

Summer Journey

In 2019, Matzmichim (Uplifters) was able to organize a summer trip with NAMAL participants to the “mixed city” of Acre. The city was chosen as a destination due to the fact that it has many different population groups living together, which has caused severe problems in the past. At the same time, Acre is the seat of many social initiatives that are dedicated specifically to mediation and co-existence, which is expressed in the operation of municipal institutions as well as close contact maintained by key figures of the Jewish and Arab community.

The participants were introduced to social initiatives based in Acre as well as the city themselves. Other content was provided by Matzmichim (Uplifters). During the trip, relationships between pupils coming from different sectors were strengthened due to their proximity as well as the in-depth discussions about a wide variety of subjects, which helped reduce prejudice among them and address issues like contradictions in identity narratives and racism.