



Woman to Woman

Jerusalem Shelter for Battered Women

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Hope for a Better Future

Interview with Nava Fuchs, Coordinator of Woman to Woman's Tutorial Program

A battered woman who comes to the Shelter needs support and empowerment not only for herself but also for her children, who are indirect victims of the abuse to which they have been exposed at home. One of Woman to Woman's leading programs is the Jennifer Lalin Tutorial Program for school-age children. Nava Fuchs, a veteran teacher and educator, has been the coordinator of the program for nearly a decade:



נאוה פוקס, רכזת הלימודים במפגש עם תלמידים
Nava Fuchs, Tutorial Program Coordinator
with pupils from the Shelter

What is the Tutorial Program and how does it improve the children's lives?

Most children who come to the Shelter have had significant educational problems. Life in the shadow of violence leaves its mark on a child's school life, frequently in the form of difficulties in concentrating and low self-esteem. On top of that, many of the children have been shunted between different schools and educational settings. Moreover, Israel's educational system today is disproportionately dependent on parental intervention, even when parents are not capable or available to help their children, which is usually the case for the families that come to the Shelter. The Tutorial Program pinpoints each child's scholastic challenges and helps him or her catch up, while always taking into account his or her emotional and social needs.

How does the program actually work?

Every child that comes to the Shelter meets with me for an initial evaluation in an informal and relaxing atmosphere intended to yield a reliable impression of the child's reading, writing, and arithmetic levels. It's important to put together a program for each child that will provide an honest response to specific needs. First and foremost, we want to create a feeling of success from the very beginning, which is a positive step forward on the long way to closing educational gaps.

To create an experience of success from the very beginning

situation, to encourage their empathy toward the child, and to recruit them for the child's benefit. This kind of advocacy is no less critical than the direct help offered in the program.

Does the Tutorial Program provide a response for children with special needs or learning disabilities?

Children come to us in the middle of the school year, having been suddenly wrenched from their homes

Absolutely. For many children who reach the Shelter, such problems were not diagnosed in time or not dealt with at all before coming here. This is where the Tutorial Program comes into the picture and finds the most appropriate educational framework. Placement can be extremely complicated, demanding a close understanding of how the system works. Some children undergo private psycho-didactic testing and diagnosis, paid for by Woman to Woman. For the majority, however, the Tutorial Program primarily helps reveal their strengths; their educational problems are connected to life circumstances, not their innate abilities.

Naomi Schneiderman Appointed Executive Director of Woman to Woman

We are happy to announce that, following an organizational change, Naomi Schneiderman will assume the position of Woman to Woman's Executive Director as of August 2013. This will formally separate the duties of the Jerusalem Shelter Director from those of Woman to Woman's Executive Director, which until now have been filled by the same person. Woman to Woman's Board of Directors has warmly endorsed the change and sincerely thanks Miri Ben Shalom Dor, who remains Jerusalem Shelter Director, for her ongoing commitment.

Naomi (36) has been working for Woman to Woman as Director of Development since 2007. "It is a great privilege for me to be part of the continuing endeavors on behalf of the women and children. I am excited by the opportunity that has been given me and believe that, together with the dedicated staff, volunteers and friends from near and far, we

And what happens after a stay in the Shelter, when the family moves to a Halfway Apartment or independent life in the community?

The program continues to serve the children for years. Some of our pupils have found their place in residential educational settings all over the country, where they are thriving. I am proud to say that we have also accompanied a number of children until their high school matriculation exams, which they passed with flying colors. Throughout, there are ups and downs, but there is nothing like the gratification of helping a child. Success in school is the key to integrating into society as an adult. The Tutorial Program offers the family, mother and child alike, the hope for a better future.



We extend our thanks to several donors whose generosity keeps the Tutorial Program going: The DM Charitable Trust; the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex – the Jennifer Lalin Memorial Foundation and the Karma Foundation; Arlene R. Kogod; and Lady Nancy Wald.

will continue the campaign for the ultimate elimination of domestic violence."



מירי בנשלום דור (משמאל) ונעמי שניידרמן
Miri Benshalom Dor (left) and Naomi Schneiderman

Celebrating a Special Occasion?

Looking for a birthday or anniversary gift? Why not mark the event with a contribution to "Woman to Woman"?

We send certificates acknowledging such donations to those you want to honor.

Contact us for details.

מחפשים רעיון למתנה? אירוע משמעותי בחייכם מתקרב?

ניתן לציין ימי הולדת, בר/בת מצווה, ימי נישואים, ערבי זמרה או כל אירוע משמעותי בחייכם ובחיי הקרובים לכם, באמצעות תרומה לעמותת "אישה לאישה".

נשמח למסור פרטים נוספים למעוניינים לכבד אחרים בתרומה ולהעניק להם תעודת הוקרה.

Heartfelt Thanks

The revenue generated by a ceramics sale attests to the special place Woman to Woman holds in the hearts of our volunteers and friends



About 10 days before Pesach, artist Zvi Israeli held an open-house sale of his ceramics, the proceeds of which were donated to Woman to Woman. Zvi is married to Dalia Israeli, who for several years has been active in our volunteer mentorship program assisting former Shelter residents.

The sale was held on the afternoon of Friday, March 15, in the yard of Dalia and Zvi's lovely Jerusalem home. Scores of visitors enjoyed light refreshments and Zvi's beautiful and functional artwork was quickly snapped up. Our thanks to Dalia and Zvi for taking this special initiative, which not only raised much needed income but also helped bring Woman to Woman's work into the consciousness of new supporters.

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Thank You

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Donations

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