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Dear Community Member,

We are excited to update you as to what Meorot, an innovative special education Judaic Studies program, was able to achieve during its inaugural year.

Meorot
at North Shore Hebrew Academy
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Education

- ✓ Established a beginner K-1 class focusing on Hebrew language comprehension and Kriya skills
- ✓ Hired an exceptional staff that developed a modified curriculum based on input from supporting Yeshivot
- ✓ Implemented a differentiated teaching model where each child has an individualized education plan
- ✓ Successfully prepared a student for mainstream to a local yeshiva

Meorot is life changing for its students and families.

Community Support

Meorot also provides education and *chizuk* to the community at large by providing a community lecture series focusing on parenting topics with a Special Education orientation. Past lectures included:

- ✓ "Developing your Child's uniqueness"
by Child Psychologist Dr. David Pelcovitz
- ✓ "Navigating the IEP Process"
by Administrative Law Judge Helene Peyser
- ✓ "Language Development and its Impact on Learning"
by Neuropsychologist Dr. Herman Davidovitz

Future

We seek to grow by accommodating more students and adding a new class. What began as a grass roots community initiative is developing into a vital program for families in Great Neck and surrounding communities. Fund raising is critical for the program's sustainability. **We humbly appeal for your support to continue our critical mission in the community.**

Support

The Meorot Board & NSHA has worked to ensure that the budget is directed to serving the needs of Meorot students. **Ninety-five percent of the 2017-18 budget was related to academic expenditures** (almost entirely staff salaries), with the remainder primarily used for marketing.

All funds raised are accepted by North Shore Hebrew Academy on behalf of Meorot and segregated into a separate account. NSHA will provide tax receipts for your donation. Please contact us at info@meorotgn.org, if you would like to make other arrangements for your donation.

Please visit www.meorotgn.org for links to donate

Yours Truly,

Meorot Board of Advisors