



OU ISRAEL'S YOUTH CENTERS

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OU Israel Around the Country: Spotlight on Knesset Member Mai Golan's visit to Kiryat Gat

“The sky’s the limit for you!” Knesset Member Mai Golan told the Makom Balev kids.

MK Mai Golan (Likud) visited the Makom Balev Youth Center in Kiryat Gat to meet with our youth members and to gain a greater understanding of our transformational work with at-risk youth. During the visit, Knesset Member Golan gave a talk to the Youth Center members

and shared her personal story with them – how she went from the streets of south Tel Aviv to the Knesset of Israel as well and the significant milestones that gave her the strength to keep moving forward.

After sharing her story, Golan helped plant flowers in the garden, which the young men and women of the OU Israel Youth Center will continue to care for during the year. After her time with our youth she met with Mayor Avriram Dahari, the Director of the Youth Department, Ayelet Peretz, and Hagar Suissa, the head of the Youth movements in the city. She was also joined on her visit by Chaim Pelzner,



Vice President of OU Israel and Kobi Ziat OU Israel's Director of the Central and Southern District Youth Centers, who himself was a member of the Kiryat Gat OU Israel Youth Center as a teenager.

"It was so exciting and special to meet the dozens of boys and girls at Makom Balev", said MK May Golan after her visit. "We talked about what they go through on a daily basis and, more importantly, I was able to hear about their dreams, hopes and aspirations, and to remind them that anything, truly anything, is possible. I have no doubt that thanks to the amazing educational staff who constantly guide them in their lives, including through after school programs such as family Shabbats and other activities, the sky is the limit for them." ■

OU Israel operates a network of youth centers in 21 cities in Israel, which cultivate young community leadership and provide a social, experiential, value-based environment where youth can grow and develop. OU Israel does this by employing professional youth counselors who organize a wide range of activities including, experiential and value-based activities, growth and personal strengths workshops, field trips, bar/bat-mitzvah programs, volunteering, chag preparations, etc.

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