

## Your Federation Dollars at Work Helping Jews in Charlotte, in Israel and Worldwide

A Kavkazi-Israeli youth will gain skills, self-confidence and self-respect in a new homeland after making aliyah from the Former Soviet Union.

An elderly woman in the Former Soviet Union will receive life-sustaining medical prescriptions.

A student at Neve Michael will travel safely in a new community van.

A Hadera teenager will receive a scholarship for one year at the Yemin Orde Youth Village.

An impoverished Argentinian family reeling from financial and emotional shock will receive vital food, medical and housing assistance.

A "child at-risk" who suffers from lack of support and neglect will receive hot meals each day through an after-school program at Talpiot Children's Village in Hadera.

Israeli police and the Arab community in Hadera will discover coexistence, tolerance and mutual understanding through programs that promote improved relations.

All these things and more were made possible by you and your generous contribution to the 2003 Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. The more than \$2.5 million that the Charlotte Jewish Community donated last year has been allocated here and abroad to help build

and maintain Jewish continuity, and to protect the interests of the Jewish people in Charlotte, in the United States, in Israel, and in many countries worldwide.

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*—Chaim Peri, Executive Director, Yemin Orde Youth Village*

By far, the largest portion of the money is kept here in the local community where everyone from the smallest preschoolers to the elderly, and everyone in between, directly experiences your gifts to the federation.

Of the 30 percent of campaign donations to Israel and Overseas needs, our community was able to designate some of the monies to meet the specific needs of Jews in the Former Soviet Union, Argentina and Israel. A special allocations subcommittee, chaired by Ivan Cooper, met to determine how these dollars should be spent.

As an agency under the umbrella of United Jewish Communities (UJC), the Jewish Federation of

Greater Charlotte is in a perfect position to assist our community's Partnership 2000 (P2K) sister region in Israel, Hadera-Eiron.

### **P2K Hadera-Eiron and Yemin Orde Youth Village**

They come from countries at war, cities in chaos and nations in turmoil. They come from families who abandoned them, could not afford them, and offered them no future.

They come from all over the world, from the gutters of Israel - their lives torn into pieces. They are the children of Yemin Orde - 500 refugee, immigrant and disadvantaged youth from 22 countries who come home to Israel. And these are their stories ...

Sarah, Mryiam and Hannah Benros were deserted by their mother when she lost her ability to cope with everyday life after their

had to come here (to Yemin Orde). Not everyone has the fortune to see people like the kinds of people here - with hearts that are open - the most generous kinds of people," says Hannah, the eldest of the three Benros sisters. "You have to continue through life because life continues. You can't let it be the end of your spirit."

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*—Hannah Benros, Yemin Orde student/resident.*



*Kids from the Talpiot children's village.*

father died. Six months after their mother left, the three sisters immigrated to Israel from Morocco and came to Yemin Orde.

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Another spirited Yemin Orde teenager is Yonaton Getahoon, who remembers the difficult journey to Israel with his family. "We walked from Ethiopia to the Sudan, and then the Israelis air lifted us to safety. Many families witnessed the death of their loved ones on the way" Getahoon recalls.

Yemin Orde Executive Director Chaim Peri, who was in Charlotte in early November to meet with contributors and the campaign cabinet, also remembers the arrival of Getahoon and many of the other refugees who make the arduous journey on foot to escape from appalling living conditions.

"Every bed here serves a child who either has no family or no family around in Israel, or no other solution for their upbringing," Peri says of the children who come to Yemin Orde, all of whom have Jewish lineage.

Located on a verdant ridge overlooking the Mediterranean, just south of Haifa, Yemin Orde is a home, a village and a high school with living quarters for 500 teenagers, and a staff of educators, counselors, therapists and social workers. Their doors never close, and they never send a child away. Placing a solid and permanent foundation under each child's feet is Yemin Orde's single purpose, all the while integrating children of Jewish descent from diverse cultures and backgrounds, cultivating their self-esteem and building leadership skills through innovative educational and community outreach programs.

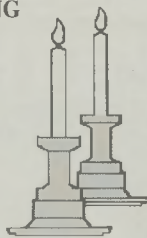
"When the children come to us, they're not just our kids. They're your kids too," says Peri of the responsibility we all have to raise the Jewish children of the world. "By supporting the Yemin Orde communities you are supporting a beacon of love and hope for these children."

Rachamin Malacho and Revital Pikado also immigrated to Israel from Ethiopia. Both are graduates of Yemin Orde. "Most of the Ethiopians who attend universities in Israel graduated here. One of the reasons for this is that you never really leave here. As graduates, we receive scholarships to study, so we don't have to give up. Many of us come back to Yemin Orde to serve as role models to the other

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