



### Talia Trust November 2010 newsletter

The Talia Trust has now been in existence for 5 years and we are already hearing positive news of "our graduates". This month I would like to share a very moving letter just sent us by R, a boy who studied at Branco-Weiss- Tachkamoni in Hadera until 2008. R., an immigrant from the former Soviet Union, was one of the second group of this school's students whom the Trust had helped. He was sponsored for expensive psycho-didactic testing in 2006, as he has attention difficulties. As a result of the testing, the Ministry of Education allowed him to take his Bagrut matriculation examinations under special circumstances, which included taking the English examination orally. R's examination results were good and showed his academic capability. He was later accepted to do his military service in the border police but the following year was badly injured when a cement block struck him on the head. After a long rehabilitation in hospital, he has written to us that :-

"When I was in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, you helped pay for me to do the pre-exam testing. Thanks to the conditions under which I was allowed to take the exams, I succeeded in passing all the exams in the biology stream" (*considered one of the most difficult options*). "I was accepted as a combat soldier" (*which requires a high physical profile*)" but unfortunately, after a year, I had a head injury and lay unconscious for a very long time. I then needed rehabilitation, which still continues. Today I am writing you this letter of thanks because I am about to begin studying at a psychometric course "( *preparation for university entrance exams.*)"so that I can study nursing. I have been told that the permit to take examinations under special circumstances to suit my learning difficulties-extra time, use of a dictionary and so on- will stand in good stead also for these forthcoming exams.  
So for that I am very grateful to you and appreciate what you have done for me."

We all wish R. the very best for his future success and good health.

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