

# ARTYOM

Hodayot, Israel



**ONE MONTH AGO, I MADE ALIYAH TO ISRAEL FROM ZAPOREZHYE, UKRAINE. I CAME TO ISRAEL ON MY OWN, WITHOUT MY FAMILY...AND I CAME TO HODAYOT STRAIGHT FROM BEN GURION AIRPORT.”**

**In Ukraine, my life was not exactly easy. School was difficult for me, and I did not have a great life. I came here to Hodayot because I wanted a new experience where I do not have to go home every day.**

I get to live here and study here. After I finish classes, I go back home to living with my friends. It is a much better experience.

Right now I am in Ulpan, which is an intensive introduction to Hebrew. We also learn English, mathematics and all other subjects. I study with other classmates from Russia and Ukraine. My Hebrew is already improving.

The emphasis is really on speaking fluently here, and the best part about it is that I get to speak Hebrew with friends, with my teachers and in real life. It is a practical way to learn a new language, instead of focusing on formal grammar lessons from a book. I get to speak Hebrew by living here and interacting with everyone.

When I grow up, I want to work in technology and finance. Hodayot is helping to prepare me for the future because it provides us with new opportunities to study special academic tracks like computer science. I want to study computer science because computers represent the future of our world—where we are now and where we are going, and I want to learn as much as possible about them.

My favorite part about Hodayot is how friendly people are here. It does not matter where people are from, I am able to talk to anyone on any topic. I feel welcome here and I feel like I am at home.

