



Karnei Shomron

RAISING UP CHILDREN AND TEENS

Karnei Shomron has become a leader in the field of supplemental education, actively practicing prevention, early intervention, and treatment, instead of waiting to take action when a child has reached a state of crisis. Not every child fits the mold of traditional schools, but sometimes all a struggling child needs is a trained professional who can identify his or her particular weakness, and offer the correct tools to enable the child to thrive.

Maftach, Hebrew for “the key,” is the special education center at Karnei Shomron, providing occupational, speech and language, drama, and music therapy for children with learning disabilities, behavioral, speech and motor challenges. The center focuses on early intervention, facilitating integration into the school system, when possible, and providing resources for parents. This year, Maftach is seeking funding for a social worker to coordinate its multi-disciplinary treatments. This position is a requirement in order for Maftach to qualify for government subsidies for its therapies.

Here is what one parent had to say about Maftach: *Raising children is no picnic. I did not consider myself a mother of special needs children. Although one of my kids showed early signs of ADHD, I was not aware that two more had issues, as their symptoms were less obvious to the untrained eye, nor did I know that my parenting challenges were not commonplace. But when I moved to Karnei Shomron, the trained eyes of teachers and school counselors quickly saw my children’s underlying struggles, and we were referred to Maftach for intervention and treatment. The difference Maftach has made for my children is impressive!*

Struggling and disaffected teenagers require a different kind of approach and the Karnei Shomron At-Risk Youth center offers them counseling, quality programming, and a place of refuge. In light of the coronavirus pandemic, there has been a significant increase in the number of teens struggling with addiction, isolation and mental health issues. The center wants to increase its impact by offering driving theory courses, designed to help teens with learning disabilities obtain their driver’s licenses, tutoring sessions for students struggling to prepare for their matriculation exams, and guidance towards vocational opportunities.

Karnei Shomron is determined to help its special-needs children and at-risk youth reach greater heights, through the resources offered at Maftach and the At-Risk Youth Center. Karnei Shomron is an exemplary community where every child matters. Your generous donation, can help give these children and teens hope, enable them to overcome their challenges today, and ensure a better future for the children of Israel.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

- ☆ **Founded:** 1977
- ☆ **Location:** Samaria
- ☆ **Origin of Name:** In English, "Horns of Samaria" referring to the two hills that rise above the community
- ☆ **Biblical Significance:** The town borders the Kana River valley, the Biblical border between the territories of the tribes of Ephraim and Menashe
- ☆ **Population:** 11,000



Due to Corona, the At-Risk Youth Center in Karnei Shomron has seen an increase in problematic behavior this past year



Mafteach treats children with learning disabilities, behavioral problems, speech, and motor difficulties

KARNEI SHOMRON CHILDREN AND TEENS PROJECT BUDGET

Mafteach Special Education Center	\$17,300
Center For At-Risk Teens	12,150
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED	\$29,450

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