

# YEMIN ORDE YOUTH VILLAGE



## ► Message from Shmuli Bing

Director, Yemin Orde Youth Village

As we know, the story of the people of Israel is about the liberation from slavery to freedom. This story, of the exodus from Egypt, became a masterpiece of social justice.

Messages of Passover are with me each day through all my activities in Yemin Orde. The understanding that G-d and the many forms of revelation of G-d in the human world (wisdom, kindness, creativity) do not exist only among the rich, or amongst the rulers, but in each one of us. The second message is that the core of life is education.

We are commanded each day to commemorate the miracle of the Exodus from Egypt. We see this miracle at Yemin Orde in meetings with our graduates. The same graduates who, like the children of Israel, went through a difficult journey and managed to reach a safe haven.

For me, Exodus is the realization of social justice. At Yemin Orde, our children engage in social justice, and, together with the resources and care we provide, they break the glass ceiling and succeed against the odds.

Much of this transformation takes place thanks to you. It is a great privilege for me to thank you and wish you all a happy and healthy Passover.

In appreciation,

*Shmuli Bing*

## ► Yemin Orde Petition in Support of Darfur Graduates

Yemin Orde recently issued a petition in support of African refugees from Darfur who are graduates of the Village and face possible deportation from Israel. The petition reflects Yemin Orde's moral commitment to a just society as we teach our children to be humane and to support the weak and needy, regardless of color, race and religion. Read petition below:

*"We, children and graduates of Yemin Orde Youth Village, members of educational institutions and their graduates and citizens, are calling to consider the unique situation of those African refugees who arrived in Israel as children and youth, alone. We call to give them a permanent status and the possibility to study and work in Israel.*

*"There are 10 graduates of Yemin Orde who grew up here and today could be deported from Israel. These graduates are certainly not migrant workers. They arrived in Israel at a young age, destitute, and after their families were tortured and even murdered in front of their eyes. After studying the subject, we call upon the State of Israel to act as the Jewish people expected to be treated in times of trouble, and to act*



Staff issues petition supporting graduates.

*according to the educational way we believe in. It is inconceivable that boys who fled here without a family and a supportive system and were educated on the values of the State of Israel, Jewish and Israeli history, heritage and culture will be deported. We identify with the distress of the graduates of the youth villages and the children who arrived alone and are not prepared to accept this terrible verdict.*

*"We appeal to the decision makers to reconsider their case. We understand the complexity and disagreement that exists around this issue, but it is important for us to shed light on the issue of the children and youth who came here alone. There is no dispute that they are refugees and not migrant workers, and therefore we cry out for their cry, which is actually our cry to be a moral society. We call on the citizens of Israel to stand with us and join this petition."*

## ► Auditorium & Cultural Center Challenge

Manny and Brigitta Davidson, philanthropists from the United Kingdom, have generously pledged \$4.5 million toward a new auditorium and cultural center at Yemin Orde Youth Village, on the condition that Friends of Yemin Orde raise \$1 million for the project. This proposed building would serve to greatly enhance the communal living experience at Yemin Orde.



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The Auditorium & Cultural Center will be a safe and comfortable space for gatherings, speaker programs and the enhancement of enrichment and cultural arts programs. Currently, Yemin Orde lacks adequate space for large gatherings.

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