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WIZO. Doing What Matters

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Following the massacre perpetrated by Hamas on October 7, 2024, in southern Israel, thousands of rockets, mortars, and drones were fired from the Gaza Strip, Lebanon and Yemen across the country, causing numerous casualties and serious injuries.



In light of these attacks, WIZO, the first social partner of the State of Israel, has taken upon itself to secure all its day care centers by renovating the bomb shelters where children take refuge when the alert sounds.





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THE GEORG & SUSANNA BODA WIZO DAY CARE CENTER
5 Helmonit Street, Modiin
sponsored by WIZO Austria

This day care center is located in Modiin, a town located 35 km from Tel Aviv and 30 km from Jerusalem.



Inaugurated in 1997 in the Massua neighborhood, this institution has three classrooms and is attended by 66 children from the age of 3 months to 3 years, from middle-class secular and religious families. Some children are raised by single parents. This institution enjoys an excellent reputation in the city of Modiin.

The children benefit from a variety of activities: introduction to music, natural sciences, gymnastics, crafts, pet therapy, puppet theatre, and more.

Once a week, they are supervised by an early childhood development expert.





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The daycare operates from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children benefit from three healthy and nutritious meals a day: breakfast, lunch (with meat), and snack.

Every month, children learn a specific topic that is developed through stories, songs and plays performed with puppets.

In the library corner, children can borrow a book every week. This activity contributes to enrich their vocabulary and to strengthen their relationship with their parents.



Sensorimotor activities are carried out in the bomb shelter, in order to develop the cognitive and motor skills of the children. Any deficiency detected in a child will be reported to the parents, who will be referred to a specialist.

The team caring for the children consists of a director, eight caregivers and a cook. The staff attends training courses on a regular basis.





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WIZO day care centers place special emphasis on dental hygiene. At the beginning of the school year, caregivers distribute toothbrushes to children and teach them how to brush their teeth, after every meal.

The day care center organizes workshops to support parents in their role as educators. National and religious holidays are celebrated in the day care center together with families.



This institution works in close cooperation with the Nitzan Association (caring for adults suffering from slight disabilities). At the beginning of the school year, Maayan started to work with babies. She has been trained by the caregivers who welcomed her with a warm heart. Maayan is loved by all the children. She has become an asset for the center.

WIZO believes it is important to integrate such workers in its institutions. Children will thus be able to accept the inclusion of people with disabilities at all stages of their life.

