

# Educational Enrichment for the Children of Emanuel

The city of Emanuel, founded in 1983, is located on the border separating the Biblical tribes of Ephraim and Menashe, and overlooks the nearby tomb of Joshua son of Nun. The community is home to over 3,000 people and boasts no fewer than three elementary schools for boys, two elementary schools for girls, one high school for girls, a daycare center, and several kindergartens. Emanuel has 17 synagogues, an emergency ambulance station, a fire department, commercial facilities and an industrial zone. Its peaceful existence was brutally disrupted on two separate occasions in 2000, when the bus that connects Emanuel to the cities of the Dan and Sharon region was ambushed by Palestinian terrorists. The past few years of quiet have given the residents a chance to build and expand their very special community.



Emanuel's population is made up of ultra-orthodox Jews who adhere strictly to religious practice. It should be an ideal environment where families can practice Judaism without distraction, and raise their children in a wholesome environment that integrates traditional values in everyday life. In reality, there is devastating poverty and the residents' existence is anything but idyllic. Some families cannot afford even the most basic furniture and are sleeping on mattresses on the floor. The residents of Emanuel suffer from a low socio-economic level and a low awareness of what needs to be done for the welfare of their children. There are over 2,000 children in Emanuel and their welfare and education is at the top of the municipal agenda. With 30% of the community's 700 elementary school-age children suffering from learning disabilities or emotional problems, and resources stretched to the limit, the school system cannot cope with the burden.

For a few years, Emanuel had the opportunity to work under the auspices of an already existing regional Child Development Center, treating their children who suffered from learning disabilities, behavioral problems and speech and motor difficulties. Emanuel believes that intervention and treatment can save children, parents, and the educational system as a whole years of emotional heartache, behavioral complications, and financial burdens. By evaluating problems early on, during the development of the child, children were getting help for their language and speech problems and treatment for their sensory, gross and fine motor delays. The children pinpointed were sent immediately for appropriate therapy. Unfortunately, that program was forced to close.

Emanuel has initiated an in-school program to include special help and tutoring during school hours. Some of the most complicated cases in the school are children who are at-risk for dropping out. They feel frustrated, lost and worthless. With extra classes in writing and learning skills along with practical tips in organizational and social skills, these children can literally be saved. Offering the right professional assistance can give these children the boost of confidence they so desperately need. Their pain must not be ignored.



- Emanuel is a community of devastating, heartbreaking poverty. The municipality has made the welfare of the over 2,000 children a priority. An overwhelming majority of them need some sort of special care.
- The in-school program will help children with the most severe cases of learning and social disabilities.

**Y**our contribution to this project will give the children of Emanuel the chance to function normally, effectively and happily. Your contribution will demonstrate to these faithful pioneers that you believe in their dream, and that you support them in their quest to fill G-d's land with holiness and sanctity. Your gift to the children in Emanuel is a gift to ensure a future generation of G-d-fearing pioneers continue to settle the Biblical Homeland.

## Project Budget

Special education tutoring– 20 hours/week (annual cost) .....\$21,300

**TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....\$21,300**

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