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# Yemin Orde Youth Village & Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives

Transforming lives • Empowering change



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The Marcus Foundation

Atlanta, GA

—Bernie Marcus

*“All around the globe, in the midst of turmoil and human disasters, this small oasis of care and love...stands out.”*

Nobel Laureate

—Elie Wiesel

*“Yemin Orde has a very special ambience. Teachers and students form a community that is imbued with hope and fervor.”*

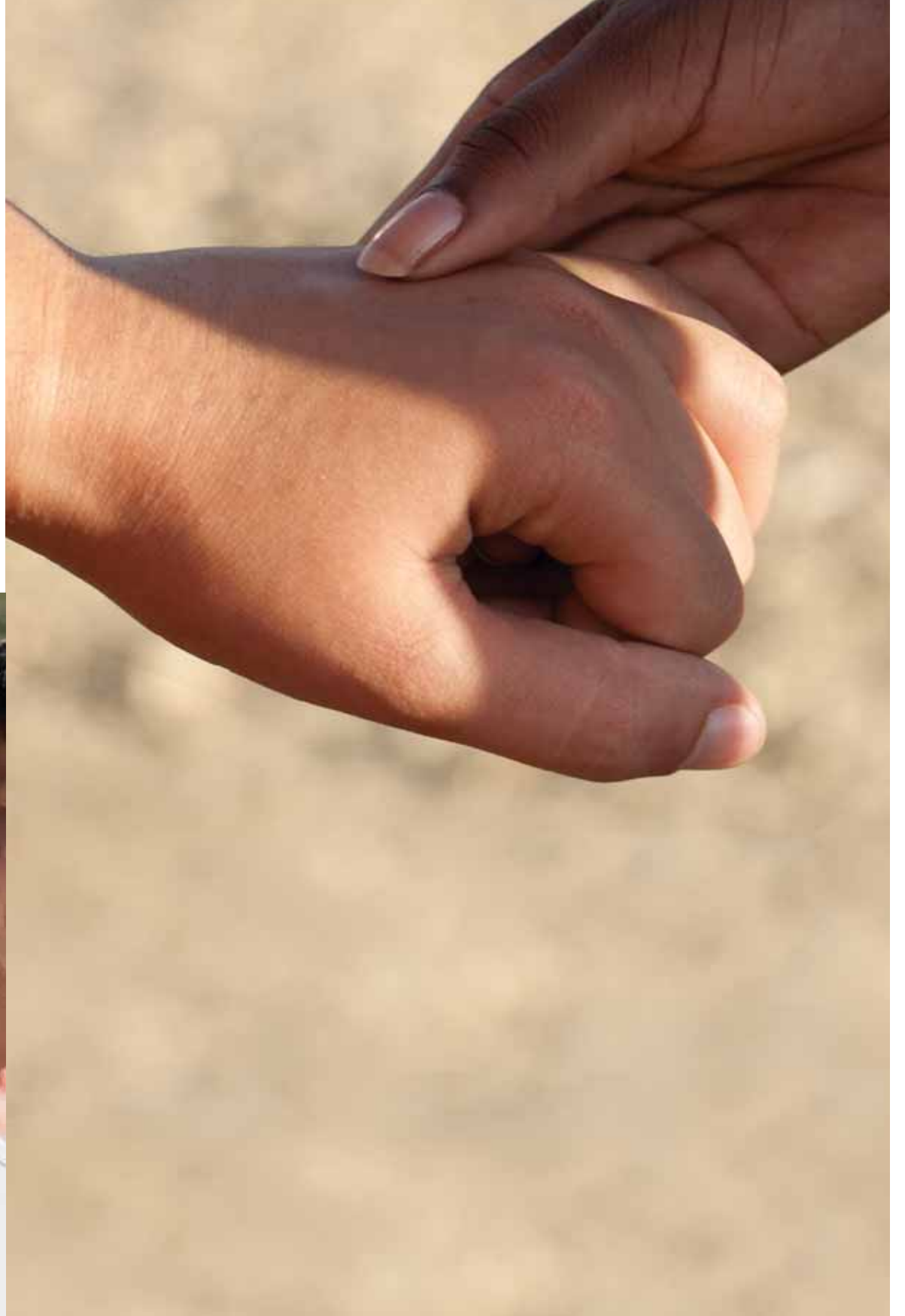
## The children come from all over the world: Disadvantaged, at-risk, refugees. . .

