



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 after a child is already in crisis. Not every child fits the mold of traditional schools, but sometimes all a struggling child needs is a trained professional who can identify a particular weakness and offer the corrective tools to enable the child to thrive.

Maftach, Hebrew for “the key,” is the center for special education in Karnei Shomron. The center offers a wide array of specialists, including occupational, speech and language, drama, and music therapy for children with learning disabilities, behavioral, speech, and motor challenges. Focusing on early intervention and in coordination with local schools, Maftach facilitates integration into the mainstream classrooms when possible and provides parents with the resources they need to support their children's progress. The position is mandatory for Maftach to qualify for government subsidies for its therapies. Maftach needs the continued support of a social worker to coordinate its multi-disciplinary treatments.

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 I struggled with parenting, their ADHD symptoms were not so obvious to the untrained eye. But, when we moved to Karnei Shomron, teachers and school counselors quickly identified the existence of underlying struggles and referred us to Maftach for intervention and treatment. The difference Maftach made for my kids was impressive!”*

Struggling and disaffected teenagers require a different approach, and the Karnei Shomron At-Risk Youth center offers them counseling, quality programming, and a place of refuge. In recent years, especially since the COVID pandemic, there has been a significant increase in teen addiction and mental health issues. Last year, thanks to CFOIC Heartland supporters, the center increased its impact by providing even more quality programming for local teens. Apart from tutoring sessions to prepare students for their matriculation exams, the center also provided vocational guidance opportunities, driving courses, and fun art workshops. This year, the center needs your continued support for these vital programs to help struggling teens.

Karnei Shomron is determined to help its special-needs children and at-risk youth reach greater heights. Your donation today will ensure the resources offered at Maftach and the At-Risk Youth Center are available to everyone in need. Karnei Shomron is an exemplary community where every child matters. Your generous donation will help these children and teens overcome their challenges, 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



With your support for Mafteach, local families can receive treatment and therapies for their struggling children



At-risk youth were able to channel their artistic abilities into positive pathways through a graffiti art workshop

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PROJECT BUDGET

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| Mafteach Special Education Center..... | \$30,200 |
| Center For At-Risk Teens..... | 17,650 |
| TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED | \$47,850 |

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