



Manny and Brigitta Davidson

AUDITORIUM & CULTURAL CENTER

Friends of Yemin Orde has an exciting challenge grant opportunity to bring a state-of-the-art cultural arts venue and auditorium to Yemin Orde Youth Village. The proposed new building would serve to greatly enhance the communal living experience for the Village's 430 at-risk youth.

The proposed project is estimated to cost \$5.5 million and is designed by Knafo Klimor Architects, an award-winning Israeli architecture firm that specializes in designs that preserve environmental and social values.

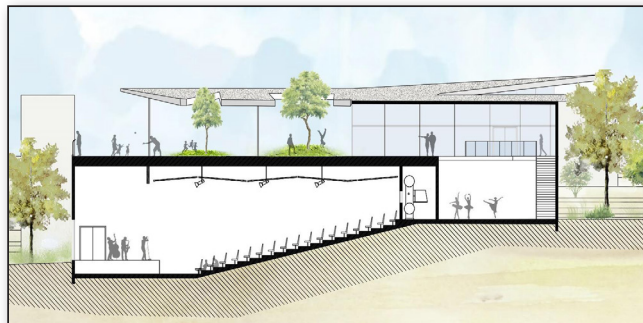
This proposal is the largest transformative building project ever assumed at Yemin Orde, outside of the recovery project that resulted from the 2010 wildfire that swept through the Village.

THE NEED

The proposed Auditorium & Cultural Center will be used as a safe, handicap-accessible and comfortable space for gatherings, Village-wide events, speaker programs and the enhancement of enrichment and cultural arts programs. Currently, Yemin Orde lacks adequate space for gatherings that can accommodate the entire Village population, such as cultural, religious and national holiday celebrations, school plays and performances, music recitals and graduation, among others.

The Village also serves as the central hub for Village Way Educational Initiatives. The proposed Center would provide a comfortable and suitable space to host Israel-wide conferences, seminars and lectures that would draw experts and educators from around the country.

Currently, the Village uses its gymnasium as a multi-purpose structure. This building, while suitable for basketball and other sports, has inadequate seating facilities, no heating or air conditioning and is not handicap-accessible.



Architectural drawings of Auditorium & Cultural Center

The proposed Center would be a fitting venue for our youth to express themselves creatively through music, art and dance classes and programs. Providing a safe space that is comfortable, relaxing and conducive to creativity validates our youth's worthiness and reinforces self-esteem and confidence.

EMBRACING THE LANDSCAPE

The design of the Auditorium & Cultural Center provides a panoramic view of the natural landscape that surrounds the Village. Architects have created an open and welcoming space that is drenched in natural light inviting social interactions and informal leisure activities such as reading, listening to music, or drawing. Exhibition and meeting areas will be incorporated into the central lobby area to give added value to the liveliness and social conduciveness of the building.

The observation deck, located on the roof of the auditorium, will overlook the Mediterranean Sea and provide for a social and contemplative environment.

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The Auditorium & Cultural Center is designed to be viewed from many directions. The design of the façade is inspired by the limestone rocks found in the Carmel Forest region, where the Village makes its home. Islands of natural vegetation and trees compliments the cantilevered roof at the entrance and creates shade and a welcoming appearance, as well as strengthens the presence of nature.

The proposed building reflects the cultural identity of the Yemin Orde community with its open design, natural elements and deep respect for the land – all elements embraced by the global population of the Village’s youth.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

■ Roof Terrace & Landscape Balcony	\$700,000
■ Dance Studio	\$600,000
■ Multimedia System	\$250,000
■ Entrance Road	\$200,000
■ Girls Performance Dressing Room	\$150,000
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■ Stage Elevator	\$50,000
■ Guest Elevator	\$50,000
■ Outside Spaces	\$25,000

The Manny and Brigitta Davidson 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 challenge will provide funding for the largest building project ever assumed at Yemin Orde.

The deadline for commitments to the challenge is 2020.

Contact for information on Naming Opportunities for this transformative space:

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Yemin Orde Youth Village is a residential educational community located just south of Haifa on Mount Carmel in Israel. Originally established in 1953 as a haven for orphan survivors of the Holocaust, Yemin Orde has been home to waves of immigrants since that time, and is now home to over 400 disadvantaged immigrant youth ages 14-19 from around the world. The majority of the children are from Ethiopia, countries of the Former Soviet Union, France and Brazil. Some are orphans, some have families in their native countries but came to Israel alone, others are from single-parent or dysfunctional families. All are defined by social services as “at-risk”.



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