Yemin Orde Youth Village is home to hundreds of children, from more than 20 countries. The first were homeless youth who arrived in the first waves of immigration to a newly-founded Israel. Today, it is home to children from Eastern Europe, South America, Ethiopia, and other countries where freedom is tenuous but connections to Jewish roots remain intact.

The Village's name honors the memory of British Major General Orde Wingate, an ardent supporter of the Zionist cause and influential force in the formation of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

Each individual connected to Yemin Orde Youth Village has a unique, compelling story to tell. Yet the children of this Village also have much in common:

- They are immigrants, often refugees.
- They come from the lowest end of the socioeconomic scale.
- Most have suffered considerable trauma: abandonment, separation from families, neglect.
- They are among the 360,000 children at risk in Israel—at risk of dropping out, turning to crime, becoming victims of violence, unemployment, or homelessness.



## Here, they find a home, a family, and a future.

Through a deeply sensitive approach to living and learning, these children's lives are transformed. A recent Haifa University study found that:

- 90% of Yemin Orde graduates indicated high self-esteem and satisfaction with life.
- 69% participated in volunteer activities.
- More than one-third hold academic degrees and achieve a higher level of education compared with Israel's national average.

- 94% of male graduates served in the army, with more than half as commanders or in combat units.

And in six other youth villages throughout Israel, with the help of Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives, other children are beginning to reach the same milestones.

**What creates this change?  
Proven methodologies  
— and your support.**



*“Yemin Orde is what Israel is meant to be.”*

—Shimon Peres  
President of Israel

*Trauma and displacement bring children to Yemin Orde Youth Village. Thanks to a balance of principles—healing, self-respect, and serving the community—the children learn to live in wholeness: healthy, capable, and strong.*

## **Yemin Orde Youth Village: Learning to live in wholeness**

**A family:** On a serene 77-acre campus atop Mount Carmel, more than 500 children from 20 countries grow together. Children live and learn according to a balance of principles: *Tikkun Halev*, healing the heart or nourishing the individual, and *Tikkun Olam*, healing the world or serving the community. The ethics, values, and traditions of Judaism inform and enliven every aspect of the Village.

**A future:** Yemin Orde sees children as individuals, addressing any learning gaps and promoting each child's strengths. A specially-trained and diverse staff is deeply sensitive to the emotional needs of the children. The Village encourages children to explore their talents and celebrate their native land and culture. Self-esteem, leadership skills, and respect are developed by students and carried with them for life.

**Forever:** The Yemin Orde Village approach reflects the promise and security of a home. Graduates remain part of the family with a “Home-Away-From-Home” Graduate House always available for short or lengthy stays. Yemin Orde maintains an open door for graduates serving in the military, and provides scholarships for those attending university or vocational studies. The message that Yemin Orde “is always there for you” is clear. Celebrations, holidays, weddings, even in times of crisis—graduates are assured that they will never again experience abandonment. This promise is most important to every child living in the Village.

*“Most of us came without parents, without relatives. The secret of my success was the self-confidence that Yemin Orde instilled in me and the Village’s unwavering belief in my ability.”*

—Itzik Dessie, Graduate  
First Ethiopian-Israeli attorney  
in Israel



## Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives: Expanding the circle of care

**A vision:** Israel has a strong tradition of creating youth villages that began by welcoming the flood of children who arrived as a result of the Holocaust. Great leaders such as Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin, and Gila Almagor have come from these villages. Today, youth villages have deteriorated and cannot properly nurture the children who are eager to learn.

**A visionary:** At Yemin Orde Youth Village, innovative educator Chaim Peri and his team developed methodologies that produce results. In 2006, the Ministry of Education urged Yemin Orde to find a way to help other villages and children share in this success, and Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives (YOEI) was launched. With its interventions, workshops, teacher training and other special programs, YOEI's resources are now lauded

throughout Israel as a model of excellence. Most recently, YOEI has introduced its methodology into Israel's public school system.

**A model for the world:** Yemin Orde is a beacon of hope to those all over the world helping at-risk children. It has inspired and assisted change in projects as diverse as Rwanda's Agahozo Shalom Youth Village and Philadelphia's Arise Academy, as well as Yemin Orde's acclaimed Mechina pre-military leadership program for immigrant youth.





## Making lasting change possible—with your support

Through his years of working closely with children in crisis, Chaim Peri has observed that many are reluctant to change their behavior patterns when they first come into the safe space of the Village. After all, these familiar patterns meant survival for the children who have led tumultuous lives thus far.

