



Yahadut Zmaneinu, Moreshet Ha'am

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AN ISRAELI JEWISH INITIATIVE IN MODI'IN



YOZMA weekend at Kibbutz Hannaton

Over the weekend of November 27-28, eighteen YOZMA families spent Shabbat together at *Kibbutz Hannaton*, located in the north of Israel. The families that came on the weekend were an eclectic mix of YOZMA members, including some whose connection to YOZMA is via the nursery school, some whose children are in the YOZMA-TALI school, some who are connected through the synagogue and a few families who had just recently joined YOZMA. This group of children, parents and grandparents were joined by four counselors from Telem, the youth movement affiliated with the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, whose role **(OF KEY IMPORTANCE I MIGHT ADD)** was to entertain and occupy the attention of the kids, a job they performed superbly.

We spent the weekend discussing and learning about subjects related to the weekend's main topic – "*emuna*" (translated as either "belief" or "faith"). We had sessions with both of YOZMA's rabbis, Rabbi Kinneret Shiryon and Rabbi Nir Barkin. Each of them has a different style of teaching and it was a great opportunity to learn with each of them. We enjoyed wonderful Friday night *tefillot* (services) followed by a warm and welcoming family dinner in the kibbutz dining room.

Saturday morning we got up early, had breakfast, *tefillot* and a study session, and then climbed up to *Tel Hannaton*, located not far from the kibbutz. The guide told us all about the history of the region and then we climbed down to see some of the recent archeological findings in the area, which were totally hidden from view from up above and incredible to see once we were underground.

We ended the day with another study session and a fascinating painting class with the art teacher from the YOZMA school, who taught a session on light and dark. We concluded with a moving *havdallah* ceremony that provided the perfect ending to a beautiful weekend.

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