

IMPACT REPORT

'25-'26

Dear Friends,

Resilience is often described as the ability to endure and recover from hardship. But the past few years have reminded us that resilience is actually something more: it is the capacity to stay steady in uncertain times and to emerge from adversity ready not simply to recover, but to rebuild.

Israel's youth are growing up in a time of profound challenge. Years of disruption, loss, trauma, and chronic stress have left their mark across Israeli society – straining communities, deepening divisions, and weakening the sense of connection and belonging that holds a society together. Educators are the ones increasingly being asked to confront these challenges and help youth develop the emotional, social, and academic foundations they need to move forward.

In this environment, resilience cannot be left to chance. It must be built. Our partners at Yemin Orde Youth Village and Village Way Educational Initiatives are doing just that by creating educational communities where healing, growth, and a sense of purpose take root.

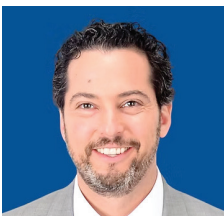
Ensuring that work can reach all across Israel is at the heart of ImpactIsrael's mission. To achieve it, this year, we deepened relationships with longtime supporters, grew our presence in key communities, engaged a new generation through our Young Professionals Board, and created more opportunities to encounter this work directly, both in the United States and in Israel. Together, we are building a community around a shared conviction: investing in Israel's youth and the adults who guide them is an investment in Israel's future.

The accomplishments in this report tell that larger story. Students are gaining the confidence and tools to move forward. Educators are becoming stronger leaders. Schools and institutions are becoming communities of belonging and purpose. Together, they are showing us what rebuilding can look like.

If resilience is measured not only by what we endure, but by what we choose to build afterward, there is profound reason for hope in these pages.

Thank you for standing with ImpactIsrael, for believing in Israel's young people, and for helping build the resilient communities on which Israel's future depends.

With gratitude,



Ben Marchette
CEO, ImpactIsrael



Dale Okonow
Board Chair, ImpactIsrael

Impact measured
in lives **changed.**

*It's hard to find
a child in Israel
who has not
been affected...*

Before October 7, 2023, an estimated 400,000 youth in Israel were already at risk of falling behind in school, experiencing mental health challenges, or struggling without stable support systems. Today, war has expanded that reality. It is difficult to find a child in Israel who has not been affected by displacement, loss, prolonged uncertainty, or chronic stress. As a result, teachers across Israel are seeing more students struggling emotionally, behaviorally, and academically in nearly every classroom. Meanwhile schools are struggling with teacher shortages and limited resources. As the impact of the war continues to take a toll on youth, the adults responsible for supporting them are being asked to do more with less.

Youth need more than academics to succeed; they need adults who see their potential and help them build a path forward. Together we are ensuring that vulnerable youth have the support they need not only to overcome adversity, but to become the leaders who will shape Israel's future.





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SCHOOLS

use the Village Way



4,700+

EDUCATORS

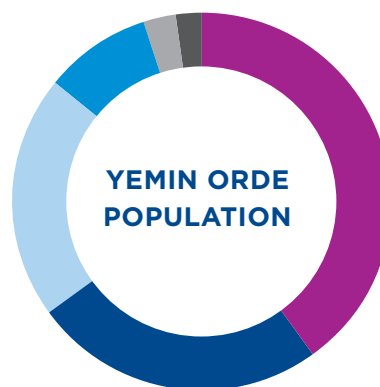
have been trained in
the Village Way



120

NEW STUDENTS

joined Yemin Orde in the
2025 - 2026 academic year



- 40% Former Soviet Union
- 25% Ethiopia
- 21% France
- 9% Israel
- 3% India
- 2% Other



1,700

**MEMBERS OF ISRAEL'S
SECURITY FORCES**

engaged with the Village Way through
leadership training, educational workshops,
and command-based programs.



