Youth Renewal Fund



Founded in 1989, Youth Renewal Fund is changing Israel's schools, communities and educational landscape.

Israel's school system is plagued by a shortage of qualified teachers, inadequate facilities and minimal instruction hours in core subjects. Children from low-income homes are particularly vulnerable to these deficiencies and do not receive the quality of education they need to break the poverty cycle.

Through supplemental student classes, professional development for teachers and single subject learning centers, YRF helps Israeli children discover and harness the power of education as a means to improve quality of life for themselves, their community and their country.

The YRF Solution

YRF's 3-pronged approach has proven impact on the schools and communities in which it is implemented:

Supplemental classes for students are designed to improve literacy and math skills, and increase fluency in English.

Right: Students in Ashdod study in a YRF math class





Professional development program for teachers

improve skills and increase effectiveness in the classroom.

Left: YRF teachers in participate in one of many regularly held training workshops

Single subject learning centers—either stand-alone facilities, or anchored to a host school— teach new skills in immersive, interactive environments.

Right: Students study in YRF's Ethan H. Freed Learning Center in Ramla



YRF Results

- \$30,000,000 in programming since inception
- Nearly 120,000 students reached
- 88% of YRF students graduate high school with an academic degree vs. the national average of 55% for low income students
- 77% of YRF students pass matriculation exam with scores high enough to apply to university, compared to national average of 55%
- 60% of YRF alumni over the age of 25 have obtained degrees of from institutes of higher learning, compared to national average of 17%