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Yona Tsouma – CEO of "Matzmichim"

**"Matzmichim"-Workshops at Bialik school in Kiryat Bialik**

During the previous school year I already heard about the organization "Matzmichim". I was asking school principals about your reputation and I got many recommendations, also from our school parents leadership.

This year I've decided to engage you to work in our school, believing that the workshops you're going to do in our school will evoke and promote constructive dialogue. At the first phone call with Eran, who organizes the workshops in Israel, I already realized that I reached the right place. Eran spoke and listened to me with a lot of patience and empathy. At first, we organized a meeting with the trainer Milka at the teacher's room and we prepared your entry in our school with great excitement.

I'm glad to share that during the days the trainers Lila, Lior and Avishag have been in our school, were like a celebration of education and values. Teachers from the junior classes asked to enter the Workshops, to experience what is going on in the senior classes, because they heard about the Workshops in the teacher's room.

The three Workshop-days weren't easy for the kids. With your help the children were able to touch and discuss the things that really hurt in a social group and we, the educational staff sitting and listening from the side, were amazed from the sharing, the openness, the honesty and the braveness of our students.

The "Matzmichim"-language slowly penetrates the students conversations in every corner of the school by seeing the "Growing Children" and the encouragement and strengthening of the children.

The way you have entered our school, through joint learning at the teacher's room, through Workshops in our classrooms, through supportive conversations with our educators among the year and through the sharing with the parents –Matzmichim's work is an optimal process for schools.

The parents showed strong support during the process, because the methods can also be a model how to work with children at home. Furthermore the awareness of the children increased and they are bringing much more issues to discuss about now.

The social cohesion among the students in the classrooms is taking shape, boys and girls are interacting more during the breaks and it seems to be much more pleasant for them.