# Yemin Orde Youth Village

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# ► New Pilot Programs Integrated Tools

Launched in 2016 in collaboration with the Israel Defense Forces' elite Intelligence Corps and Israeli high-tech partners. This program aims to give teens the opportunity and motivation to excel academically in computer and technology fields, which are skills prized by the Israeli army and "Start-Up Nation" technology companies.



Computer skills are critical for jobs in Israel's successful high-tech industry.

### *Talmim* (Furrow)

Developed at the request of the Ministry of Education for at-risk Israeli born children from religious homes. This new program combines classroom learning and extracurricular activities with hands-on experience in agriculture. This concept grew from the belief that green spaces influence the soul, encourage imagination and dreaming, and lead to success in school.

#### **►** Advanced Classes

Yemin Orde High School now offers options for advanced or honors level classes in **Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics and English**. Students have opportunities to participate in national competitions, which encourage them to work toward success on a level with their peers from around the country.

The Village also offers advanced level courses of study for Agriculture, Electronics, Media Communications and Robotics.

Agriculture majors worked with the Village's Eco-Farm staff to develop an automated fertilization system for our new hydroponic greenhouse; Media Communications majors produced films; Robotics students developed a robot that moves medical beds between departments in a hospital without human assistance.

These experiences will greatly benefit our future growers, producers, engineers and scientists of tomorrow.

## Jewish Learning

Formal and extracurricular Jewish learning is integrated into the daily life and calendar year of the Village.

Activities include prayer services, Torah study, communal celebrations of Shabbat, Jewish and national holidays, volunteer opportunities for Tikkun Olam, and hikes and field trips throughout the country.

#### Extracurricular Activities

Fragile youth benefit from a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities: **Art** (drawing, painting, photography and pottery); **Music** (youth choir, instrument lessons); **Sports** (basketball, martial arts, soccer, weightlifting, and running); **Woodworking**; **Metalwork**.

The Village's art and music therapy programs allow troubled youth to express themselves creatively and release themselves of past trauma and anger. After school programs include workshops in cooking, sewing, computers and debate.

In addition, the **Learning Center** provides extra academic help at all levels and in all subjects.



Art therapy provides a creative outlet for troubled youth.



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