60,000+

YOUTH

are positively impacted
by the Village Way

YEMIN ORDE YOUTH VILLAGE

highlights from the year

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**Academic scholarships
awarded to alumni**

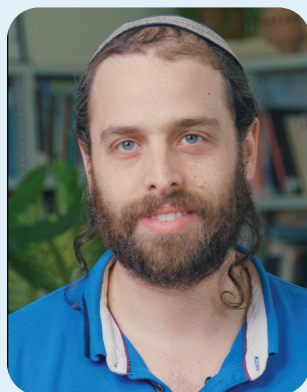


**6 weeks of remote learning after the
village closed during the war with Iran**



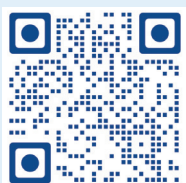
**99 students proudly
graduated on June 11, 2026**

Yemin Orde Youth Village is a home, school and safe haven for 400 at-risk and immigrant youth from Israel and around the world. Here, youth are supported by educators and counselors who live by the motto, "It takes a village to raise a child." Teens develop confidence, resilience, leadership, and a strong sense of responsibility, taking them from survivors to leaders.



*Thomas received
a scholarship
at Graduates Day.*

**SCAN TO HEAR
HIS STORY.**



***Top photo:** Youth held a Shavuot carnival at the eco farm in the spring.*

***2nd photo:** 12th graders completed the intense 3 day Etgar Hike—a major milestone moment.*

***Left long photo:** staff made visits to student homes when the village closed due to the war with Iran.*

***Stacked top:** New immigrant students visiting Jerusalem for the first time.*

***Stacked bottom:** Boaz with new Yemin Orde graduates.*

WHAT MAKES YEMIN ORDE HOME

Behind every teen's journey at Yemin Orde is a strong foundation of support. Investing in the following core program areas ensures that every teen has the resources, encouragement, and opportunities they need to overcome challenges and grow into confident, capable adults.

Therapeutic Services

The past few years have proved exceptionally challenging for young people. As more youth arrive at Yemin Orde carrying the weight of instability and trauma, the need for therapeutic support has never been greater. In fact, this past year, 100% of youth participated in therapy.



Academic Support

Many youth arrive at the Village without knowing Hebrew and are behind academically. Yemin Orde's Academic Center provides tutoring, exam preparation, and Hebrew and English language support to help every student succeed.



Experiential Learning

Through hands-on experiences in the arts, service projects, field trips, sports, and more, teens uncover their strengths and take pride in giving back to their community.

Youth completed 79 different tikkun olam volunteer activities in the 2025 - 2026 school year.



Graduate Support

Many graduates of Yemin Orde enter adulthood without the safety net of family support. In line with the Village motto "We are with you all the way," Yemin Orde provides scholarships, housing, emotional support, and mentorship to alumni as they navigate adulthood.



VILLAGE WAY EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

highlights from the year

Salt of the Earth

Salt of the Earth is a new initiative, inspired by Dr. Chaim Peri, that prepares wounded IDF veterans for mentoring and educational roles in youth villages and pre-military academies. Launched in spring 2026, the pilot brought together 22 veterans for training, trauma processing, and leadership development, creating a pathway back to civilian life while strengthening the educational communities that need dedicated mentors.



Trailblazers

This year's Trailblazers program, designed for educators working in Village Way schools and youth villages, included 19 educators from 16 educational communities across Israeli society, including Jewish, Muslim, Druze, and Christian educators, as well as native Israelis and new immigrants. Participants left with stronger tools for educational leadership, new professional relationships, and a deeper understanding of the communities and challenges their peers face across Israel.

Driven by the core belief that education should lead society, Village Way shows up where lessons in resilience are needed most.



The Northern Way

Village Way is helping schools and educators in northern Israel recover from the lasting effects of war and displacement through a two-year initiative serving seven schools. At the heart of this effort is a program that equips teachers with trauma-informed training, resilience workshops, coaching and peer support. As families begin to consider returning home, strong schools will be essential to rebuilding thriving communities in the north. This initiative reaches approximately 1,400 students and 300 educators and is an essential part of rebuilding northern Israel.



looking ahead



Village Way Educational Initiatives was born out of the success of Yemin Orde Youth Village and takes the educational model shaped there to schools, educators, and institutions across Israel.

