



AFIKIM 2018: The Year That Was ...



Established over a decade ago, in memory of Tova and Shemai Hanel z"l, the Afikim Family Enrichment Association continues to serve a vital role within Israeli society. With increasing numbers of children being considered at risk of neglect or abuse, Afikim's primary aim is to catch these children and their families, and address their needs, before they fall between the cracks entirely. In 2018, Afikim's afternoon enrichment centers reached a record number of over 500 children ensuring their educational, nutritional and recreational needs were met. Through educational support, enrichment programs, parent workshops and more, Afikim is helping these children fulfill their dreams of a better future.

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty – Child By Child

With 1 in every 3 Israeli children living in poverty or being at-risk, the need for Afikim's range of interventions is more pressing than ever. Community and municipal social workers identify children from troubled or impoverished homes and refer them to Afikim. **For many Afikim is the final stop, the last hope before being removed from their home due to neglect or abuse.** Afikim children hail from single parent families, dysfunctional families due to mental or physical illness, asylum seekers and families where one or more parents are incarcerated, unemployed, sick or absent. These children are in desperate need of the therapeutic, educational and enrichment

assistance that Afikim offers.

Personal success is the *soul* of Afikim. Afikim's staff build an individual track for each child made up of educational programs and enrichment activities. Programs take place in Afikim's enrichment centers and in schools across the country. Recognizing the important role of the family unit in the child's success, Afikim also works intensively with parents thus serving as **a safety net for the entire family**. As each child progresses their grades improve and their confidence soars. Eventually, **feelings of pride and success** replace the painful cycle of failure in their lives.

THE Unique Afikim Approach

- **Always view the child in the context of the entire family**
- **Maintain open channels of communication between the school, the family and Afikim staff**
- **Three-way triangle between the school, the family and Afikim, with the child at the center**
- **Holistic approach working with parents and children**

“Children are not only the adults of the future, they are people of the present”

Reuven Rivlin, President of the State of Israel

Afikim – A Snapshot Of Programs



Looking Back – 2018 Highlights



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!!! Sprint To Success !!



- Run4Afikim is the longest organized charity relay event in Israel
- From Jerusalem to Eilat covering 370km
- Annual charity run, launched in 2013 with just 13 runners
- With over 60 runners, 2019 is the largest group yet



- Raises awareness and support for Afikim's important work
- Fundraising goal of \$250,000
- Money raised enables Afikim to carry out its vital mission
- All donations are tax deductible in Israel, US, France and England
- **Good Luck to our 2019 runners!!**