

# Empowering At-Risk Youth through Music

### Need:

Students at the Mechina primarily come from Israel's development towns and low socio-economic peripheries, some with very difficult domestic issues. They typically begin the year with little faith in their ability to succeed in life, preferring to circumvent life's challenges even if it means losing a real opportunity to succeed. These youth need a way to express their inner world and discover their dormant talents in order to better deal with their past experiences, and help them learn to value themselves and give their futures a second chance. Once they witness their own creativity and talents, they will begin to realize that their future success is really dependent upon their own efforts and nothing else.

#### **Response:**

In order to help at-risk youth deal with their difficult past, and leverage their interest in music to help develop their talents, Tamir would like to build a Music Room for the benefit of its students and teenagers from Katzrin. Music is something everyone can relate to- particularly Mechina students who already have a background in music. The Music Room will be 100m<sup>2</sup> and acoustically insulated. Sixteen musical instruments will be available to them, including guitars, a piano, drums ensemble, electronic keyboard, and an amplifying system.

Also, the Music Room will allow the Mechina to offer subsidized, professional-level music lessons for groups and individuals from Katzrin and the surrounding area who cannot afford music lessons at the local conservatory. This will provide not only affordable music lessons to the local population, but revenue as well.

## Cost of the Music Room's Instruments: \$3,500 Cost of the Mechina's Music Room: \$53,000

Dedication options in honor or in memory of a loved one are available.

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