



TIKVA AT 20!

Tikva's children have grown up. Born into a world incapable of providing for their most basic needs, today – 20 years later they are assuming responsibility for themselves, their communities, their families and for the security of the State of Israel. In fact, over 60 young men and women who have benefited from the empowering environment of Tikva in Odessa have chosen to serve in the IDF, the Israeli military.

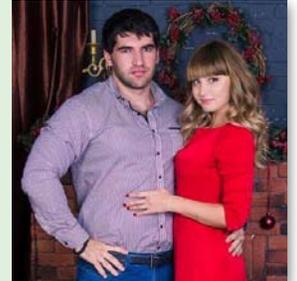
Who could have imagined the transformation from futility to hope?

As we celebrate 20 years at Tikva Children's Home, here are just a few examples of our Tikva alumni from the Class of 1998 who have developed themselves under Tikva's tutelage to be self-sufficient members of the global Jewish community.



Yana – Graduated from Tikva's education program and is a prolific artist. She is married and has a daughter who is matriculating at Tikva's school. Yana gives back by painting murals that beautify and enliven the Tikva facilities.

Nikita – Spent 10 years at Tikva and graduated from our school system. He's married with two children living in the Odessa community. Nikita has an executive management role at a major freight forwarding company. He is also proud of his accomplishment as Odessa's Regional Powerlifting Champion.



Ruslan P. – Spent 10 years at Tikva and graduated from the University program at Tikva. Ruslan made aliyah and completed his university education in Israel. Currently, he works as a designer at Isrotel Hotels in Israel.

Ruslan L. – Spent 10 years at Tikva and continued his education in Israel. Ruslan proudly served in the Israeli Defense Forces and lives in Israel currently.



Yura – Spent 7 years at Tikva and continued his education in Israel. He is married with two children.

Ilya – Spent 5 years at Tikva and obtained an advanced degree in architecture. Ilya works in his firm in Odessa and gives back to Tikva volunteering his time and through donations.



Real Needs for TIKVA

\$570,000 for the cost of feeding our resident children

\$75,000 for the cost of on-site medical care for resident children

\$65,000 for the cost of clothing our resident children

\$40,000 for Shabbat programs

\$35,000 for music and arts programs

\$30,000 for enhanced security services

\$28,000 for school books for our 900+ students at Tikva

Donate at: www.tikvaodessa.org

UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It is said that the highest rung of charity is realized when you help a fellow Jew by endowing him with the ability to be free from dependency. Tikva has spent the last 20 years ensuring that we make good on that premise by enriching the lives of the thousands of children in our care over the years and revitalizing the Jewish community of Odessa.

Thinking of the past 20 years, we celebrate some of the milestones listed below that make us an impactful organization that transforms lives of abandoned, abused and orphaned Jewish children.

- Tikva has served onsite approximately 320 -350 Jewish children in despair annually providing an environment where they are nurtured & given all essential social services.
- Tikva has provided a quality education through the university level and support for another 600 children from the surrounding area. Our schools emphasize hands on, inquiry based learning that has earned our students recognition scholastically.
- Tikva established seven educational institutions including an accredited Jewish university serving approximately 1000 students free of charge.
- Tikva has a medical team of 7 doctors and 23 nurses who handle the medical care and developmental difficulties of the Tikva children. Their dedication to detecting and dealing with daily childhood diseases, acute illness and urgent care is nothing short of remarkable.
- Tikva has a new initiative in partnership with the JDC and the IFCJ to assist the 3000 Holocaust survivors living in Odessa who subsist below poverty level in order to alleviate the strife and despair of their daily lives. All children at Tikva will participate and support this program to bring joy to the survivors' lives and let them know they are not forgotten.
- Tikva offers over 300 children Summer camp annually and has expanded that program's breadth and duration.
- Tikva has made the safety of its children an even greater priority in face of the peril & unrest in the country and addresses this on an ongoing basis with a firm security strategy.
- Tikva has been an integral component of revitalizing the Jewish community of Odessa. There are over 40,000 in the greater Odessa Jewish community.
- Tikva supported the renovation of the Great Choral Synagogue on behalf of the community in 1997 and it is the hub of community prayer, celebrations, holiday observance and learning.

