

Village Way Educational Initiatives

FALL 2016



► Am Adam – Jewish / Arab Intercommunity Program

This year, Mahat Acco Technology High School, an Arab high school, has developed a relationship with Kfar Hassidim Youth Village, facilitated by **Dr. Chaim Peri**. The communities have sponsored workshops together, and small groups of students have participated in interactive joint activities.



Jewish and Arab teens learn about each other's lives.

Youth and staff have visited at their respective educational communities, and have volunteered together at a hospital. Both the students and staff have found this project very meaningful. One of the highlights of the process is providing a rare opportunity for young Jews and Arabs to get to know each other.

► Shachar (Welfare and Education Services) Department of the Ministry of Education

This year, the Educational Institute organized a program with the

Shachar Department of the Ministry of Education, which is responsible for youth at risk populations in schools around the country. The course provided an introduction to the Village Way philosophy, as well as hands-on tools for educators. This important partnership allows us to bring the Village Way to high-ranking and experienced educators working with youth at risk, and connect to schools that are potential partners for the full Village Way process.

► Trailblazer's Course

The first class of the Village Way Trailblazer's Course for emerging leaders recently completed their year-long course in cooperation with Tel Aviv University's Continuing Education Unit.

The Trailblazer's Course is aimed to create a professional alliance for learning and developing leadership abilities, while deepening the participants' understanding of the Village Way methodology.



Chaim Peri (blue shirt, standing) with participants in Trailblazers Course.

As part of the course, participating educators develop an educational program for their individual educational community. These programs range from Tikkun Olam projects to parents' meetings to challenge hikes.

The new Trailblazer's Course has a positive and important impact, not only on the individual educators, but on the entire educational community as well.

► Academia

Over the course of this year, the Educational Institute held seminars on the Village Way with education students from institutions of higher education. These universities and colleges include Oranim College, Project Revivim of the Hebrew University, Seminar Hakibbutzim College, and Haifa University.

► Multifaceted Israeli Culture

Village Way Educational Initiatives continues to provide training sessions on educating and leading in diverse cultural environments. These sessions include participation from various units of the IDF, the Israel Prison Service, the Tzofim Israel Scouts Movement, and the Bat Yam Municipality. The Educational Initiatives has also continued its relationship with the Israel Border Police on this training project.



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