Yet, through careful and compassionate guidance of teachers and professionals, the children begin to release their suspicions and survival instincts. They learn the true nature of "friendship" and "community." They find peace and security at Yemin Orde and, through education and example, acquire skills that reflect these changes for life.

*“Yemin Orde is not simply a school you complete in four years. Yemin Orde is a home—a home that you never leave.”*

*—Afi Boreal  
IDF Officer and  
Yemin Orde Graduate*

Your donations to Yemin Orde mean its transformative work can have an impact on a child and on Israel.

Please donate to Friends of Yemin Orde to ensure opportunity, hope, and a future for Israel's children. You can feel confident that your donation is managed responsibly and supports the programs and services that need it most. Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator, consistently gives our organization Four Stars—its highest ranking—for sound fiscal management. Join us in securing a promising future for Israel and its next generation of great leaders: its children.

To donate:

- Mail your check in the enclosed envelope.
- Visit [www.yeminorde.org](http://www.yeminorde.org)
- Email [info@yeminorde.org](mailto:info@yeminorde.org)
- Call (202) 237-0286 to learn about directed giving opportunities.

# Yemin Orde Youth Village

## *Making the Difference in a Child's Life*

### **Your Gift is a Bridge to the Future**

To help a child at Yemin Orde Youth Village transcend past trauma and loss and grow into a healthy, productive, successful adult, requires the proven educational methodologies developed here.

### **Help us close the gap.**

The annual cost of sustaining and helping one child at the Village is approximately \$25,000. Israel's government support provides 70 percent of this funding. Where does the rest come from? Our donors.

With donor support, we can introduce the Village's 500 children to a bright future.

- Help them learn.
- Provide them with computer skills.
- Support arts and sports opportunities.
- Hire social workers and counselors to help them heal.
- Provide scholarships and support after graduation.
- Offer medical care not covered by insurance.

Gifts of \$10,000 and more will be recognized on the Wall of Honor at Yemin Orde Youth Village. Multiple year pledges are encouraged. Donors who agree to make a regular annual contribution to Friends of Yemin Orde will be recognized as Sustaining Friends.

*"We are providing an incredible educational opportunity to kids that have come from tough circumstances. These are children who have lost their belief that they can be successful. Their transformation at Yemin Orde is quite extraordinary."*

—Michael Frieze  
Boston, MA

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# Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives

## *Unique Matching Gift Opportunity*

### **Transforming Education in Israel**

Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives (YOEI) extend the Yemin Orde philosophy and proven methodologies to other youth villages and schools in Israel. With a deep caring and understanding of a child's past trauma, the YOEI plan successfully "deinstitutionalizes the institution" and creates a positive and receptive learning environment. Children and youth everywhere can share in the success of Yemin Orde's programs.

Today, a gift to Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives can reach further than ever before. The Marcus Foundation in Atlanta has provided a 2:1 challenge grant for a pilot project to rejuvenate five youth villages throughout Israel.

Under the YOEI plan, each village is provided with:

- Intensive training in Yemin Orde methodology and philosophy—for teachers, counselors, and informal educators.
- Introduction of programs into villages—graduate, academic, spirituality, cultural heritage, and counseling, among them.
- Capital improvements to transform physical surroundings.

### **Your gift will make the difference**

Contributions are needed to meet the Marcus Challenge. When you make a gift to the Marcus Challenge, every dollar is matched with an additional \$2. Please contact Friends of Yemin Orde to learn more about how you can be part of this important effort.

*"We see the impact of our philanthropy when we visit the Village. We are excited to partner with Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives—it has the power to be a model for transformation of the residential education system in Israel."*

—Donn Weinberg

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.  
Baltimore, MD

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# B'nai Mitzvah Tzedakah Project Opportunities

*Repair the World! Do a Mitzvah (a good deed)!*

## Help at-risk teens in Israel

The children and youth at Yemin Orde Youth Village find a family and a future after suffering loss, separation, and trauma from war and political strife in their homelands.

Whether these children have lived in institutions in the former Soviet Union or walked, alone, through treacherous routes in the Sudan, once here, they are unburdened and safe.

You can give them joy and opportunities children and youth elsewhere have every day, through your B'nai Mitzvah *Tzedakah* project. Here are suggestions for ways your gift can help:

- Sponsor Bar/Bat Mitzvah or a holiday celebration.
- Purchase equipment for the computer center.
- Provide clothing and school supplies.
- Send a child in Israel to summer camp.
- Purchase sports equipment or musical instruments.
- Provide care packages for Yemin Orde graduate soldiers.

