



It takes a village to raise a child

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My Very Dear Friends, Shalom

Shana Tovah. And the good news is—that with your help we continue to spread our wings, so Israel’s at-risk children can grow up to broad mindedness and love of humanity, regardless of their ethnicity. Ayad Salah (left) and Benny Hadad (right) are both heads of Village Way educational communities—Arab and Jewish.



They just kicked off a pilot program that creates bonds between their children, who otherwise would have run totally parallel lives. No doubt, their down to earth optimism can pave the way for others—indeed, good news to start a new year!



On Rosh HaShanah the upcoming year’s goings-on are said to be determined. Come to think of it, an educator’s impact goes far beyond one year. That is why the educational communities throughout Israel that follow our Village Way hold outdoor sessions that focus on way beyond the immediate.



In the picture (left), Tal Brenitzky of our team guides educators into **dreaming a future for the children**—imagining them, here and now, as the grown-ups

they wish them to become. Developing such long term inner commitment can be the critical mass for a child’s successful transformation.

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From South America to Israel—building a new life.

Some Rosh HaShana's ago, I shared with you the wedding picture (top, right) of two of our graduates from the Amazon region of Brazil, Simi and Raffi. Since then, Raffi completed his National Service, went to college, and is now a leading educator in our affiliate village, Neveh Amiel. The couple has built a beautiful family, like so many over the past three decades, who have joined our Brazilian program and began a new life here. (bottom right: Brazil class of 2015)



Thank you for making this all possible.
Wishing you and your dear ones **Shanah Tovah**—
in good health and spiritual fulfillment,

B'Ahava, Chaim Perin .

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