OUR KEY GROWTH AREAS INCLUDE:

Expand Partnerships

When a school joins the Village Way network they commit to a three-year transformation. With the guidance of a dedicated facilitator, educators learn how to shift the culture of their school and build an environment where every student feels supported. By increasing the number of schools adopting the method each year, Village Way can reach 55 new schools by 2031, helping 2,585 educators and impacting 25,355 at-risk youth.

Develop Leadership Programs

Village Way offers a range of programs equipping educators with the skills to lead their schools through ongoing national trauma with emotional intelligence, cultural sensitivity, and a vision for lasting change. By increasing the number of program offerings, Village Way can support an additional 380 educators, helping them better serve their students.

Empower Security Forces & National Institutions

The demand for Village Way continues to increase and our partners are meeting the moment. Through programs, seminars, and fellowships, Village Way ensures city education departments, the IDF Security Forces, Border Police, Israeli Police, juvenile justice frameworks, and other institutions receive specialized resources to support the vulnerable youth they serve.

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With you all the way

The Giving Society brings together our community of philanthropic investors who contribute \$1,800 or more annually. We recognize and celebrate their commitment to Israel's youth and educators.

The L'Chaim Society recognizes those who have made a legacy commitment to support ImpactIsrael.

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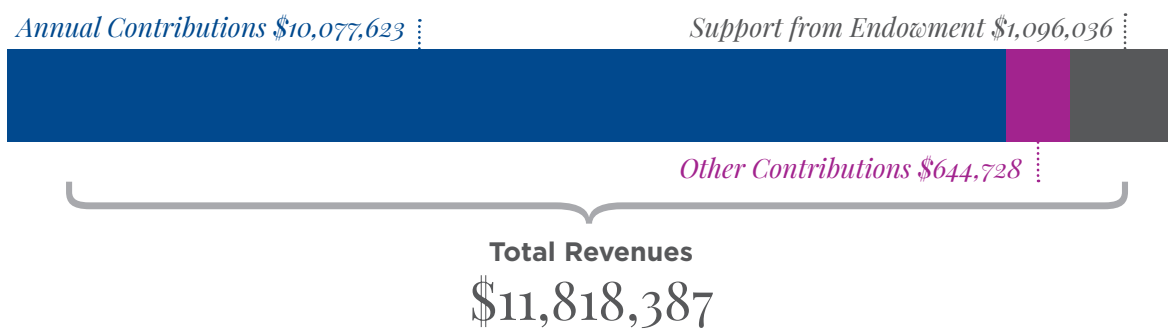
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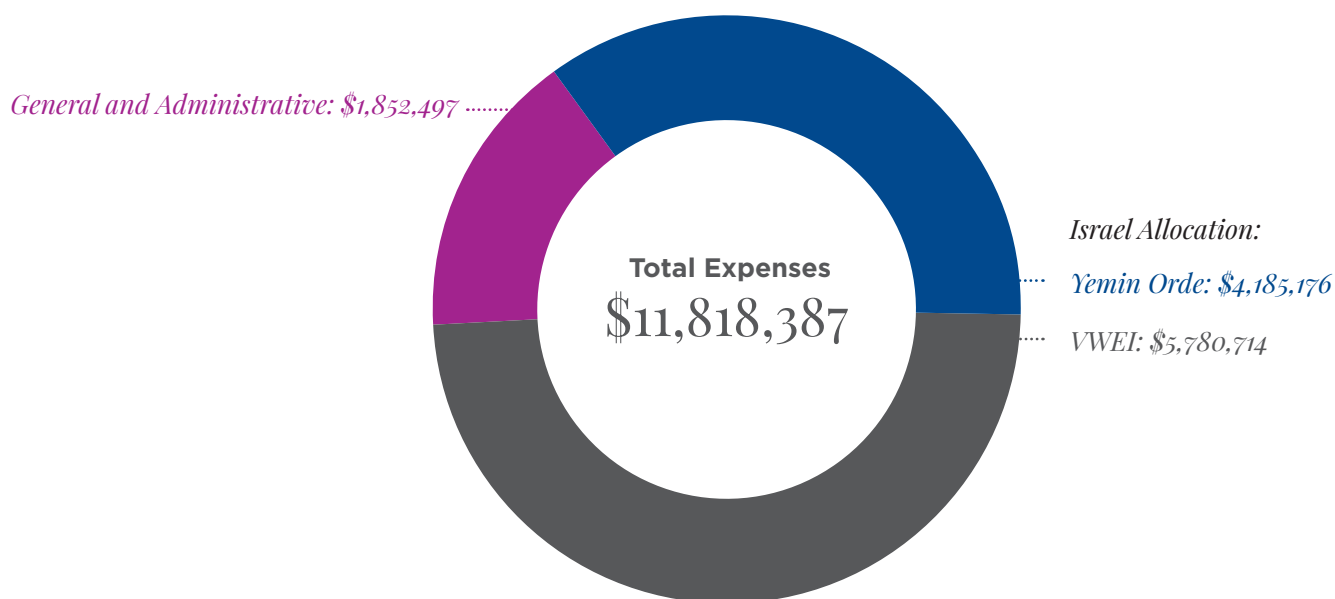
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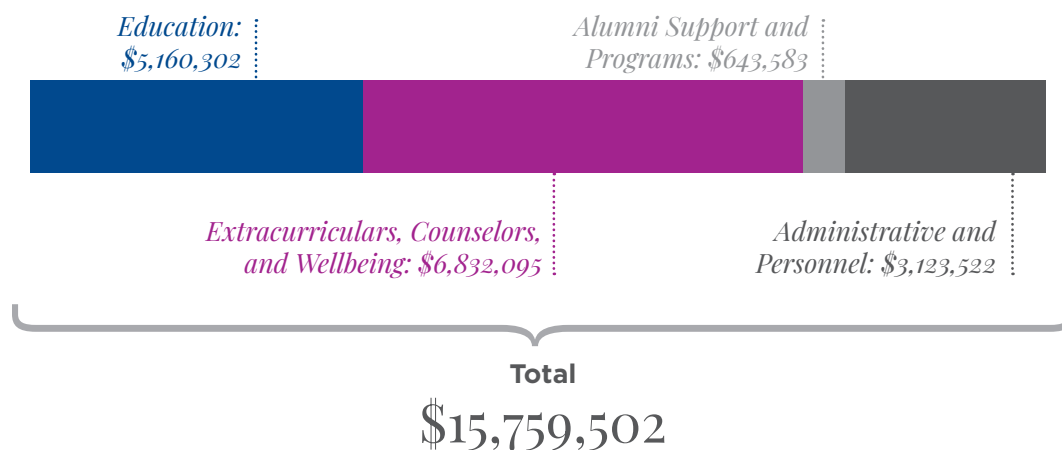


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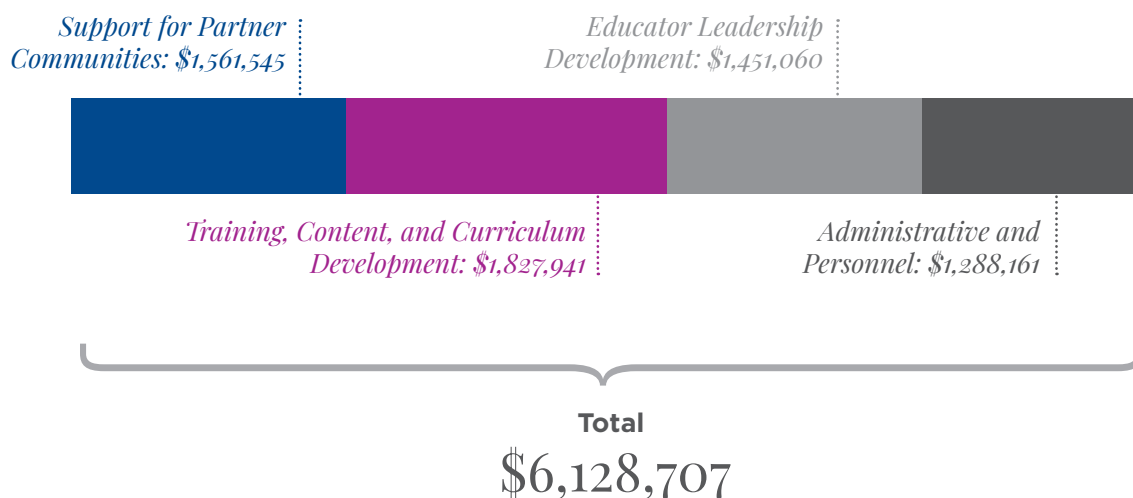
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Yemin Orde and Village Way Educational Initiatives Budget

