



The Talia Trust for Children  
קרן טלילה למען ילדים (ע"ר)

## Welcome to the October 2011 Newsletter

The new school year has really got going now, after the prolonged "short breaks" of the high holidays. You may remember that last year the Talia Trust was able to help 16-17 year olds in only two schools, Tahkmoni Branco Weiss in Hadera and Or Akiva's Ulpana. Recent exam results for these pupils have been most encouraging, though previously they had not been achieving their potential.

Our big news is that, thanks to our contributors, we have now organized similar projects in four additional schools, with a fifth in the offing. By the end of 2011, approximately 45 children will have been tested by educational psychologists, compared to 20 children in 2010. Once their problems are measured and defined, experts at the Ministry of Education will be able to decide under what special circumstances each and every one of them will be allowed to take those vital school matriculation examinations. Then their teachers will teach them how to take examinations in whichever new way has been decided for them.

These schools are scattered throughout the centre and north of the country. Although each school is quite different in its ethos (mixed or single sex, religious or non-religious), each has a population which suffers from social deprivation and this impinges on those who suffer from specific learning difficulties. The four new schools are in the downtown area of Haifa, Kfar Bialik, Meron, and Pardes Chana. Over the next few months we will be telling you about each of these schools and the children there who are being helped by the Talia Trust.

When we visit the schools, we do emphasize that the Talia Trust wants to follow the progress of each pupil in the hope of continuing to help him or her, if he or she should need to do



further testing whilst studying at an institution of higher education. While future study may now lie in the realm of dreams for these children, their teachers believe it is possible for many of them.

We are also pleased to announce that the Talia Trust UK will shortly open a new project in Manchester, England which we look forward to describing in detail shortly.

Best wishes

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