Boys, 31 Girls

## 64.5%



Children who come from single-parent households

## 29%



Children's parents who deal with drug/alcohol addictions

## 84%



Children who come from low socioeconomic backgrounds and suffer from a lack of basic needs

## 66%



Children's parents who suffer from mental illnesses

## 21%



Children who have no viable family situation and cannot go home during holidays and vacations

## 21.5%



Children's parents who have served or are serving time in the judicial system

## 62%



Children referred to our center by court order

## 25%



Children who came after attempting to harm themselves

## 30%



Children who came to the Children's Home after psychiatric hospitalization

## 34%



Children who came after attempting to harm others

## 44%



Children who came due to physical harm

## 70%

 of our graduates return and thrive in normative society

## Facts and Figures



Our children come to us from all over the country and from all sectors of Israeli society – from North to South, cities to towns, and Kibbutzim.

# 2024 at the Children's Home

## A Year in the Shadow of War

The year 2024 was completely overshadowed by the war. Despite efforts to create a safe 'bubble' for the children to help them through their therapeutic process as separate as possible from the outside world, the news, the sirens, and the harsh realities of the war constantly flooded their safe space.

Many of the children in our care experienced the events of October 7 directly. Over a third of our children come from the South and North of the country and were directly and painfully exposed to the horrors of October 7. The difficult events compounded the trauma these children suffer from their unstable upbringings, and the consequences are clearly visible in every aspect of day-to-day life at the Children's Home. Even for the children who did not witness the horrors of October 7th directly, the war overwhelmingly intensified their anxieties, fears, and behavioral issues.

Our staff, many of whom were drafted into the reserves or whose spouses were drafted, did everything they could to create a stable and protective environment for the children, continuing to support their therapeutic process at the Children's Home. Despite the difficulties and struggles, our staff were steadfast and dedicated, managing to provide as much routine and stability as possible and give the children the best care and support as always.

Lastly, it was heartbreaking and deeply painful to learn that two of our graduates lost their lives during the war—one while on reserve duty, and the other while in his regular IDF service. Their memory will remain with us forever.



# 80 Years Changing Children's Lives

At the end of 2023, the Children's Home celebrated its 80th anniversary. In the midst of the war and the immense challenges we were facing, we debated extensively whether to celebrate and how to commemorate this important milestone. Ultimately, we decided that the Home's remarkable and meaningful legacy deserved recognition. We chose to mark our 80th year with a series of events that honored the spirit of the place and its people. The festivities unlocked decades of memories, stories, photographs, and videos. It was truly something to take a trip down memory lane both with and in honor of those who founded and inspired our institution over the years.

The Children's Home began its story in 1943 as a safe haven for boys and girls who escaped Nazi-occupied Europe through Tehran. Their four-year journey to Israel was complex and filled with hunger, cold, and diseases. Sadly, 34 Teheran children, whose life experiences at such a young age left more severe scars on their souls, could not be integrated into regular institutions. In an attempt to respond to their special needs, the Children's Home was established by the Bnei Brit Women's Organization, and from here it embarked on its mission to rehabilitate and mainstream traumatized immigrant and Israeli children.

In 2009, after over fifty years of support, the Bnei Brit Organization disbanded and the Children's Home was established as a not-for-profit organization, changing its location to the Jerusalem Hills next to Abu Gosh and thus its name to "The Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers."

In 2022, the campus was renamed after the late Chezzi Cohen who managed the Children's Home for over thirty years and developed our unique therapeutic approach, "Therapy in Life Space," which is still taught here to this day.

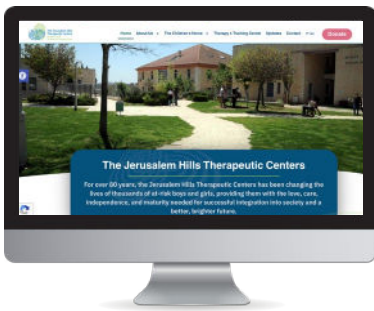




## New Logo, New Look

We updated our old logo to signify a move forward but still preserved its essence and heart. We kept the original colors and the heart at its center, symbolizing the core of our care. However, the heart is now formed by two fingerprints, representing the unique and personal impact of each child and staff member at the Children's Home, and equally, the impact of the Children's Home on them. Together, we embark on a long journey through the labyrinth of the mind, seeking the most effective path to its depths, fostering connection, and providing personalized care. Each child follows their own path, as does each staff member.

