

About us

J.D.C
Jaffa Development Center &
Hesder Yeshiva



Background

The city of Yafo contains a varied fabric of life, which reflects the face of the Israeli society. Yafo's city life combines the complex relationships between Jews, Arabs and Christians, religious and secular, rich and poor. It is also the home of a large population of immigrants (mostly Ethiopians), young and old.

This special situation located at the center of the country as part of Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial city, creates unique challenges and is acting as a strategic impact crossroad on Tel Aviv in particular and the State of Israel in general.

In view of the many needs and a deep search for truth, and with a new statement that comes out of the fountain of Jewish Life - our association, 'Ma Yafu Pa'amey Bat Zion' - J.D.C was established in Yafo.



Vision

The Foundation sees itself as part of the movement of returning to Zion that began 120 years ago and still continues. We are called to build a floor of spiritual Zionism on the established physical infrastructure. We will do so in unity and by sharing the same fate, while providing spiritual, educational and community support that provides courage and inspiration as well as help and charity to all levels of society. The association is following an indifferent calling, that is general and yet specific per the various communities in Yafo and the area near it.

Goals and objectives:

- The establishment of religious institutions strengthening the Jewish identity and spreading Torah in the city of Yafo.
- The promotion of permanent residence and employment opportunities for young families, who want to be involved and take part in the community.
- Ethical and educational activities in schools and community centers.
- Social and welfare support for the needy.

Method:

1. Activating a Hesder Yeshiva in which all yeshiva students are committed to the Torah and the community.
2. Running a Midrasha for women who are active in various projects in the fields of education, community, welfare and other social services.
3. Operating a volunteer system integrating families, Yeshiva students and the Midrasha girls:

Project "ve'hechezakta bo" - assistance and support to the needy: providing welfare and economic support, distributing food baskets, assisting the elderly, volunteering in hospitals.



- Project of empowering disadvantaged populations - youth at risk, children from homes at risk, Ethiopian new comers.
- Project "illuminating Yafo" - Empowerment, Community and Education: Empowering schools, leading programs for youth and the different communities about different moral values, conducting education programs for parents and couples, encouraging mutual assistance within members of the community.
- Project "No Place Like Yafo" - encouraging the joining of quality families to the city and creating employment anchors, emphasizing the proper integration within the absorbing population
- Family invites - lessons, individual and couple counseling, special events, open house.

The complex reality of the city causes many organizations to devote resources to deal with the special problems of the city, especially in the field of social welfare, youth at risk and immigrant absorption. However, there is a great difficulty in connecting the population in need to the different resources and organizations. For this reason, beyond the projects sponsored by our foundation, we strategically choose to work in extensive cooperation with the various parties in the city.

The organization cooperates with the following parties: community and youth centers, municipality of Tel Aviv, project of neighborhoods renewal of the municipality and the Ministry of Housing, volunteer associations e.g. 'Aminadav', 'Achi', Wizo, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Agriculture, Orthodox Union Israel, Hevrah Kadisha of Tel Aviv.

Mapping of the association's activities

subject	activity
institutions	Hesder Yeshiva 'Shirat Moshe'
	Midreshet Yafo for women
Torah distributing	Torah lessons all over the town's synagogues Lessons and lectures for the women population of Yafo
Welfare	"ve'hechezakta bo" Assistance and support to the needy: welfare, economic support, food baskets, elderly, hospitals.
	Empowering disadvantaged populations - youth at risk, children from homes at risk, Ethiopian new comer's community.
Education and community	"Illuminating Yafo" - Empowerment, Community and Education: Empowering schools, programs for youth and the different communities, education programs for parents and couples, mutual assistance within members of the community.
Community	encouraging the joining of quality families in the city and creating employment anchors, emphasizing the proper integration within the absorbing population
Community and culture	Family invites - lessons, individual and couple counseling, special events, open house.