

Remember the Children of Karnei Shomron

Karnei Shomron was founded in 1977 by a committed group of families eager to settle the hilltops of Israel's heartland. Imbued with Zionism, these early pioneers lived for many years in mobile homes, securing the right to build the town that Karnei Shomron has become. Today Karnei Shomron is a sprawling regional center, one of the largest communities in Samaria, with some 7,000 residents, spanning every age group from infants to seniors.

In Karnei Shomron, helping children with special needs has always been a priority. Karnei Shomron places emphasis on its children, particularly in the area of education. Its four elementary schools are among the finest in the country. But not every child succeeds in school. And sometimes, all that's required is evaluating a child, targeting his weaknesses, and treating problems appropriately, before they become insurmountable. Karnei Shomron has become a leader in the field of supplemental education and doesn't believe in waiting for trouble to happen. They believe in prevention, intervention, and treatment. And their Mafteach program is where help is found, with physical, occupational and speech therapy.

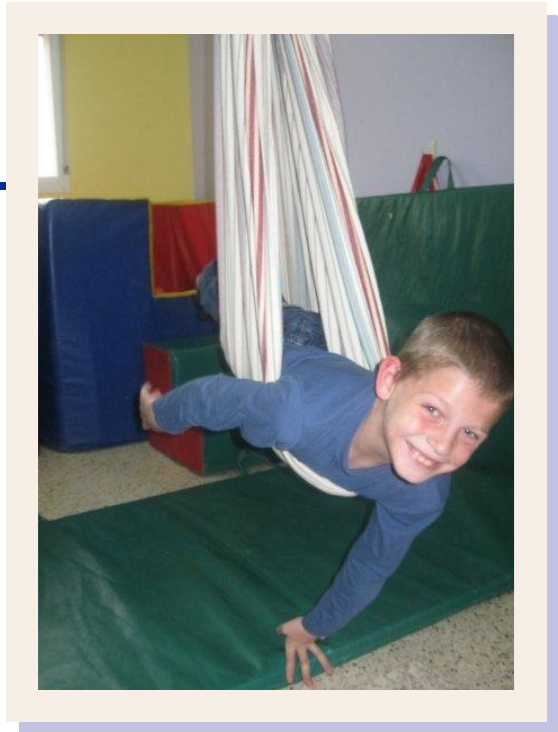
"Mafteach", literally meaning "The Key", is an educational development and support program which has been treating the children of Karnei Shomron for many years, dealing with learning disabilities, behavioral problems and speech and motor difficulties.

Mafteach's computer therapy program uses specially designed computer software for treating and healing children with special needs. While entertaining, these games teach patience and perseverance and demand order and precision. There is a Snooze Land Room which helps the hyperactive child, with its mix of sensory stimulation and tranquil setting. There is also music and dance therapy, where the child can more easily express emotions, as melody and movement give him the freedom to improvise and create. For too long, the program has been managing without a piano, but the therapists yearn for the chance to connect with the children with the help of this greatly stimulating, multi-sensory instrument. Research has proven that moods can be soothed, frustrations eased, creativity enhanced, with the help of those all-powerful 88 keys.

So often with a special needs child, he is on the receiving end of help and care. In Mafteach, the child is finally the one to develop and to create while learning rules, how to work within a framework, and how to develop concentration and curiosity. The self respect and confidence a child develops is boundless; it works. Parents and teachers are amazed and gratified by the positive changes in the children. Mafteach turns to you for help with the purchasing of vital equipment.



- Karnei Shomron has always prided itself on excellence in education and has made helping children with special needs a top priority.
- The Mafteach Child Development program understands that a child with behavioral problems, learning disabilities and speech difficulties needs innovative and creative ways to learn.
- The proven success with these children is owed to Mafteach's attention to prevention, intervention and treatment.



There is no measure to the sense of accomplishment that comes with true learning and hard work. These children are Karnei Shomron's future. God's precious children are the future of all of Israel. Let us give them the hope of a better life, the promise of good health and happiness.

Project Budget

Snooze Land Equipment.....	\$6,350
Piano	2,380
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED:.....	\$8,730

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