The two parts that make up the heart, the blue and the green, also represent our two centers - one is the Children's Home, and the other is the Treatment and Training Center. The connection between them symbolizes the combination that is the basis of our institution - therapeutic work is inseparably combined with study and training. Both centers work hard to help people and shape their future for the better.



## New Website

Our new look also included an update of the Jerusalem Hills' website. Take a look for yourselves, learn something new, and keep up to date with our Children's Home and Treatment and Training Center.



Children's Home:  
[www.childrenshome.org.il](http://www.childrenshome.org.il)



Treatment and training center:  
[www.JHTC.org.il](http://www.JHTC.org.il)

## Archive Project

Despite recent innovations and updates, we remain deeply connected to the history and rich heritage of the Children's Home. The 80th anniversary inspired us to search for photographs from the early days of the Home, when it was a Bnei Brit institution in Beit Vagan, Jerusalem, and even before that. We uncovered a treasure trove of pictures, personal files, and historical documents, spanning from the arrival of our first children who escaped Nazi-occupied Europe through Tehran, to the present day. We have carefully organized and arranged these materials intending to archive them, making them accessible to the public eventually.





# Photo Exhibition - "Life Space - 80 Years of Photographs"

We showcased the nostalgic photographs we discovered in the archive in our 80th-anniversary exhibition, offering a glimpse into the past— from the founding of the Children's Home in 1943, through the many years at Beit Vegan, to the more recent years at the Abu Gush campus.

With the help of Guy Raz, the photography curator at the AI Museum, and Orna Raz-Ben Shitrit, a photographer and artist, we created an exhibition that was inaugurated at the President's House by President Herzog and his wife Michal and was then debuted at the celebratory event for the 80th anniversary. It was then displayed at the campus offices and in the dining room.

The curators created a thematic display in the form of a timeline, showcasing the children and staff of the Jerusalem Hills in their day-to-day activities and special events throughout the 80 years.

The exhibition is still on display in the Children's Home offices and can be visited upon appointment.

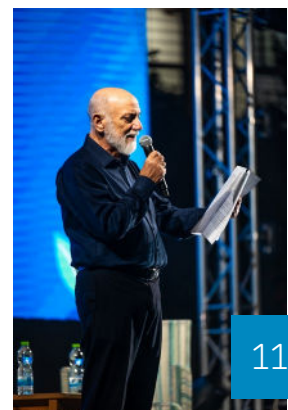


# 80th Anniversary Event

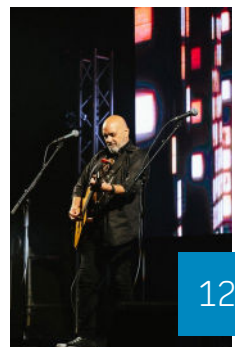
The main event celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Children's Home took place on the campus lawns on a cool yet heartwarming evening in the Jerusalem Hills.

Generations of staff members, alumni, and friends gathered for an evening that was a heartfelt and warm tribute to the Children's Home, its unique spirit, and the special connections forged there over the years. The event was filled with joy and reunions, featuring films and stories full of memories and nostalgia, a panel moderated by Israeli journalist Roni Kuban with participation from past and present staff members, and moving testimonies from graduates who shared their personal stories. To conclude the celebration, there was a performance by Israeli musicians Danny Robas and Danni Bassan. Above all, this was a once-in-eighty-years opportunity to pause and reflect with pride on the remarkable, life-changing therapeutic legacy that has changed the lives of thousands of children.

In preparation for the event, we created several videos about the Children's Home which are available for viewing on our YouTube channel or website.



