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# ImpactIsrael

Elevating education and lifting lives the Village Way

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## **IMPACTISRAEL WELCOMES ELIZABETH KLIBANOFF AS ITS NEW SENIOR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT**

*Elizabeth Klibanoff brings 30 years of professional experience working on behalf of Israel-based educational programs for at-risk and marginalized youth.*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, Bethesda, MD – ImpactIsrael (formerly Friends of Yemin Orde) is pleased to welcome Elizabeth (Liz) Klibanoff as its new Senior Director of Development, effective January 14, 2020. Klibanoff previously served as Director, Financial Resource Development, for AMIT in New York City. In her new role with ImpactIsrael, Klibanoff will build on her fundraising expertise to increase donor engagement and awareness of ImpactIsrael in the New York tri-state region. ImpactIsrael supports Yemin Orde Youth Village and Village Way Educational Initiatives, both located in Israel. The Village is home, school and safe haven for 430 at-risk youth from around the world. Village Way Educational Initiatives expands the Village Way educational methodology, first modeled at Yemin Orde, to 55 partner youth villages, therapeutic residential communities and high schools with high populations of at-risk youth, including schools in Arab communities. Today, the Village Way educational methodology has impacted 22,000 youth and 2,500 educators in Israel. Visit [impact-israel.org](http://impact-israel.org), email [team@impact-israel.org](mailto:team@impact-israel.org) or call 202.237.0286.



Klibanoff served in leadership positions with AMIT from 1999-2019. She is credited with developing new business and leadership councils, creating long-term and strategic growth for the organization, directing efforts to broaden AMIT's major gift campaign, and launching successful annual campaigns, among other fundraising accomplishments. Prior to AMIT, she served as Associate Director of ORT, New York, and Development Associate and Director of Special Events for Friends of Bar-Ilan University.

“I am passionate about empowering Israel's youth at risk and ImpactIsrael enables me to fulfill both my professional and personal goals. I look forward to building on the momentum that has been created by past and current leadership and introducing this compelling mission to new individuals who want to play a role in ensuring a strong Israel for the future,” said Klibanoff.

Karen Sallerson, Executive Director, ImpactIsrael, said ImpactIsrael will be able to leverage Klibanoff’s extensive fundraising experience and achievements to help the organization develop new relationships and strengthen existing relationships with its partners.

“We are thrilled to have Liz join our team. She brings to the job an exceptional combination of energy, sensitivity, and proven leadership to the importance, as well as the challenges, of fulfilling our mission to transform at-risk youth from survival to leadership in Israel,” said Sallerson. “Liz will be a tremendous asset in helping ImpactIsrael grow our campaign, from 2020 and beyond,” said Sallerson.

Klibanoff is a member of the Association for Fundraising Professionals and Women in Development. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Yeshiva University, Stern College for Women, in New York, and is fluent in Hebrew. She and her husband are parents of three daughters. Liz can be reached at [liz@impact-israel.org](mailto:liz@impact-israel.org).

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#### *About Yemin Orde Youth Village and Village Way Educational Initiatives*

Yemin Orde Youth Village is home, school and safe haven to 430 at-risk youth from around world. It’s teens live in a safe and loving home environment, have a top-rated education and are surrounded by positive adult role models. The Village operates 24/7, 365 days a year, and offers exceptional extra-curricular programs and therapeutic services not typically offered at other youth villages and schools in Israel. Its successful educational methodology, called the Village Way, is a model of excellence in Israel and enables fragile youth to develop leadership skills, self-esteem, cultural identity and hope for the future. Graduates remain connected to the Village for life.

Village Way Educational Initiatives (VWEI) was created to extend Yemin Orde’s successful educational methodology to other youth villages and public high schools in Israel, including schools in Israeli-Arab communities. Today, VWEI partners with 55 educational communities in Israel and has touched the lives of 22,000 youth and 2,500 educators. The goal is to expand to 91 educational communities by 2026 and reach 55,000 youth and 4,100 educators.