



HANUKKAH UPDATE: YEMIN ORDE YOUTH VILLAGE

Hanukkah is the Festival of Lights, the holiday in which every evening we light an additional candle.



SHMULI BING

According to Beit Hillel (House of Hillel), we start out with one candle, and on each night of the holiday, we add another candle. Whereas, according to Beit Shammai (House of Shammai), we begin with eight candles and deduct one each night. It seems that Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai represent two opposing views. One that says that each day will be better than the previous one and the other, a more pessimistic worldview, which holds that the world is fading.

At Yemin Orde we try to live according to both worldviews: we believe that the world can become a better place, that if we work hard, we can change the lives of our children. Or, we witness the difficulties that exist in the world, the cynicism and the scarcity, and we know that the world itself is neither good nor bad, but rather what we make of it.

We, therefore, embrace both concepts - we are not passively optimistic because that would mean that we leave the world to become a better place on its own, and we are not pessimistic as this would lead us to despair. We say that the light in our world can increase, but it is up to us to ensure that it does. If we fail to act - the light will decline.

Thank you for helping us add more candles and bring so much light into our children's lives. Happy Hanukkah!

Shmuli Bing, Director
Yemin Orde Youth Village

► Yemin Orde Ranked as Outstanding High School

Israel's Ministry of Education recently ranked Yemin Orde High School in the top 4.3% of high schools in Israel. Out of Israel's 1,664 high schools evaluated, 292 achieved the highest rank from the education ministry. Of these 292 top-ranked high schools, only 72 received the highest exemplary ranking, which included Yemin Orde High School. The schools were cited for their excellence in academic, social and ethical achievements. All educators at Yemin Orde received bonuses as a reward for the school's outstanding achievement.

► 114 Scholarships Awarded During Graduates Day



Yemin Orde graduates serve as role models for teens.

The Village's Graduates Day ceremony is one of the most important events at Yemin Orde. Yemin Orde's alumni are role models for the Village's younger generation.

During the day, graduates meet with the teens to talk about their lives following high school and provide needed hope and encouragement to their younger counterparts.

In the evening, during a special ceremony, 114 scholarships were granted to Yemin Orde alumni for higher learning opportunities.

► Annual Sea to Sea Hike



Yemin Orde Youth Village's annual four day, 100 kilometer, Challenge (Etgar) Hike puts 12th graders new leadership and outdoor survival skills to the test. Younger students and those new to the Village, enjoy seeing their older peers return from the Etgar experience. The spirit, strength and confidence of the seniors provides younger teens with the hope that they, too, will one day be confident and strong. The Etgar hike is one of the most popular and anticipated experiences at the Village.

2018-2019 VILLAGE POPULATION



Average age is 15 years old.



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