2024 at the Children's Home



## Crowdfunding Campaign – Thank you to all our Donors and Ambassadors!

This year, for the third time, we launched a crowdfunding campaign for the Children's Home. In a challenging year like the one we've just experienced, 159 dedicated ambassadors, including current and former staff members, volunteers, family members, and friends of the Children's Home, raised over NIS 750,000 in donations from the public.

These donations enable us to maintain the high level of care our children receive and provide them with everything beyond the budget allocated by the Ministry of Welfare. We are deeply grateful to the hundreds of generous donors and our dedicated ambassadors.



## Our 26th Annual Fall Seminar

After a year of interruption due to the war, we held the 26th annual Fall Seminar in November 2024.

The Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers Fall Seminar "Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy for Children and Young Adolescents" was held at the Children's Home campus with tens of psychologists, social workers and therapists attending.

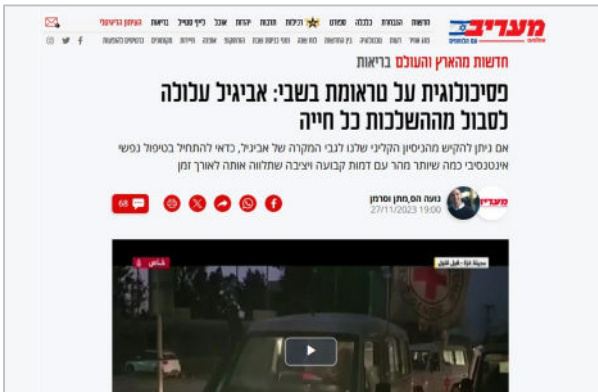
This long-standing tradition was started in 1997 in honor, and now in memory, of Dr. Chezi Cohen and runs over a two-day seminar, under the guidance of senior psychoanalysts and psychotherapists, allowing social workers and psychologists from all over the country to be part of an intensive and unique learning experience, exposing them to a wide range of therapeutic approaches.

This setting facilitates a special atmosphere of openness and sharing, enabling participants and moderators to reach a level of depth and creativity seldom reached in group supervision. For many, this seminar is considered the annual highlight of their professional training.



## Media Appearances

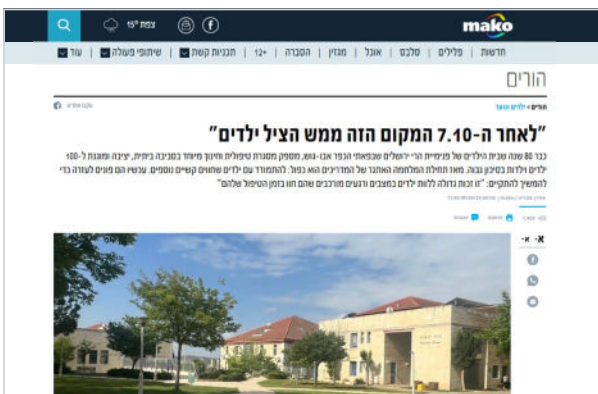
Over the past year, we had several media appearances, allowing us to showcase the unique therapeutic work of the Jerusalem Hills. It included:



Noa Haas, CEO of the Jerusalem Hills, spoke to Maariv about the difficult emotional struggle we can expect from the children who were taken hostage by Hamas.



Uri Daar, coordinator of the Nitzan group, was interviewed by News Channel 13 in preparation for the crowdfunding campaign.



Amiran Ovadia, coordinator of the Yuval team, told Mako about the complex struggle the Children's Home has been experiencing during the war.



The Jerusalem Post wrote a feature article on the Children's Home and the 80th photo exhibition.



YNET devoted a long article to the Children's Home and its treatment method after a series of conversations with Chen Shperling, Director of Psychological Services, and Ziv Bracha, counsellor of the Shahar group.

# The Faces of the Jerusalem Hills



## Pini Berger, Psychologist, Barak Group

Pini Berger has worked at the Children's Home for seven years and the last three years as a psychologist for the Barak Group—our group of older boys. When the war broke out on October 7th, Pini was called into reserve duty as a combat soldier in Gaza from October until January and did another three-month round later in the year.

