

The Working and Studing Youth

Hanoar Haoved Vehalomed

Strengthening the Israeli society in crisis



Background



The last 2 decades have witnessed the growing of a unique social movement in Israel, founded by graduates of Hanoar Haoved Vehalomed youth movement, building a new model of the kibbutz lifestyle- **A kibbutz of educators.**

These new and mostly urban collective frameworks combine communal lifestyle with social involvement and responsibility through education of children and youth.

By looking at the harsh reality of Israeli society and analyzing the situation of the Israeli school system, these young people realized that the only way to change this reality for the better is educating the future generations of Israeli society.

Actualizing this vision, movement member take part in a range of educational frameworks in all sectors and classes of Israeli society: Jews, Arabs, Bedouins, new immigrants etc.

Today the 700 movement members are spread in educational kibbutzim across the country, working with tens of thousands children and youth in schools, social clubs, community centers and more.

Israeli society in a state of emergency

The massive attack on the Israeli communities, conducted by Hezbollah, has left the Israeli rear in a state of shock. A third of Israel's population is under attack while the rest of the country is under repetitive threats of terror actions. Life in the Israeli north have nearly stopped completely; most of this area's residents have spent the last few weeks in bomb shelters, sadly without any visible end to the war.

Reality has become unbearable. Those who had the means - left, while many of those who stayed behind in the bomb shelters are new immigrants or underprivileged families and individuals. **Hezbollah's aim is to weaken the Israeli society** and by that forcing Israel to stop the military operation.

The Israeli society is going through a severe crisis testing it's strength and solidarity.

The graduates of Hanoar Haoved Vehalomed have decided to join the mission of strengthening the Israeli society, with special focus on the north. In order to withstand this attack, we must show solidarity, encourage those sitting in shelters and support the children of the north both morally and emotionally.

Without a strong, united society we will not stand.

Movement on a national mission

350 members of the movement live in the north and are in constant danger. In spite of that they have chosen, in these hard days, to stay in their homes and be a backbone for the society. They are working voluntarily, out of responsibility and devotion.



Public bomb shelters- are now improvised homes for many families and individuals who are, in most cases, complete strangers to one another. People coming from different backgrounds, cultures and social circles, some even lack the ability to communicate in the same language find themselves tightly crowded, eating, sleeping and in fact sharing their whole lives in very hard conditions. The stressful reality often creates tension and misunderstandings which may even lead in some cases to physical violence. Wherever possible, leaders come to assist, to clarify and to cheer up. The main focus is on creating an educational, active, social environment for children and youth with the purpose of relieving the stress and fears.



Children and youth- counselors conduct social activities for all young ages within secured spaces allowing them to enjoy a more varied social acquaintance and a wide selection of activities.



Summer camps- in addition to the activities in the threatened areas, the movement members operate, in co-operation with the Jewish agency, a number of summer camps in central Israel. There, where the children can play outdoors without fearing sirens or bombs, they also meet other children and process their hard emotional experiences in a supporting surrounding with the guidance of an adult.

The educational program:

- **Educational and social activities** in bomb shelters and secured spaces.
- **"Shelter patrol"** for assistance, guidance and moral uplifting.
- **Close personal one-on-one conversations** with children and parents.
- **Locating and training young leaders** for social volunteering projects.
- **Operating an ongoing campsite** for children of the north away from dangerous areas.

Project capacity

- **7000** participants
- **300** leaders & counselors.
- The operation has started on July 14th and will continue at least **30 days** or until the end of the current crisis.



Centers of activity



Activity centers at unthreatened areas



Activity centers at threatened areas