- Tikva realized the need to expand the wide range of psychological support beyond the initial level planned and created a special psychological center to address the evolving needs of the children who have endured tremendous trauma.
- Tikva provides additional elderly support in the form of meals-on-wheels and holiday food parcels in partnership with the JDC together with socialization to more than 200 Jewish elders daily.
- Tikva established after school clubs that provide enrichment activities to our Tikva children in the areas of English language enhancement, art, choral singing, yoga, drama, music and wrestling.
- Tikva introduced the concept of community responsibility and the importance of giving back as a basic tenant of its philosophy. The children are imbued with this as a basis for helping others, showing kindness and moreover the idea of l'dor v'dor – giving back from generation to generation.
- Tikva has created a successful system of resident Israeli teachers and their families who serve as role models to our children so they understand the dynamics and interactions of the family unit.
- Tikva continues its education and support services with our comprehensive Jerusalem location. The Jerusalem team provides guidance in all areas of transition that over 500 of our graduates have made in migrating to Israel.

Tikva recognizes that today's poor children are all too often tomorrow's poor parents. Poverty can be an insidious cycle that passes from generation to generation affecting the long-term health, wellbeing and productivity of families and an entire community. As Tikva tackles the issue of child poverty, abuse and neglect as a core focus - we are dedicated to relieving acute suffering of our rescued Jewish children while being a part of the long term strategy to enrich the Jewish community of Odessa so they will be able to sustain hopeful, vibrant lives.

We know there are more Jewish children waiting to be rescued – Tikva Children's Home clearly saves lives and we will continue with your generous support.

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Tu B'Shevat

Tu B' Shevat 2017 in Odessa was a lively celebration of the "New Year of the Trees" embracing all. The entire Odessa Jewish community participated in observing the wonderful traditions of this holiday with the children of Tikva. For the many elderly friends of Tikva who were not able to join in the festivities at the synagogue itself, our Tikva children made visits to bring joy, holiday meals complete with traditional fruits specific to Tu B'Shevat and

flowering plants. Sharing the holidays with these people helps remind our children of the importance of giving back and emanating kindness in their words & deeds.

These pictures of our children depict their sheer excitement while learning and preparing for the holiday and their enjoyment of another wonderful celebration at Tikva.



YOUNG LEADERSHIP

This past November, under the leadership of Yanna Begelman, fourteen young Jewish leaders from the New York City area gathered to launch the first meeting of TiKVA's Young Leadership Board. The meeting was held to bring together young philanthropists interested in supporting TiKVA's mission, to discuss future projects for TiKVA and to talk about innovative fundraising ideas for TiKVA's needs. During the meeting TiKVA's Senior board member, Lenny Krayzelburg shared how TiKVA had touched and enriched his life over the years. Tom Leydiker of EIN Capital, sponsor of the new English program at TiKVA, shared his excitement and commitment to supporting TiKVA's life-saving work. Leah Laufer, one of TiKVA's graduates shared her story about TiKVA saving her life years ago. These speakers touched and inspired our Young Leadership Board candidates to step up and

get creative in ways in which we can support TiKVA's life-saving work.

Bringing together young professionals from various backgrounds, who are passionate about Tikva brought to the surface a number of exciting ideas for future TiKVA events and programs. We have many new initiatives in the works for 2017 and beyond that we look forward to sharing with you.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining in TiKVA's future and would like to join the Young Leadership Board, please reach out to Yanna Begelman at 917-517-7879 or TikvaYB@gmail.com.



INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017



The Tikva children participated in International Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27th with the rest of the world commemorating all victims of the Holocaust. The purpose of the holiday as established by the UN is two-fold – to serve as a date for the official commemoration of victims of the Nazi regime and to promote Holocaust education worldwide.

A delegation of children and elders from our day program from Tikva attended the memorial service in Odessa and placed flowers as a remembrance. Another group of children from the Girl's School visited the Holocaust Museum in Odessa and received both a tour and met with Holocaust survivors who told their important stories.

Pictured are students who joined the international flash mob in support of this historic day along with those who attended the moving commemorative service in Odessa.