During his first round of reserves, Pini felt very disconnected from the Children's Home and general life. He had a few phone calls with the Barak boys and with his fellow staff members but did not manage to visit. He was more successful in his second round of reserves at combining his regular life with his army life, despite the second round being more intense for both him and the boys in Barak.

When asked how his absence affected the boys in Barak, Pini answered: "The war, especially the beginning, was a mentally challenging period for everyone, particularly for the children at the Jerusalem Hills. Despite these challenges, when I returned from my first round of reserves, I was surprised to see how considerate and empathetic the boys were towards the situation. They made a lot of effort to face reality, hold themselves together, and stay strong, and I was proud to see their maturity and empathy."

## Yael Ansbacher-Kahan

Yael has been at the Children's Home for eight years. She was a social worker for her first five years and is now in her third year as head social worker. In this role, Yael is responsible for the Children's Home's relationship with the welfare agencies and the families of each child, one of the most sensitive and complex positions. On an average day, Yael works around the clock, let alone during wartime.

Yael's husband serves in the security forces so from October 7, she was left to take care of her five children, one born just two months after the war began, with a demanding job and a complex reality.

Yael described the start of the war as a constant battle, "there was no school for my children but the Children's Home continued to operate, so I had to keep choosing who to take care of – my children or the children in the Home. Along with concern for the children and making sure to get them all back to campus as quickly as possible, I was also worried about our employees who were recruited or whose partners were."

"Over time, things stabilized, and the Children's Home kept me feeling protected. It is a strong place to belong to."





## Keren Ronen, Teacher, Or Group

Keren has been teaching at our Children's Home for 28 years and is currently the head teacher of our Or Group. When the war broke out, Keren's oldest son, Dor, was a paratrooper in the IDF and on October 7 he was sent to the South and fought for 8 months straight in Gaza. There were many times when Keren did not have contact with Dor and she was not able to know if he was okay. She was incredibly worried and said: "I didn't breathe. I didn't sleep."

"My drive to work in the mornings was the hardest because I was alone with the thoughts and fears in my head. Often, I would have to stop and calm myself down before entering the Children's Home in order to function. My fellow staff members were very supportive and helped me get through the challenging period."

The children in her class knew that Keren's son was fighting in the war and that she was concerned but she made a point to tell the children that she was there to look after them and they did not need to look after her. They were very sensitive and empathetic and made her feel special on her birthday, blessing her that her son would return home safely.

Dor finished his service in December 2024 and Keren can finally breathe again.

## Ofek Sabo, Counsellor, Carmel Group

Ofek has been working at our Children's Home for two and a half years, most of which as a counselor for the Carmel Group. The role of a counselor at our Home is one of the most intense as they accompany the children from the moment they wake up until they go to sleep at night, supporting them throughout their day-to-day routine as well as their challenges and triggers. Ofek was called into reserve duty as a combat soldier on October 7 and fought for five months in Judea and Samaria before fighting in a second round at the start of the new school year. His transition between counselor and combat soldier was very challenging and complex and it required significant adaptation and acclimatization.



He shared that "the children in Carmel were very worried about me. They were afraid and anxious that I would not return from reserves or that I would not want to return to the Children's Home. It was very challenging to renew my relationship with them considering all their fears so I explained that I was also afraid and I also cry sometimes. I think this helped to normalize their feelings and together we were able to be present in this complex reality and not run away from our fears."





# The Chezzi Cohen Children's Home Campus

The Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers is a unique Children's Home, providing therapeutic treatment and special education to approximately 100 at-risk boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 15. The children come from all sectors of Israeli society but most of them were victims of abuse (emotional, physical, sexual); neglect; rejection, or abandonment and sadly suffer from severe trauma and emotional/behavioral disorders as a result.

