



Repairing and Renovating the Heart of Kfar Silver Youth Village



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About Kfar Silver Youth Village:

Kfar Silver Youth Village empowers underserved students with access to high-quality educational opportunities—propelling them to reach their full potential, become contributing and working members of society, and attain future financial independence.

A rural boarding school, Kfar Silver serves 400 day students and 220 boarders between 12 and 18 years old. The 60-acre campus is located on the outskirts of the town of Ashkelon, near the border with Gaza. Day students and boarders study together and all participate in school, youth village, and farming activities.

Kfar Silver boarding students are at-risk youth from Israel who come to the school as a chance to escape dysfunctional family backgrounds. Many of the students at Kfar Silver Youth Village struggle with immense difficulties, including mental health challenges, poverty, or families who are unable to care for them. Approximately one third of Kfar Silver students are boarders, and of these, almost three quarters are either new immigrants or from immigrant families (primarily from Ethiopia or the Former Soviet Union). Currently, 87 students have arrived in Israel without their parents, and the Youth Village is their only home. These students take part in the highly regarded Naale program, designed to ensure successful

integration into school with classes taught in students' native languages. A small number of Bedouins (7) from the Negev also live in the Village.



**Take Action:
Help Rebuild
the Heart of
Kfar Silver**

**Urgent
Renovations
Needed**

For so many students, Kfar Silver is their only home. ORT's priority is to ensure that all Kfar Silver students have a modern, updated and safe space in which to live, eat and study.

For these students, the kitchen and dining complex are the heart of Kfar Silver. In its current state, the kitchen and dining hall are barely fit to serve our students.

Renovations to Kfar Silver's kitchen and dining complex have not been made in decades. Immediate repairs are urgently needed to increase the size, efficiency and functionality of both the kitchen and dining hall.

With your help, renovations to the kitchen and dining hall will allow us to provide more students and staff with a modern and updated environment that will produce more than 1,000 meals per day.



**More than
400 students
rely on these
facilities for all
three meals
per day.**

**Join ORT's
\$1 Million
Challenge!**

Help
us raise
\$1 million by
October 31, 2019
to renovate Kfar Silver's
kitchen and dining hall. Your
contribution will multiply in impact.
When we reach our \$1 million goal,
your gift will unlock additional
millions in funding from our
international partners.

The renovation of the kitchen and dining hall is part of a multi-million dollar project. The costs may vary as the project progresses, due to various needs that arise in the field.

Donors or groups of donors who contribute \$5,000 and above will be recognized on a Wall of Honor in Kfar Silver's dining hall complex.

"For students who live and study at Kfar Silver, this is the last bus stop. If they do not catch the bus, they will miss the opportunity to succeed in life. We provide all aspects of their life, including emotional support, psychological support, educational support, social support, and round the clock tutoring. They eat here. They sleep here."

—Avi Ganon, World ORT
Director General and CEO



\$1 Million Ways to Transform Lives at Kfar Silver:

As we work together to raise support for Kfar Silver students, your generous donations will:

- Expand the 1,600m² complex to serve an increased number of students and to provide an appropriate location for regular meals and celebratory events
- Update the sewage infrastructure in the complex
- Repair the electrical appliances, including ovens and refrigeration systems
- Add new cooling rooms, grease separator systems and moisture evaporators
- Equip our kosher kitchen with two sets of pots, pans, utensils, dishes and glasses
- Improve safety conditions with the addition of anti-skid floors, better air conditioning and lighting
- Install a dedicated warehouse with the capacity to store 48 hours' worth of food for the Village in the event of rocket fire from Gaza

**Urgent Need:
Help Modernize the
Kfar Silver Kitchen
and Dining Hall**



"I love the school. It gives me the opportunity to learn things that I love, and also have the space that I feel safe in."

—Nir, Kfar Silver Student

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