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Chairperson's Office

18th June 2017

Graduation ceremony at WIZO Rebecca Sieff Center's Vocational School

Dear Michele and dear Chaverot from WIZO UK,

I hope my letter finds you well.

On Wednesday 14th June 2017, I was delighted to attend the graduation ceremony of the 2017 graduates of the Vocational High School in WIZO Rebecca Sieff Center. The event was held at the Science Museum in Jerusalem.



As you all know, graduation for the students of this special education school in Beit Hakerem is a significant challenge, maybe the biggest.

At the ceremony, I could sense the excitement of the 14 youngsters who graduated this year from the chef training, hairdressing, music, sound and production courses and received their graduation certificates.

I was truly delighted to see that our talented students organized this ceremony by themselves. They prepared short videos, depicting their life at the school and telling us of their dreams for the future.

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We in WIZO invest in these young people and nurture them, providing them with love and warmth. When they arrive to our school, they carry with them many past and present challenges. Thanks to the enormous help, guidance and love of the dedicated staff of our school, each and every one of them have succeeded in overcoming their personal struggles and difficulties. They have matured, flourished and reached new highs. Our goal is that every one of our graduates becomes a contributing, productive and happy citizen.



As part of the graduation ceremony, we also bid farewell to a class of National Service Volunteers. This is the third consecutive year we receive young disabled people for voluntary work in our Center. These students have completed 12 years of study and could not enlist into the Army; instead, they are serving a year of national service in the school.

We provide these youngsters a warm and supportive environment to do their voluntary work and feel like any other boy and girl of their age.

I want to express again and again, my deepest thanks to all the staff for their deep commitment and the Avodat Kodesh (sacred work) they have done, and keep doing day and night 24/7, assisting and leading our students to reach the stars.

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Today our graduates rejoice, with beaming faces and with bright eyes, full of pride after completing high school and with a plethora of thanks to the staff that virtually saved them. Many parents approached me personally to thank WIZO "for saving my child's life". Each time I attend these ceremonies I feel so proud and so touched! This is our mission, all our endless efforts are worthwhile when we see these huge achievements. These are our WIZO miracles and the reason of our existence!



In WIZO Rebecca Sieff Center's Vocational School, we provide a warm home, a place where our students receive a new opportunity to develop their potential, find a better way in life and finish high school.

Thanks to your strong support, we can make the dreams of these youngsters reality while offering promising future for them, for their families and for the society and the State of Israel.

With warmest wishes,

Prof. Rivka Lazovsky
Chairperson, World WIZO

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