All these children are physically sound but bear psychological scars that distort their behavior and make normative human interaction virtually impossible. They cannot concentrate on school work, are unable to form trusting relationships, and their aggressive, destructive behavior has poisoned their experiences so they fail to adjust to foster homes or boarding schools. Many of them are placed in our facilities by court order, or after having spent time in children's psychiatric wards, and without long-term comprehensive therapeutic treatment, they will endure lives in the criminal justice system or further psychiatric facilities.

The children come to the Jerusalem Hills for an extended period of 4-6 years, where they are provided with both a warm home and a therapeutic framework. The Home is open 365 days a year with a large professional team with a ratio of almost two adults per child, dedicated to their rehabilitation from the traumas of their early years. In addition to the boarding units, there is a special education school and a rich therapeutic framework with teachers, psychologists, social workers, and therapists of different specialties, providing support and individualized care to each of the children. The staff creates an environment of reliability, stability, and close personal relationships for each child.



## Our Therapeutic Approach

In many cases, the Jerusalem Hills is the last chance at rehabilitation for many of these children, and our treatment method "Therapy in Life Space" yields significant success year after year, receiving international recognition. According to this method, therapy takes place in every aspect of the children's life at the Home and is based on four principles: long-term treatment; a one-on-one relationship between the child and their therapist; the integration of the child's family in the rehabilitation process; and the ongoing training of caregivers.

Through this unique treatment method, thousands of graduates have been mainstreamed and today live as productive members of Israeli society. Nearly 70% of children go on to military service, academic studies, careers, and overall better brighter futures.



# Our School

Due to the severity of their psychological disorders, our children cannot attend mainstream schools and instead, Jerusalem Hills provides an on-campus Ministry of Education-approved Special Education School which caters to their unique needs. This also allows for the teachers to be in frequent contact with the children's care workers and psychologists. This collaboration and communication are necessary to our treatment philosophy which integrates therapy into every aspect of a child's care.

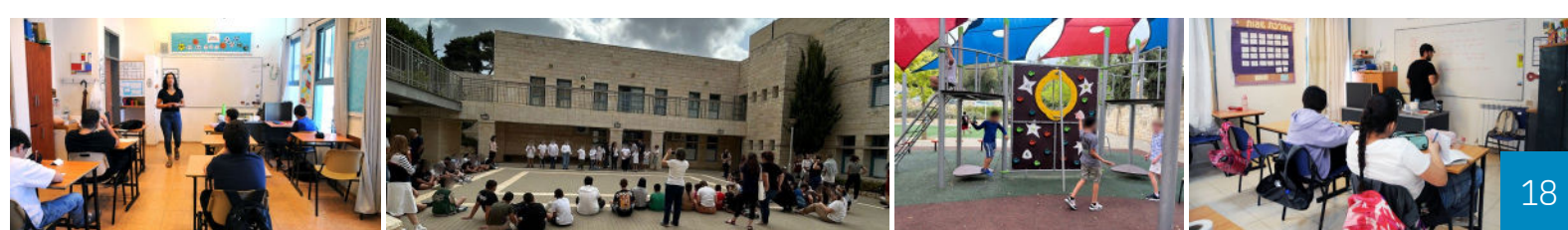
**Structure:** At our school, each group of 10-12 children is taught by three Special Education-trained teachers who follow a National Curriculum-approved syllabus. The teachers remain with the group for the duration of their stay at the Home, providing the children with the consistency that allows them to develop the bonds necessary for successful learning. The high staff-to-pupil ratio allows the children to receive the individual attention they so desperately need.

**Bibliotherapy Program:** Our school has an impressive library and bibliotherapy program designed to encourage curiosity, self-expression, research skills, and above all, a love of reading. Each week, students have a reading hour where they are exposed to a wide variety of literary work, and once a year, the children will read the books of a famous children's author and have the honor of meeting them and learning about their writing style.

**Green School:** The Jerusalem Hills Special Education School is recognized by the Ministry of Environment as a Green School and environmental education has always been a part of the school curriculum. The children learn about recycling and put it into action with their arts and crafts projects made from recycled goods, they are responsible for separating waste into plastics and paper and they take care of the vegetable garden in the side yard of the campus.



