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I am from a small Bedouin village near Haifa. It is about three hours away from Beer Sheva Technological College. I left my family to come study here, and I now work here, live here and support myself.

When I first started college, I was at a school in Haifa studying computer science and information systems. When I started working in that field, I realized it was not the right fit for me. It just was not what I loved to do. I decided to make a big change in my life, and moved from Haifa in the north of Israel, to Beer Sheva, all the way in southern Israel. The differences are huge, but the change has been worthwhile. I enrolled in Beer Sheva Technological College and started studying building engineering. I was lucky to have found what I am most passionate about learning.

The first few months were a difficult transition for me, especially being so far from home. But I gave it a chance, and I really started to find my way. I love learning here. The teachers and students are accepting and make me feel at home. The change was good for me. I love math and it is actually the foundation for

building engineering. Through math, I found my strengths and it helped me shape my future.

I support myself financially by working during the day and I take classes at night. I tutor students at school and I also work part time at a building company. World ORT Kadima Mada has changed my life in so many ways. My opportunities here have positively influenced my personality. I am more giving to people. I want to help them, and through tutoring I get to share my love of math with my students. I hope I make it more interesting for them. I love meeting new students and being able to help them.

When I graduate, I want to stay in Beer Sheva and run my own building engineering firm here. I want to be able to give back to the community that gave me so much by building new buildings right here in Beer Sheva. I am confident in my skills, and I know I can run my own firm. I want to be my own boss.

The best advice I could give other girls from my village back at home would be to find their passion. Don't live life based on what your family wants for you. Find what you love and what you're good at, and go after it.

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