

YOZMA 5770 – The Year in Numbers

As 5769 comes to a close, we look back with pride on a memorable and successful year of growth and progress and forward to continued success in the year to come. Thanks to Yossi Aud, our Executive Director, for compiling these statistics.

General Statistics:

80	The number of employees in YOZMA's cultural, educational and spiritual frameworks, making <i>Kehillat</i> YOZMA one of the largest employers in Modi'in.
86%	The percentage of YOZMA's 7.7 million shekel annual operating budget that comes from tuition and programming revenues and from local independent sources
80	The number of new families who join the YOZMA family annually. This continued growth requires continuous reassessment of the community's activities. This year, YOZMA has established a Parents' Forum in an effort to maximize the volunteering potential in the growing number of parents of YOZMA students.
70%	The decrease in office space that resulted from YOZMA's decision to forfeit its rented offices in an effort to reduce expenses and balance its annual budget in these difficult economic times
224,000 shekels	The current annual budget for tuition scholarships – a 60% increase over last year's budget of 137,000 shekels. The dramatic increase is an important indicator of the economic challenges facing YOZMA's young families in light of this past year's economic recession.

YOZMA's Educational Frameworks:

440	The number of children enrolled in YOZMA's various formal educational frameworks
1,000	The number of children we anticipate will be enrolled in YOZMA's educational frameworks within five years, based on current growth rates.
3	The number of years since YOZMA's elementary school was established. The number of years that the school was hosted by other schools before receiving its independent status just days before the start of the 5770 school year.
3	The number of times the YOZMA elementary school has been forced to change venues in the three years since its inception.
200	The number of students studying in the seven classes of grades 1-4 in YOZMA's elementary school.
6	The number of preschool classes in YOZMA's nursery school. The waiting list to be accepted into the youngest classes continues to be long.
40,000 shekels	<p>The additional annual costs associated with equipping one preschool class to accommodate children who are hard-of-hearing. All YOZMA school children are taught basic sign language.</p> <p>YOZMA continues the mitzvah of integrating children with special needs in our school programs. This year a child with cerebral palsy joins the elementary school system.</p>

YOZMA's Spiritual Activities:

100	The number of permanent chairs in YOZMA's newly-renovated sanctuary. Since moving the sanctuary from its temporary home in a preschool classroom to the current precedent-setting, newly-renovated pre-fab building, the bet Kneset has become the center of all of YOZMA's many activities.
52	The number of Kabbalat Shabbat services held annually in YOZMA's bet Kneset. The number of families with children in YOZMA's preschool and elementary schools attending services is steadily rising.
40	The number of bar/bat mitzvah events held annually in YOZMA's new Bet Kneset. In light of YOZMA's success, this number is steadily rising and there are even requests from families abroad to hold their bar/bat mitzvah ceremony at YOZMA.

Social Action and Youth:

40	The number of students who could otherwise not afford tutoring help and will benefit this year from the YOZMAN after-school program. They will be tutored by some 30 YOZMA volunteers.
8	The number of years that YOZMA has adopted the Beit Eden home for developmentally-challenged youth.
1	The number of years that the new Youth Coordinator Michal Hoffman has been with YOZMA, successfully implementing a program to prepare the new crop of new counselors for YOZMA's growing youth movement TELEM.