You can donate a portion of your Bar/Bat-Mitzvah gifts to Friends of Yemin Orde. You can also ask your guests to make a gift in your honor. Please call 202-237-0286 for information or email [mitzvah@yeminorde.org](mailto:mitzvah@yeminorde.org).

**B'nai Mitzvah gifts of \$1,800 and above will be inscribed with the child's name, hometown and Torah portion on the B'nai Mitzvah Wall of Honor at Yemin Orde Youth Village.**

*"I encourage everyone to visit and support Yemin Orde. Everyone you meet there will stay in your heart forever. They will change the way you think about Israel, its children, and its future."*

— Mark Solomon  
Philadelphia, PA

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# Rebuilding Yemin Orde Youth Village

## Capital Project Giving Opportunities

**In December, 2010**, a terrible fire swept through the Carmel Forest in northern Israel and nearly destroyed Yemin Orde Youth Village. The most important thing is that no one from the Village was hurt and the only harm was to the buildings and grounds.

Recovery efforts are underway. The Village is busy with repair activity and construction of new homes and offices. Campus grounds will be re-landscaped with greenery and a new electrical system will be installed. Resiliency and hope abound.

It will take two years to rebuild the entire Village to its original beauty. The Israeli government has allocated funds for temporary housing and other needs for the Village. Estimates indicate that it will take a total of \$20 million to fully rebuild Yemin Orde.

We invite you to partner with us in strengthening our community through a gift to any of our Capital Project Giving Opportunities. Capital projects include the development, expansion or renovation of office buildings, homes, and Village infrastructure. Your gift will help us rebuild and continue to provide a safe haven for the children, graduates, and staff.

A \$360,000 challenge grant designed specifically for Yemin Orde's fire recovery needs will help us achieve our goal to rebuild the Village. The grant will be matched dollar for dollar, up to a maximum of \$90,000 per donor. With your help, we can continue to provide a home and a future to more than 500 children in Israel.

### **Naming opportunities are available.**

*"My husband and I have had the opportunity to visit Yemin Orde three times since the fire. We are pleased to see the progress in clearing and rebuilding that has taken place. The children in the Village deserve every opportunity we can give them on their path towards productive lives and a bright future. We love being part of this process."*

—Harriet and George Blank  
New Hope, PA

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# Planned Giving and Endowment

## *Gifts that Leave a Legacy*

**Planned gifts** ensure a legacy that will support the children of Yemin Orde Youth Village and those who benefit from Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives for many years to come.

**Deferred Giving** is often an excellent alternative to an outright gift of cash or securities. Friends of Yemin Orde is prepared to work with you and your legal and financial advisors to allow you to create a legacy for future generations. We can provide:

- Sample language to use in estate planning.
- Information on using life insurance policies as gifts.
- Ideas on how your gift can be as effective as possible.

*Unless otherwise specified at the time a gift is made, planned gifts are earmarked for the Friends of Yemin Orde Endowment Fund.*

### **Endowment Funds**

To honor a loved one, Endowment Funds can be designated for a specific program at Yemin Orde and established for a minimum of \$100,000. An annual report that reflects the income and disbursements of these funds will be provided to the family. Named Funds will be recognized on the L'Chaim Society Wall of Honor.

*"I feel very good about each of the legacy pledges I have made for organizations that inspire me. Yemin Orde is certainly in the top ten of these groups. The passion and dedication of the staff for these kids earns my deepest respect and admiration."*

—Josh Weston  
Montclair, NJ

The L'Chaim Society honors a special group of donors who have chosen to leave a legacy gift to Friends of Yemin Orde. All who indicate that provisions have been made for a planned gift are offered membership in the L'Chaim Society, named in honor of Chaim Peri, the visionary behind the methodologies of Yemin Orde Youth Village.

Members are recognized with an inscription on the L'Chaim Society Wall of Honor at the Village and are included in donor listings.

*(Over please)*

# Planned Giving and Endowment

*Gifts that Leave a Legacy*

## I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF YEMIN ORDE L'CHAIM SOCIETY

### Complete this confidential reply form and mail to:

Friends of Yemin Orde  
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### I am interested in finding out about ways to support the Friends of Yemin Orde Endowment Fund.

- Please contact me
- I have provided for Friends of Yemin Orde in my estate plans and have not previously notified you.
- Include     Do not include my name on the wall and listings

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

The best time to reach me is \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You!**

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