

# Yemin Orde Youth Village



## ► Summer Activities at Yemin Orde

Nearly 300 children remained at the Village through most of the summer, many participating in the Integrated Tools IT program, while others studied for exams or volunteered in outreach programs. The Village's summer jobs program placed 100 teens in work places in Israel, including hotels, retail and IT companies, a catering business and more. Also, 21 youth served as full-time interns at eBay's offices in Netanya and received the expertise certificate of International Software Qualification. The jobs program teaches responsibility, boosts self-confidence and provides fragile youth with a positive and productive summer.



Summer interns qualified for an International Software Certificate from eBay.

## ► Sports Strengthens Body and Mind

The Village opened a new gymnasium which provides ideal conditions for exercise and sports and recreation activities. Athletic opportunities are important to following a healthy lifestyle and our youth learn that discipline, training and challenging your-

## ► New Soccer Field Dedicated to Memory of Holocaust Victims

The Henry and Marcel Blank Soccer Field was dedicated and officially opened in a ceremony on Oct. 15, 2017. The event was attended by several hundred guests which included Israel Knesset Member, Moti Yogev, and four generations of the Blank family. The field is named "Shal Hevet" (the Flame) and is dedicated to the memory of Henry and Marcel Blank who played soccer on the Maccabi team of Rzeszow, Poland and perished in the Holocaust. Henry was the father and ,Marcel, the uncle of George Blank, who serves as Board Chair of Friends of Yemin Orde.



Four generations of the Blank family.

self directly relate to success in school and in life. Yemin Orde's running team brings children of all athletic levels together as they discover new avenues for personal success. "If you have a goal, you have to push until the end, and even if its hard for you, you can still reach it," said a 12th grader.

## ► Breaking the Silence with Girls Empowerment Program

One-third of Yemin Orde's youth are highly vulnerable young women from challenging and dysfunctional family situations. This program highlights women's role as leaders and provides every girl at the Village with the tools to succeed in life and cope with its challenges: Discrimination and sexism, body image and eating disorders, sexual harassment and assault, and highlights women's role as leaders.

## ► From Sea to Sea

The popular annual Challenge Hike is a four-day, 100 km trek that tests 12th graders outdoor survival skills as well as new leadership and team-building skills. After the hike, seniors assign a name to the group of incoming ninth graders. This year, the ninth grade class is called Roi, after Roi Klein who was a major in the IDF and died during the 2006 Lebanon War after jumping on a grenade to save his fellow soldiers.



Inner strength is tested on Etgar hike.



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# Village Way Educational Initiatives



*Serving 36 partner educational communities, 14,200 at-risk youth and 1,775 educators in Israel.*

## ► Village Way Expansion: By the Numbers

Six new educational communities have joined the Village Way integration process, bringing the total number of educational partners to 36. This total number includes 23 graduate communities that have completed the three-year integration process: 9 youth villages, 11 high schools and 3 therapeutic communities. To date, VWEI has impacted 1,775 educators and 14,200 youth at-risk in Israel.

## ► Empowering Educators

Intercommunity Forum meetings provide opportunities for educators in different sectors of Israeli society to gather for learning and networking. There are eight meetings each year designed to meet the needs of school principals, youth village directors, graduate coordinators and others. The concept “it takes a village to raise a child” is reflected by including adults from all areas of the educational arena to serve as a mentor in the life of a fragile child.

## ► Trailblazers Are Emerging Leaders

The Village Way Trailblazers Course for emerging leaders launched its third cohort in the Fall. The year-long course, in cooperation with Tel Aviv University’s Continuing Education Unit, brings educators together from

partnering communities to tackle important issues on an advanced level, and share their experiences. The group develops new educational programs designed to meet the needs of at-risk youth in new, creative ways.

## ► Experimenting with Science

The Village Way Science Enrichment Program allows partners to provide students with science enrichment programming from Israel's top scientific education institutes. Underprivileged teens learn complex science concepts in a new way: exploring, experimenting and discovering on their own. In this way, at-risk youth become interested in the field of science.



*At-risk youth show interest in science.*

## ► Gap Year Leadership Programs Build a Path Toward Success

Yemin Orde's gap-year leadership programs for young men and women are specifically designed to meet the unique needs of marginalized at-risk youth.

### *Young Men's Mechina*

In September, Yemin Orde's men's

mechina welcomed 58 participants, primarily Ethiopian-Israelis. Throughout the year, they will work to strengthen academic skills, build self-confidence and develop strong and healthy minds and bodies so they may have a positive experience while serving in Israeli's military.



*Men's Mechina*

### *Israelite Young Women's Mechina*

In September, the IsraElite Young Women's program welcomed 33 women from around Israel to live, learn and volunteer together for this one year leadership program. IsraElite empowers women from immigrant backgrounds to break out of the cycle of poverty, and to rise to leadership positions in their mandatory service and beyond. The core of the program is helping young women gain self-confidence and to plan for their future.



*IsraElite Women's Mechina*