**Music studies and the choir** are another unique project at the school. In the choir, the children learn to sing and play, and even compose original songs together with their music teacher. Some children learn to play different instruments, like the drums, guitar, and piano. The choir performs at school gatherings and events and even participates in the yearly choir conference for regular education schools. The choir is very excited to perform in this annual event and the entire school is very proud.



# Ongoing Fundamental Programs



## Therapy in Life Space

The children's rehabilitation process is based on our dynamic long-term relationship-based treatment program, "Therapy in Life Space", founded on the concept that the entire Children's Home campus is a therapeutic space and every situation in the children's daily lives (from meal time to school lessons to free play) is part of their rehabilitation process. This is in addition to their individual psychotherapy sessions and diverse alternative therapies including art, music, animal therapy, and various sports activities.

**The four key principles of "Therapy in Life Space" are:**

- Long-term therapeutic treatment program,
- One-on-one staff-to-child ratio,
- Family involvement, and
- Staff training and support – helping the helpers.

This therapeutic method is what makes us unique from other residential care frameworks for children and youth at risk.



## Alternative Therapies and Extracurriculars

The extracurricular program offers a variety of therapeutic activities for children aged 12-15, such as Dog Training Therapy, Swimming, Photography, Cooking, Basketball, Football, and more. These external activities facilitate healing through non-verbal expression and provide the children with opportunities to excel.

Our alternative therapies include Art Therapy, Music Therapy, Crafts Therapy, Bibliotherapy, and Animal-Assisted Therapy. These therapies are tailored to the unique needs of each child and enable them to explore difficult emotions in a more intuitive way.



## Awake Overnight Counselors

Our Awake Overnight Counselors supervise and deal with any problems that arise through the night. Like most children, the ones on our campus sometimes have difficulty sleeping or wake up in the middle of the night. However, due to the trauma they have suffered and their fragile psychological states, they are more prone to nightmares, night terrors, bed-wetting, and sleep disturbances than other children. Each of our eight units has one awake overnight counselor, and they receive special training to be able to respond to and prevent these difficult situations.



## Life Skills

The goal of this program is to teach and provide the boys and girls in our care the basic skills that are needed for living independently so that when they graduate, they can reintegrate into Israeli society without difficulties. These skills include basic hygiene, self-defense, and basic cooking, and for older children, managing a bank account, grocery shopping, and taking public transportation.

## Sexual Abuse Prevention

Due to their upbringings, the children in our care are more at risk of being involved in sexual abuse whether as victims or offenders. The program we developed involves different theoretical approaches and methods for caregivers, teachers, social workers, and psychologists who work as an integrative team with the children.

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Each year at the Children's Home approximately 20 boys and girls celebrate their Bar/Bat Mitzvah and they wait in great anticipation for their turn to celebrate this joyous occasion. The project, which takes place over an entire year, includes training for reading the Torah portion and being called up to the Torah at the synagogue, new clothes, and a festive dinner for family and guests (whenever possible) together with the children and staff. And everything is provided by the Jerusalem Hills.

## Empowerment Program for Young Teen Girls

Through this program, we empower teen girls to bring about change in three main areas: **Control, Connection, and Meaning**. Every aspect of the program is designed for them to move beyond the traumatic experiences of their childhood and in doing so, facilitate healing from their severe emotional and psychological disorders. The program includes psychological therapy and physical activities, with an emphasis on body image and self-esteem.

## Vacation Group

Unfortunately, approximately 30 children in our care do not have a viable, safe, home or family to go to during school holidays and weekend vacations. To ensure their safety, our Children's Home operates 365 days a year and invests a lot of thought and effort to provide them with a supportive and positive experience on campus, as they watch their peers go home. Vacation Groups consist of additional therapeutic support and a variety of fun recreational activities, both on and off campus.



# THE JERUSALEM HILLS TREATMENT AND TRAINING CENTER

The Jerusalem Hills Treatment and Training Center provides a broad range of quality mental health services to the public. It houses two main objectives: One is the outpatient clinic for therapy and counseling, and the second is training courses and seminars for professionals in the field.



## INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOTHERAPY IN THE KASSELL OUTPATIENT CLINIC

The Jerusalem Hills Treatment and Training Center provides mental health services on an outpatient basis, thus serving as a connecting piece between the community and residential care. The main objective of the clinic is to provide individual therapy and counseling, family counseling, parental counseling, and therapeutic mentoring.

The staff in the clinic is made up of clinical psychologists, psychoanalysts, social workers, and counselors, largely drawn from the staff at the Jerusalem Hills Children's Home, who bring their experience and expertise in residential treatment and apply it to the clinic's clientele.

Since 2017, the outpatient clinic has been recognized by the Ministry of Health as an institution specializing in the training of clinical psychology and psychotherapy. This year, the clinic employed 14 staff members and treated over 80 families with both children and teenagers suffering from depression, anxiety, social issues, behavioral issues, and more.

Since the end of last year, the clinic dealt extensively with the consequences of the war here in Israel. We opened our doors to treat not only children and teenagers, but also young adults who were severely affected by the situation. The clinic worked with several institutions from the south and other areas in the country looking for a solution to the mental distress of both their students and staff.

# INSTRUCTIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

## The School for Psychotherapy

Our three-year accredited academic program, Psychotherapy with Children and Adolescents, emphasizes understanding the processes of a child's emotional development, provides psychoanalytic knowledge on the development of the child, addresses the essence of play therapy, and the application of psychoanalytic theories in the treatment room. There are three cohorts each year, and the program is taught by Jerusalem Hills professionals who are experienced in the dynamic treatment of children and adolescents. There were 46 participants this academic year between the three cohorts.

## Psychotherapy School for the Ultra-Orthodox Population

Started in 2022, this program is a three-year course geared toward the ultra-Orthodox population in Israel. The program was created due to the growing need for experienced therapists within the ultra-Orthodox community and a need for additional training in handling the challenges facing children in the modern world. The first-ever cohort was made up of two groups with 9 men and 14 women, and they have just entered their third and final year.



## Pnima: School for Residential Care and Therapeutic Leadership

With the experience and success of our residential therapeutic center, Jerusalem Hills opened Pnima to help spread our therapeutic approach to other professionals in the field. Pnima courses are geared towards those who work in residential facilities for at-risk youth in Israel and are divided among counselors, department heads, social workers, and institutional managers.

Since the outbreak of the war, the management has been using their time and expertise to train and support the staff and management of many different institutions from around the country – bringing the content of the Pnima course to them.

Despite the challenging times this year, the Pnima School even started a new course called “Presence and Listening in Team Training” with two streams – one for management training, and one for staff training, and it is now running for 12 different institutions.

## Maamakim: In-Depth Classes for Professionals

“The goal of Maamakim is to offer courses for experienced therapists who wish to deepen their knowledge of different psychoanalytical methods. All participants must hold at least a second degree in psychology, and the courses are offered both in-person and via Zoom.

In the past year, two advanced courses were held for 40 experienced therapists, based on the writings of theorists Bion and Kohut.

# Partners, Donors and Volunteers

Over the years, Jerusalem Hills has established ongoing relationships with several local and national businesses. We are very lucky to have them as our supporters and friends, and we truly appreciate their partnership.

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Administrator General And Official Receiver



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לחיים בריאים יותר



משרד הרווחה  
והביטחון החברתי



כרמים

Isrotel Exclusive

Isrotel Cramim, the spa hotel nearby to the Children's Home, has been our partner for eight years now. Over the years, they have funded the renovation of campus buildings, initiated activities for the children during vacations, and taken great care of our staff, allowing them to enjoy the hotel amenities on Staff Days. In 2024, Isrotel Cramim did not run as usual and instead hosted many displaced Israelis from the South while they could not return home. Despite being very busy taking care of them, the Cramim staff still had time for the Children's Home and their management team even came for a tour of our campus. We are grateful for their care and hope to continue our friendship into 2025.



