

NETIVAH ביתנו update

Dear Friends,

The year 2022 is well on the way and not without its struggles. The new Omicron variant of COVID hit us hard in January and many of our staff were sick and not able to come to work.

Proverbs 19:21 states that, *“Many plans are in a person’s heart, But the advice of the Lord will stand”*.

That is how we felt this year. Our plans for January and February had to be rescheduled several times. It was not always easy and created times of back-to-back activities, but we have an amazing team and great God. What a blessing it is to see the hand of God working in the life of the youth and soldiers we serve.

During the past few months, we had a difficult wave of terrorist attacks on the streets. Over sixteen people were murdered and around fifty wounded which added tension and stress publicly and politically. Last month on Holocaust Memorial Day we commemorated the six million Jews that were murdered in the Holocaust, and this month - Memorial Day for those killed in line of duty defending this country followed by Independence Day. It all brings us before our Lord in prayer for the peace of Jerusalem and for the spiritual restoration of Israel.

What happened lately?

- **February 4th – 5th – Girls` conference “DETOX”**. The girl’s conference was on the importance of renewing our minds and thoughts as we seek to be filled with what draws us closer to God. At the conference we had about 140 young women attend.

- **February 25th – 26th – Boys` conference “DETOX”**. The main topic was similar to the girls` conference, but with a focus on the struggles of men and the victory we have in Yeshua. At the conference we had about 125 young men attend.



- **March 18th – 19th – Junior-High conference for 7th and 8th graders - “Moving Up a Level”**. We felt that our focus at the conference needed to be similar to the DETOX conference, but just adjusted to the age level and relevance. We had about 167 boys and girls ages 13-14 attend including staff.



- **April 1st – 2nd – Young Adults Conference “Identity”**. The conference was about the Identity of Yeshua and the identity of us as His disciples.

- **April 8th – 9th – Soldiers Conference “Returning to a New Routine”**. We had about 100 soldiers over the weekend and had great fellowship, worship and bible studies about being restored and renewed in Yeshua as we develop new habits.



Fear God
and keep his
commandments,
for this is the duty
of all mankind.
For God will bring
every deed
into judgment,
including every
hidden thing,
whether it is good
or evil.

Eccl. 12: 13-14 (NIV)

- **April 18th – 27th – LTC** – After being away for 2 years we were able again to take a group of 40 youth and leaders to Langensteinbach in Germany where we had a wonderful conference with German and Israeli youth. Joel and Andreas (local Pastor) were the main teachers and the Israeli team was involved in the worship, Passover meal, Shabbat, desert cooking, and Israeli folk dancing. After the conference the Israeli group traveled by bus to the Natzweiler-Struthof Nazi Work camp in France where they toured the camp and commemorated the Holocaust.



➔ What's next? -----

- **May 6th – Youth leaders` seminar.** This month we had a youth leaders` seminar at the Netivah house where we talked about the responsibility of the youth leader to be the transparent connector for the youth and the leadership in the congregation.
- **May 27th – 28th – National Youth Conference**
- **June 17th – 18th – Soldiers conference** (High school graduates are invited)
- **July 5th – 14th – NETSOR – ten-day pre-military program** for young men and women that have graduated from high school and are soon to be drafted into the IDF.

Please pray for the Netivah team during this intensive time and for the volunteer team that are a big part of the program. Pray for the participants that they will have a life changing experience drawing closer to the Lord and growing in their love and knowledge of God. This is also a key time for the young people to build lasting and effective relationships that will encourage them during their time in the army.

- **August 1 - October 13 - Chetzim 2022 ("Arrows")** - 11-week 24/7 discipleship program for 12th grade graduates before they are drafted into the army. The goal is to strengthen them spiritually and prepare them mentally as much as possible for the struggles and challenges they will face in the military. Please pray for us as we continue to build the team of staff for this year's program. We are anticipating around 20 participants and 5 staff members.
- We are now in the midst of recruiting staff and developing the summer program.
- Joel is finishing his tour guide course and will have his final exam at the end of June.
- This summer we are looking forward to having two more staff members join our Netivah team.

➔ Prayer and Praise Requests: -----

- **Niveen** – Please continue to pray for Ibrahim's wife Niveen, she is still going through rehabilitation. Pray for Ibrahim and the family to be strong once again as they go through this time.
- **Larger Facility** – we continue to have a need for a larger facility to accommodate the growing youth activities. Please pray with us for a solution in the near future and pray for the Baptist village team that are working with us to maximize the facility.

Dear friends, we value your partnership with us and know that we could not do what we are doing without your prayers, investment and support. Thank you for standing with us as we serve the body of Yeshua in Israel.

Yours in Yeshua our Lord,
Joel Goldberg and the Netivah Team

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