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IASA Update

News for friends and supporters of the Israel Arts and Science Academy

JERUSALEM · COMMUNITY SERVICE

Learning to lead by serving others

Every high school student at our flagship Jerusalem campus volunteers each week. Students tutor neighborhood children, keep seniors company, support young people with special needs, and care for the natural spaces around the city. Many of the programs were started by students themselves.

At this year's activities fair, students explored the many ways to give back and found the community service program where they want to make a difference.



262 students volunteering every week last school year

28 community programs across Jerusalem



NEW CAMPUS · OPENED SEPTEMBER 2026

IASA Negev opens its doors in Netivot

> "The first high school for gifted and outstanding students in the Southern District... a dream come true."
>
> Miri Navon, Director, Southern District, Ministry of Education

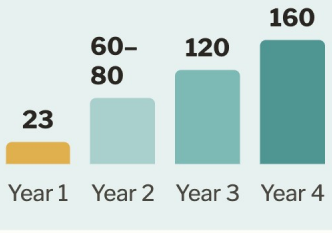
This September, 23 young people began classes at IASA Negev in Netivot, a city about six miles from Gaza. It is the South's first selective high school for gifted students. Now talented young people across the South can study at an IASA school close to home.

The founding class begins with a preparatory year that builds core skills and a close-knit community. Veteran IASA Jerusalem teachers mentor the new faculty, physics is taught at the Schwartz Reisman Science Education Center, and five students live in a dedicated IASA residence at the nearby Eshel HaNasi Youth Village, a boarding school campus.

23 founding students

16 home communities, Ashkelon to Eilat

THE GROWTH PLAN



ONE MODEL, THREE LOCATIONS

460 students in grades 7 to 12 in Jerusalem

2,400+ alumni in tech, science, medicine and the arts

200+ communities represented across Israel

KIRYAT SHMONA · UPPER GALILEE

IASA North begins its second year, five times larger



IASA North opened in September 2025 in Kiryat Shmona, Israel's northernmost city, as a regional center of excellence that strengthens local schools rather than replacing them. Through the war, learning never stopped: classes met in shelters and even held a five-day Passover camp underground.

This year, about 1,000 students from 15 Galilee schools take part, and half come from outside Kiryat Shmona. The center works hand in hand with Tel-Hai (the Galilee's new university), the Kiryat Shmona Municipality and the Upper Galilee Regional Council, which serves the surrounding kibbutzim and villages.

STUDENTS TAKING PART

2025–26	**200+**
2026–27	**~1,000**
2029 goal	**3,000**

IN LOCAL SCHOOLS
Programs include Paths of Excellence, Doctor of the Future at Sheba Medical Center and advanced math

AFTER SCHOOL
Regional courses in Python, English, chess and visual arts

TEACHERS AND PARENTS
AI training for teachers and workshops for parents

IN MEMORY OF OUR GRADUATES

Students honor IASA graduates who fell in the war through programs that help children in their names.

In memory of Amir Lavi

Amir fell on October 7 defending Kibbutz Sufa, near the Gaza border. In his memory, about 40 students tutor and mentor the children of reserve soldiers, on Zoom and in their homes.

Between Lens and Memory

In memory of Lavi Lifshitz, an art student created a photography course for neighborhood children. It ended with an exhibition, where Lavi's parents spoke about their son.





FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Remembering together in Chicago

To mark the anniversary of October 7, more than 30 friends of IASA gathered in the Chicago area for an evening of remembrance honoring IASA graduates who fell in the war. IASA CEO Adi Blutner spoke about the community service programs students created in their memory.

Join us in building what comes next

Visiting Israel? Come meet our students for a class, a workshop or lunch. melinda@iasa.org.il

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