Yemin Orde Budget



Village Way Educational Initiatives Budget



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD



The YP Board hosted their first in-person gathering in NYC in the fall of 2025.

This year marked the launch of the Young Professionals Board (YP Board). Chaired by Jonah Wexler, the YP Board is building a movement of passionate leaders committed to transforming the lives of at-risk youth in Israel and healing Israeli society. A core part of the YP Board experience is an annual fundraising project, and in May members voted to raise funds for the Yemin Orde Graduate Program. The program provides scholarships for academic and vocational education, along with mentorship, career guidance, emergency aid, and housing support. Because the Graduate Program serves young adults close in age to the YP Board members themselves, the connection felt personal from the start. The YP Board has bigger plans ahead with hopes to launch local chapters that give young professionals across the U.S. an entry point into philanthropy.

To learn more about the YP Board contact Dalia Handelman, Northeast Development Director at dalia@impact-israel.org.

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The enthusiasm surrounding our new Young Professionals Board has been incredible to see. Since launching in January 2026, the group has grown to 18 engaged founding YP Board members, all bringing fresh ideas, genuine energy, and a shared commitment to advancing our mission. It's been inspiring to see how quickly we've come together and built momentum around our first annual project. I'm proud to chair this group, and I can't wait for all the growth to come!”

JONAH WEXLER, YP BOARD CHAIR



Jonah Wexler, YP Board Chair, and Dalia Handelman, Northeast Development Director, at ImpactIsrael's event in Atlanta in December 2025.

BRINGING OUR WORK HOME

Throughout the year, we build community by bringing graduates, educators, and professionals from Israel to share our work and engage our supporters.

In the fall, we welcomed Liran, a Yemin Orde alumna, and Racheli Yaso, the Outreach Director at Yemin Orde. Liran shared her inspiring story of making *aliyah* from France with her family at a young age and how Yemin Orde helped her grow and develop her confidence. In spring 2026, Worku, a Yemin Orde alum, and Susan Weijel, Deputy Director of Yemin Orde and Village Way, visited Florida, Chicago, and New York. Worku shared his emotional story of growing up without parents in Ethiopia, making *aliyah* to Israel, and finding a home at Yemin Orde.

We are always planning our next stops for an upcoming visit. If you are interested in hosting an event in your community, contact Samantha Sisisky, VP of Donor Experience, at samantha@impact-israel.org.



Liran Elmalich and Racheli Yaso as well as Worku Abie and Susan Weijel visited donors and spoke at events across the U.S.

MISSION TO ISRAEL

The first mission since 2019 brought together 26 Giving Society members from across the U.S. for a five day mission to Israel to meet our partners and witness the impact of our work firsthand.



MISSION TO ISRAEL



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This is my first time at Yemin Orde. To be here, meet the kids, see the Village, and feel the energy is an unbelievable experience that you just can't replicate without being in person.”

JASON LAZAR, BOARD MEMBER

MISSION TO ISRAEL



If you are visiting Israel and would like to visit Yemin Orde Youth Village or a Village Way school please contact Samantha Sisisky, VP of Donor Experience at samantha@impact-israel.org

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What our kids need is a home. But a home isn't just a bed and a room, it's a place where they feel they belong. We are trying at Yemin Orde to give them that feeling and be their village and community.

BOAZ SCHWARTZ, DIRECTOR OF
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