Final year presentation for the Matanel Foundation 2020

Mechinat Rabin at Kibbutz Adamit
Facts and Figures

The Yitzhak Rabin pre-army academy operates today in a wide capacity in 3 locations in Israel: in Kiryat Tivon, at Oranim Academic College, in Hadar neighborhood in Haifa and in Kibbutz Adamit, in the western Galilee, next to the border with Lebanon.

Staff Members at Adamit Branch: **5 employees.**

Participants: **34 young men and women** in the age of 18, before their military service, from all around the country.

**10 months** of educational activities, communal living, volunteering, and studies in varied subjects for leadership development and a more meaningful military service.
Seminars, lectures and topics learned during the pre-army academy year

- Gender Equality and Feminism
- Beit Midrash - Jewish sources and texts studies
- Zionism
- Economics and politics
- Leadership and worldviews
- Guest lectures in different topics
- Navigation seminar, preparation to the army and fitness practice
- Pioneers Seminar
- Judea and Samaria seminar
- Lectures about the Israeli Society, development of a Jewish Identity and culture, holidays, shabbat ceremonies and other events in the Jewish calendar
- Philosophy classes
- Religion and state affairs
- Group workshops
- Providing First Aid training
Volunteering in the community and impact

During the year, our participants volunteered in Adamit and in the surrounding area at Arab el Aramsh a- which is a Bedouin tribe village and in Nahariya. 

Every participant has gained hands on experience through volunteering and non-formal educational work, with children, youth and with the elderly.
Main events during the year

- Dealing and cooping under Covid-19 pandemic was a challenging period for our participants during the year, but they were cooperative, and we managed to work under the Ministry of Health’s limitations.

- Tours around Israel in Jerusalem, in the north and in the south to get to know the country better, develop a sense of caring and belonging to the land, along with discussions about the Israeli society and wide issues.

- Participating in the Memorial Day in remembrance of former prime-minister Yitzhak Rabin, that was mentioned in Tel Aviv in the annual event during November.

- Participants worked and gained hands on experience for salary

- A joint seminar with other pre-army academies
Community - Adamit from the final exhibition day

Coronavirus period
From the final exhibition made by participants - was shown in the graduation day, along with other meaningful events.
Accomplishments achieved during and at the end of the year

- 34 participated and graduated from Mechinat Rabin at Kibbutz Adamit in 2020, both men and women
- Volunteering in the community with great positive impact on the elderly and with youth at various places—schools, agricultural work, afternoon educational activities and inside the kibbutz in planning cultural and communal events
The Pre-Army Academy  
named after Yitzhak Rabin - Adamit Branch
For the last 4 years the Adamit branch is based in the municipality of Mate Asher, in the Galilee, in a secluded Kibbutz, after its social and economic collapse. From the first minute up until today, with a constant effort to do more, the Pre-Army academy participants take an active and initiative role in the Kibbutz and municipality’s events.

The young participants worked on a regular basis during the week with the children and youth who live in Adamit, and before every holiday or special occasion they became full partners in the planning and execution of community events.

The Pre-Army participants volunteered in organizations which needed young and moral assistance with their work in nearby Kibbutzim at Shlomi and in Naharia.
Half of the program participants volunteered with independent farmers and agricultural settlements that needed support and assistance, the other half in education.

Following an emergency event where the Ga’aton stream overflew and flooded many parts of the city of Nahariya, mechina participants helped in evacuating, fixing, and cleaning the major damage that was caused in the city.

Some of the female participants of the program took initiative and appealed to the supreme court to be able to serve in special units in the IDF, equally to men.

The facilities of the pre-army academy at Adamit will be under renovation to improve the conditions and the entire experience of the participants as we managed to secure funding for renovation.
Short Summary-lessons learnt

- The Coronavirus influenced our volunteering aspect during the last months of the academy year, while assisting farmers with agriculture work and aiding the community, but we managed to adapt our work and split into small groups and followed the Ministry of health instructions and regulations.

- Our studies were adapted to Zoom classes that were held online, due to Covid-19 pandemic, but most of the year the lectures were held regularly.

- Participants and parents were updated with the changes in the schedule, and with decisions regarding to health measures and safety measures.
We have learned how important is it to stay connected with the community during the year, work with our surrounding neighbors-cities and villages and with the municipality toward a better and more meaningful impact- both locally and nationally.

Our participants will be invited to stay connected through seminars and conferences in the future and will take part in our alumni network.
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בימי ראשון 20.7.20

הכינון לקבוצת שף:
18:30 ההכינון ברחבת הר האוכל
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The Invitation to the Graduation Ceremony at Kibbutz Adamit
Meet Omer Sraya (18 years old) a female participant from Rehovot, who participated in the Yitzhak Rabin Pre-Army Academy year:

Omer was born and raised in Rehovot, her mother works at the post office, her father is a security officer at the traffic office. She has a brother (14) and a sister (7). She is a participant of the Rabin Pre-Army Academy year and is expected to be recruited to Magav unit next March.
Next to Omer’s bed at the pre-army academy, on the wall are placed Yoni Netanyahu’s picture and parts of letters that he wrote, next to a photo of Hannah Senesh. These are her idols.

“I heard about Yoni for the first time during high-school, when I started to read about the army, and he immediately impressed me. The missions that he participated in and the story of Entebe showed me that he has a character of a hero and a role model. He started his path as an officer in the paratrooper’s brigade, from there he came back to Israel and continued to Matcal unit. He has qualities that I connect to- persistence, sacrifice, striving for excellence. I read “Letters to Yoni”, saw movies about him, I know every letter that he wrote in its entirety.”
Recognition and gratitude

Thank you, Matanel Foundation, for your support and partnership to fulfill this meaningful year!

At the Staff’s office at Kibbutz Adamit with 2 of the Pre-Army academy guides: Yael and Elinor (on the right) and with the Resource Development Manager Lior (on the left) all are alumni of the Mechina from recent years.