Since 2017, the youth department of HaPoel Jerusalem has run a voluntary basketball team at the Children's Home. The staff from Hapoel volunteer weekly to train the children as well as provide uniforms, shoes, and balls for the players. In 2024, 12 boys and girls participated in the basketball group and it is one of the most popular extracurricular activities for the teens.

בני ברית ישראל



B'nai Brith Israel

The "Or" Bureau of the Bnei Brit Israel organization has been a friend of the Children's Home for several years. Their volunteers come during vacations to bring joy to the children with activities, delicious treats, and many surprises. With each of these visits, the children and staff all feel the love of a doting grandparent figure.

בנק הפועלים



The employees at Bank HaPoalim have been volunteering with our older children for four years now, and we are so grateful for the care and love they show. In 2024, the bank's volunteers continued their activities with the teen girls' group, Ella.

AGMON with  
TULCHINSKY

For four years, the Agmon with Tulchinsky law firm has been visiting our Vacation Group children, who stay on campus even during school holidays when many of their friends go home. The firm's volunteers organize activities and trips for the children, including workshops, fun days on campus, and outdoor excursions. The time and generosity of the firm is heartwarming and it ensures that the Vacation Group children have a meaningful, enjoyable, vacation just like every other child.



מזרחי תפחות

For years, the volunteers from Mizrahi Tefahot Bank have had a special bond with our teen boys. They joined the boys for activities and games and even hosted them at the bank to teach them about the world of banking, which is a very important life skill for their future.

marketing  
insight

We first met Insight when we hired them to be our digital marketing team for our third crowdfunding campaign. The campaign ended in June 2024, but our work with Insight has continued and they have been supportive and innovative in planning and creating digital campaigns to help us recruit new employees and receive online donations.



In 2024, our neighbors and good friends from the Neve Ilan town continued their "Special Day" project for the children of the Jerusalem Hills. During the year, the residents of Neve Ilan prepared over 90 cakes decorated with the children's names and bought gifts with cards personally addressed to every one of them. Thanks to their love and care, the children each received a "Special Day" that was only theirs, receiving the special attention every child deserves.

Our friends in Neve Ilan also donated part of the proceeds of their second-hand store to buy clothes and toys for our children and put on a delicious lunch to spoil our counselors. They always bring us joy when we need it the most!



At the start of last year, the dear residents of Protea, located nearby in the town of Shores, chose to support our Children's Home, and we are so grateful for them. During 2024, the retirement village hosted the Vacation Group children in their swimming pool several times, held fundraising events for our benefit, and hosted our management team to hear the news from the Jerusalem Hills.

We are so grateful to all of our donors; individuals, donor-advised funds, foundations, and Federations from all around the world. The children in our care rely on your generous support!



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# Ways to Donate



We rely on your donations to provide our children with the best possible care. Although the Israeli Ministry of Welfare provides partial funding, we rely on donations from individuals, foundations, and federations to achieve our goals and provide the care we know the children deserve.

These donations make it possible to maintain our high therapeutic level and are used for additional therapy sessions for the children and their family members, the dining room that provides healthy meals cooked fresh in our campus kitchen every day, awake-overnight counselors who are available to the children throughout the night to prevent harm, bar/bat mitzvah celebrations, and more.

Donations make it possible to give the children positive and enriching experiences that will provide them with positive childhood memories. This includes fun activities during vacations and holidays, such as visiting the zoo, inflatables, trips to the theatre and museums, movies, hikes in nature, and much more.

The Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Centers works with private donors and trusts from all over the world and can work with you on various sponsoring and dedication options. Please visit our website at [www.childrenshome.org.il/en](http://www.childrenshome.org.il/en) where you can place a donation via credit card.

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# THANK YOU

Our work at the Jerusalem Hills would not be possible without the help of our partners, who support us in providing effective rehabilitation and a safe and loving home for Israel's most at-risk children and youth.

**We thank you for your ongoing friendship, and hope to host you at the campus grounds soon to show you firsthand the impact of your generosity.**

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