# FRIENDS OF YEMIN ORDE News You Can Use

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#### GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT: ALONA POUPESHEVA

Alona Poupesheva, has achieved great success in her life thanks to the solid foundation of love and encouragement she received as a child at Yemin Orde Youth Village."Yemin Orde was and always will be my first home," said Alona. "It is a place where I have always felt protected and loved," Today, Alona is pursuing a Masters degree in Public Administration while working part-time for the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). Read more.



#### VILLAGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

After months of careful planning and discussions with staff, board members, architects and building professionals, a new Master Plan for the future of Yemin Orde Youth Village is on the verge of completion. Requests for bids on the large scale project will soon be sent to contractors, but there is a \$1.7 million shortfall to complete the fire recovery portion of the plan. Please help us close this gap so we can move ahead with confidence! Read More.



## MEANING THROUGH MITZVOT: DISCOVER THE RICHNESS OF TIKKUN OLAM!

Friends of Yemin Orde is pleased to offer its new Meaning Through Mitzvot program, a new initiative that gives B'nai Mitzvah candidates the opportunity to support Yemin Orde and the children at the Village. We now offer an extensive list of giving ideas for your teen to explore. Read more.



#### IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO REBUILD A SPECIAL PLACE

The Ethiopian Godjo, a cherished and popular gathering spot in the Village, was destroyed in last year's wildfire. But thanks to the skill and generosity of Itzik Gitto, a respected elder of the Ethiopian-Israeli community, a newly rebuilt Godjo now stands tall at Yemin Orde! Read more.



# YEMIN ORDE IN OUR COMMUNITY: GRADUATE ADAM BASHAR MAKES NEW FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Yemin Orde graduate Adam Bashar recently completed an internship program in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Adam worked in Visitor Services, met with people from all over the world, and discussed his journey from northern Darfur to Israel. Adam was also guest speaker in Potomac, MD, where he shared his story with new and familiar friends. Read More



## WELCOME TO CAROL EFFRAT - NEW FLORIDA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Friends of Yemin Orde (FYO) welcomes Carol Effrat, an experienced nonprofit professional and high level manager for national Jewish organizations as its new Florida Regional Director. Carol previously served as Director of Strategic Planning and Development for the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA). In her new post, Carol will promote Yemin Orde Youth Village and Yemin Orde Educational Initiatives (YOEI), as well as build connections to the Village throughout Florida. Read More.





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