Hi Everyone!

My name is Irena and I am a junior in high school at Yemin Orde Youth Village. I made Aliyah from Azerbaijan with Israel’s Na’aleh education program and I now live in Israel without my family.

I work in the Eco-Farm with four friends. We help in the greenhouses and the vegetable gardens. Most everyone at the Village helps at the Eco-Farm at least twice a week. My friends and I work there three times a week.

There are different levels of responsibility at the Eco-Farm: Beginner, Advanced, Senior Advanced, Supervisor and Coordinator. You have more responsibility according to your experience level.

My friends and I work in the mornings. We get up at 5:30 a.m. and arrive at 6:00 a.m. to work. Before getting to work, we decide how to split the tasks between us, we drink tea and talk a little.

There are different types of greenhouses and workplaces at the Eco-Farm. There is a hydroponic greenhouse where the plants grow on water in special containers. There is a nursery where the plants are grown from seed. We also have a regular greenhouse called Beit Shemesh, where we grow herbs and spices in pots. We also have an organic vegetable garden. Once ready, our vegetables are hand-picked and packaged in baskets which are then sold every week to nearby communities. We call this service our Green Basket program.

Every Tuesday it is very busy at the Eco-Farm. Our team prepares our baskets of herbs and vegetables that include parsley, coriander, chard, celery, garlic and more. We sell the baskets to people who live in the vicinity of the Village. Everyone has a responsibility and a certain job on this day.

I am very happy about the work in the Eco-Farm. It allows us to take a breather from our studies, to experience a different field and to learn new skills for life. The Eco-Farm is a special and beautiful place and worth visiting!

Thank you and see you soon!

Irena