



TAMIR

Leading the Next Generation





TAMIR is changing the face of Israel's periphery by transforming the lives of young men who grow up on the fringes of society.

Give these youth the opportunity to build self-confidence and develop leadership skills and you give them a future of belonging and commitment.

Thousands of families live in outlying areas such as the Galilee, Golan or the southern desert areas known as the "periphery." Most of these families have few financial resources and limited educational and social opportunities.

TAMIR is a nonprofit organization established in 2003 in the city of Katzrin situated on the Golan Heights, to embrace youth from outlying areas.

TAMIR's mission is to improve the social and economic status of Israelis in the periphery by instilling young people with self esteem and social responsibility. TAMIR trains leaders to become role models, infusing the next generation with motivation and a "can-do" attitude.

Building the future through determination and superior achievement

TAMIR operates in three major areas in order to reverse the path to failure of underprivileged youngsters from the periphery and to achieve long term improvement in their social environment:

A preparatory year ("Mechina") between high school completion and conscription to the army - TAMIR reaches out to army-bound teens, many of them at risk, inspiring them to develop inner strength and belief in their own worth. The majority of our graduates proceed to serve in the IDF with great distinction.

A post army leadership and teacher's training program - Veterans earn a bachelor's degree in education and train to become teachers specializing in children with difficulties in the periphery.

Outreach - TAMIR is building an Educational Center on campus as a base for informal educational programming. The Center is being established in memory of the 10 fallen soldiers at Bint J'Bel, Lebanon in 2006. These 10 young men embodied the very spirit of leadership, courage, striving for excellence and Zionist ideals. The Center will host groups and missions of young people living in Israel and around the world. Its programs will impart the values and character traits embodied by the 10 Israeli heroes.



100% of TAMIR graduates enlist in the IDF
25% of our young men become officers or serve in elite units
70% of TAMIR students serve in combat units

TAMIR PREP- The "Mechina" year program

TAMIR PREP is a one year army preparatory program between high school and induction. It reduces social gaps and empowers each participant to establish and reach his personal goals. The program already has 550 graduates, all having honorably completed their military service - **none of whom would have achieved these results before joining TAMIR PREP.**

TAMIR PREP transforms indifferent youth into committed and responsible adults. TAMIR gives students the tools to become army officers and assume leadership roles in the community through:

- **Intensive Jewish and Zionist education** and an emphasis on collective responsibility
- **Giving back to the community** by volunteering to help children and the elderly, including Holocaust survivors
- **A rigorous physical fitness program** to better build physical and emotional strength, perseverance and determination
- **Motivational and self-empowerment** seminars and experiences
- **Close cooperation with the army** to carefully place program participants in an appropriate framework



“ TAMIR taught me about commitment and gave me leadership skills and the ideals that triggered my decisive and life-saving action on that fateful day.

At TAMIR I learned to give to others.
 To love my country.
 To love my countrymen
 and to understand
 for whose sake we are fighting.”

Avichai Yaakov
Executive Director of TAMIR

The Makings of a War Hero



Avichai Yaakov was orphaned from his father when he was only a month old and grew up in Netua, near the Lebanese border. TAMIR PREP followed high school graduation and was a turning point in Avichai's life. He gained confidence and leadership skills and was well-prepared for officers training in the army.

Following a life-changing year at TAMIR, Avichai enlisted in the Golani Brigade determined to seek excellence in himself and soon after, from the soldiers under his command.

During the Second Lebanon War, Avichai battled side by side with Roe Klein, his heroic commander. Roe sacrificed his life by throwing himself on a grenade to save his men. Avichai assumed command, returned fire and safely evacuated all the fallen and wounded from the battleground, while under heavy fire. He repeatedly endangered his own life to protect others.

Avichai Yaakov was awarded one of Israel's highest awards for bravery, the "Ittur Ha'Oz." He returned to TAMIR with the determination and commitment to complete the Educational Leadership Program.

Avichai is married with four children and is now the Executive Director of TAMIR, leading disadvantaged youth to better lives.

Building the future through physical and emotional preparedness



BACK HOME-Teacher's Training

"We teach our students that excellence is not an exception. It is an outcome of persistence and determination."

Rabbi Yaish Hanuna
Headmaster

"We believe that volunteering changes our students from 'takers' to mature 'givers'. They learn to recognize the value of giving and it remains with each student throughout his I.D.F. service and his entire life."

Uriya Levi
Educator

Children raised in the periphery face a substantially higher chance of becoming at-risk, due to the minimal educational, social and financial resources available. 33% of Israeli children are raised in poverty. From a young age, many are alienated and behavioral symptoms such as vagrancy, vandalism, drug abuse and violence often ensue. School work suffers. Many of these children grow up not believing in their own abilities or potential.

Following army service, the TAMIR northern campus in Katzrin offers the "BACK HOME" Teacher's Training leadership program. Participants study in a dual Judaic studies/education program and earn a Bachelor's degree in education combined with practical experience in local and regional schools. Their training schedule includes weekly volunteering in the city of Katzrin with school children and with the elderly.

Graduates are placed in jobs in or near their home towns. They are committed to conveying the ideals, skills and motivation they gained from TAMIR and from the army to their young charges. TAMIR-trained teachers are role models who motivate children through personal example.

Building the future through good citizenship

"At TAMIR I learned to stop thinking, 'I can't do it,' but rather, 'I can't do it YET!' With determination, I will be able to reach my goal."

Noam

"My teachers and mentors at TAMIR gave me space and acceptance. They encouraged me to express my doubts and questions and helped me work on myself in a very real and meaningful way. TAMIR strengthened my faith and taught me to take charge of my own future."

Yosef

Changing the Face of Society

TAMIR has established an outreach program that aims to level many social inequalities in Israel.

TAMIR specializes in impacting the future of children in peripheral communities, through developing a cadre of role models who have achieved success.

TAMIR is establishing an educational center in memory of the 10 heroic and brave soldiers who fell in Bint J'Bel in Lebanon, fighting to protect Israel's citizens and borders. The center will be a base for programs and activities, for reaching out to Israeli youth, soldiers and international groups of students and young adults - to instill in them the values of courage, excellence and Zionism.



Educational Center Capital Campaign

The TAMIR Study Hall will be built in memory of the ten soldiers who fell fighting for Israel's existence in the Battle of Bint J'Bel, Lebanon, in 2006. TAMIR has launched a \$980,000 campaign to build a 4,500 sq. ft central study hall with a capacity of 150 that will serve all TAMIR programs on the three acre campus in Katzrin.



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