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## Village Way Symposium Hosts Israel's Top Educators

Nearly 1,000 of Israel's top educators attended the Village Way Educational Initiatives 2016 symposium held in December at Tel Aviv University. Watch our new video that documents the important gathering and learn how the Village Way methodology is successfully changing the nature of education for Israel's at-risk youth. [Watch the video.](#)

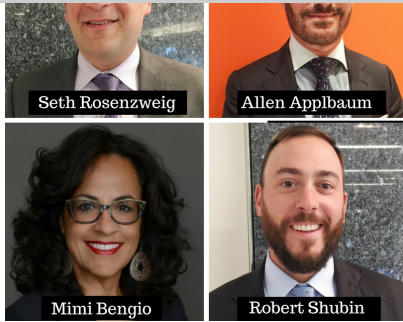


## Graduate Spotlight: Erez Hakiki's Journey from Iran to Israel

Yemin Orde graduate Erez Hakiki arrived in Israel at the age of 16 from Tehran, Iran with little more than a dream for a Jewish life as a proud and productive Israeli. Today, he serves, full-time, as a Major in Israel's naval forces and remains strongly connected to Yemin Orde. "Yemin Orde...helped me connect to my cultural heritage and I received the greatest gift that could be – an education," he said. ***Erez will be in the United States for one month visiting relatives, starting March 19, 2017. If you speak Farsi or Hebrew and would like to meet him, please contact [karen@yeminorde.org](mailto:karen@yeminorde.org) or call 202.237.0286. Read about Erez***

## Welcome to Our New Board Members

Friends of Yemin Orde is pleased to welcome three new Board Members and one new Board Observer to its volunteer Board of Directors. The four new members all



commitment to our mission to help support and educate Israel's youth at-risk. [Read more](#)



## Planning a Trip to Israel? Yemin Orde Loves Visitors!

Whether you are traveling to Israel on a customized tour with a group or as an individual, all are invited to visit the Village and meet our youth children and staff. The Village is open year-round, 24-7. Join us to learn how Yemin Orde and Village Way Educational Initiatives is changing education for at-risk youth in Israel. [Read more](#)



## Helping Others to Heal at Yemin Orde's Gap Year Leadership Program

*Tikkun Olam* – social justice, helping others – is an important learning element at Yemin Orde's gap year leadership program for immigrant young men (*mechina* in Hebrew). Participants engage in weekly community service projects which, in turn, leads to greater compassion for those in need as well as provides a boost to their self-esteem and leadership skills. [Read more](#)



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