



Project TEN

International Community Development
By The Jewish Agency For Israel

KIBBUTZ HARDUF



ABOUT

Project TEN is an international development program that operates volunteer centers in developing areas. We bring together young Jewish adults from all over the world, to a program that combines volunteer work with local communities and service-learning in the fields of international development, culture, identity, and Jewish activism.



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The TEN Center opened in 2013 in the forest adjacent to Kibbutz Harduf in the Lower Galilee. The center specializes in creating social and educational community projects that promote a Jewish-Arab partnership, empowering disadvantaged populations and equal opportunities. We partner with MASA, Tlaim Next and Shaar Ladam.

'LIMUD' SESSIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The afternoon hours are devoted to volunteer enrichment, development and learning: Hebrew and Arabic lessons; Coexistence classes; Beit Midrash (in which we discuss Jewish texts, Israeli culture and various issues in the State of Israel); Theater classes that culminate at the end of the cohort (with the participants putting on a play); and Biography sessions – in which each participant shares his or her story in a personal and unique way with the group.

Once a month, we go on a trip in order to get to know more deeply the area in which we live and the State of Israel. During the trips we delve deeper into local dilemmas and issues, and during the routes, we mainly enjoy the landscapes of our country. Community life takes up a significant part of the program and in the daily life: Conversation circles, group activities, communal meals and cooking.

Life within the group is a warm and strong shell for participants who come from completely different backgrounds. Community life places each of the participants in full view of themselves and the others in such a way that enables them undergo a significant personal journey, exposing them to their own weaknesses and strengths, abilities and limitations.

WHO WE ARE

Young people ages 18–30 from Israel and the Diaspora volunteer at the TEN Kibbutz Harduf Center. Volunteers engage in informal education activities on a daily basis in order to enrich the local children's learning experience.

WHAT WE DO

We volunteer daily in one of our projects. All projects work in full collaboration with local nonprofits and organizations and include: Teaching English in elementary schools in the Bedouin villages; Working at Beit Elisha – a rehabilitative community for adults with special needs; Working in the organic agricultural fields; Working with at-risk youth at the Tuvia Boarding School; A theater project in English, Hebrew and Arabic; Ecological planning and construction of the "Sha'ar La'Adam" forest.



Working with CHILDREN, YOUTH AND TEACHING STAFF in Kibbutz Harduf, [Israel!]

VOLUNTEERS EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

Volunteers undergo an intense educational curriculum during their months in Harduf. The lessons are designed to prepare participants for community life, the volunteering experience, and it enables a connection to the wider Israeli context in which Project TEN operates. After the delegation is oriented in depth with the kibbutz, Sha'ar La'adam community, the Center. They meet the local staff, get to deeply know the work, visit volunteering locations and are exposed to the different cultures and lifestyles around them. During the months of volunteering, there are regular weekly meetings led by the Center's Directors and in collaboration with local professionals. The meetings cover various topics such as international development, education and community, Shabbat and holiday activities, Hebrew and Arabic lessons and Theatre classes.

*Every second weekend, participants are free to go and travel around the country. The program welcomes religious and secular participants. All activities on Saturdays and Jewish holidays are suitable for traditional observers. However, every participant is free to keep the Shabbat as they see fit.



COHORTS (5 months)

Experience a multicultural Israel while volunteering, traveling, learning, sharing and growing as a group and as individuals.

Cost: \$4,500 (airfare not included)

- Spring Cohort
- Fall Cohort

*This program is highly subsidized by MASA. Check to see if you qualify!

SUMMER PROGRAM

Volunteers will split their time between both Israeli centers, Kibbutz Harduf and Mitzpe Ramon.

Cost: \$1,000 (airfare not included)

For more details on dates and other centers check out our website!

ACCOMMODATIONS

The volunteers live in ecological styled rooms, with about three volunteers per room. The living quarters are equipped with a vegetarian kitchen and a well-equipped dining room, toilets, showers, activity room, Wi-Fi, washing machine and dryer.

