# Annual Report 5776/2015-16

**Azrieli Institute for Educational Empowerment** 





#### Dear Partners

We are proud to present our annual summary of the activity of the Azrieli Institute for Educational Empowerment. The program is the fruit of the vision of the late David Azrieli, of blessed memory, who wished to work for the benefit of low-performing junior high school students faced with poor academic achievements. The program aims to empower its students in the learning, educational and social arenas, to help them mature into independent, responsible and enterprising adults, who will in turn be a positive influence on schools, families and the community. Ms. Danna Azrieli, Chairman Azrieli Foundation Israel, leads the realization of this vision.

The program currently operates in 26 cities and towns across the country, in 83 schools, and with the participation of approximately 4.200 students.

In this report you will find descriptions of the achievements and successes of our students, and a summary of activity for the school year 5776 (2015-2016).

The success of the program arises from the combined hard work of my team members at the Azrieli Foundation - the regional directors, the city managers, the heads of the social department, the heads of the parents department, the educational teams, and the people responsible for operations — all of whom have been my partners, day and night, over the course of many years.

The program's success also stems from the full partnership with the school principals and the education teams who work with us harmoniously, with a strong belief in the success of each and every student; they deserve our thanks and appreciation.

I also wish to thank the mayors, the education department directors in the cities, the regional directors at the Ministry of Education and its supervisory teams, all of whom have helped in the success of the program over the years.

And last, but certainly not least, I wish to thank the Azrieli family, the Board members of the Azrieli Foundation, and Offi Zisser, CEO Azrieli Foundation Israel, for their vision and its implementation, as well as for their dedication and support.

With all best wishes for continued, successful activity,

Meir Avitan, National Manager, Azrieli Institute for Educational Empowerment







### **Educational Concept- Azrieli Institute for Educational Empowerment**

The Azrieli Institute for Educational Empowerment is a unique and holistic program intended for students with low achievements in the classroom. It accompanies them through the three years of their studies in junior high school (7th to 9th grade) and in three circles of activity - academic studies, social aspects and parental involvement

### A holistic education model to reduce study and social gaps

#### Academic Empowerment

#### Study acceleration math, literacy, English

- Maintaining success math, literacy, English
- Focusing on tex intensive subjects
- · Individual strengthenin

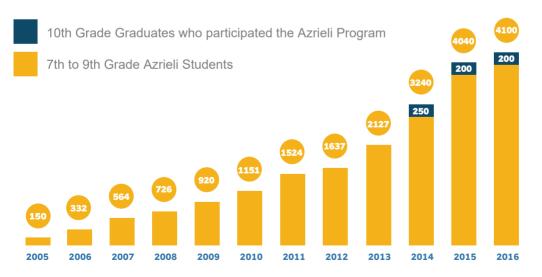
#### **Social Empowerment**

- Social workshops personal-group-family community
- · Community volunteerin
- Social initiativ
- · Young Leadership

#### **Parental Empowerment**

- Parent workshops years 1-3
- Meetings with parents and children
- Empowering meetings
- · Parental leadership

# **Scope of Activity**





26

Cities from Eilat to Kiryat Shmona



45,000

Teaching hours per year



83

**Schools** 



100

Parent workshops



300

Small study groups



1,200

Parents participated in workshops



4,100

Students participating in the program in the 2015-2016 school year



9,000

Hours of social activities



12,500

Students have participated in the program since its establishment



660

Hours of social activities

# Scope of activity and towns 2015-2016

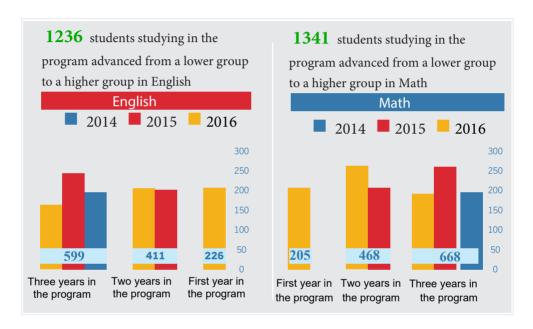
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Center	Bnei- Brak Bat- Yam Jerusalem Gedera Kiryat Malachi Bet shemesh	155 456 121 114 152 177
South	Qiryat-Gat Netivot Ofakim Be'er Sheva Sderot Dimona Eilat	226 124 115 291 53 211 165



(Without Graduates)

# **Transition to Higher Proficiency Levels**

Azrieli students improved their grades, and many also moved from a lower group to a higher group during the years 2014-2016.



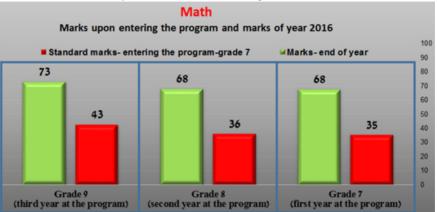


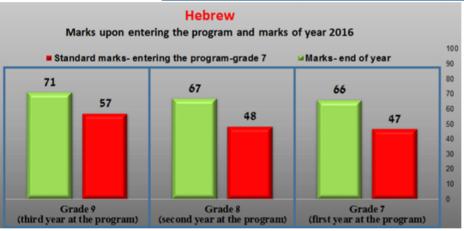
# **Student Scholastic Achievements**

Marks upon entering the program in Grade 7 and marks end of school year 2016.

Red: Entry level marks (Grade 7) Green: Report Card marks end of each grade level

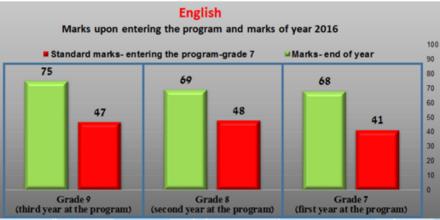






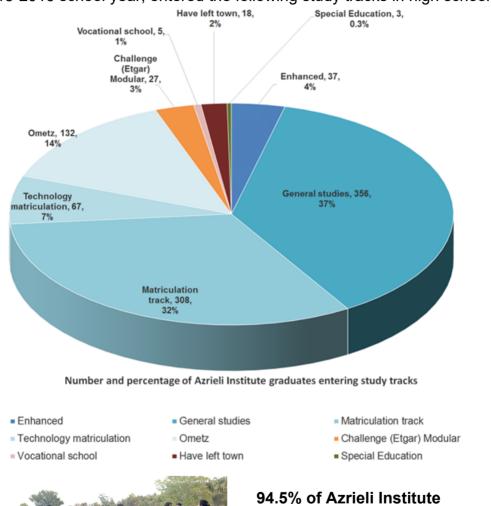
Student Achievements in Hebrew





#### **Ninth Grade Graduates -in Matriculation Tracks**

**953** graduates of the Azrieli Institute who completed the ninth grade in the 2015-2016 school year, entered the following study tracks in high school:





94.5% of Azrieli Institute graduates are in full matriculation tracks.

# **Countrywide Social Activity**



6,000

Social activity sessions across the country



600

Community volunteer activities by program students



20

Social activity sessions per group



**60** 

Social initiatives led by program students

Social empowerment is part of the process that the students and groups undergo. The social activities touch on various aspects of strengthening the personal identity of the students, creating a positive self-image, and more. Social activity takes place in weekly workshops incorporating Outdoor Training activity models. The group also engages in fostering personal and social skills, and taking the lead in volunteering activities for the community.









#### **Azrieli Students Volunteer in 3 Nation-Wide Activities**

As part of the volunteering activity that students of the Azrieli Institute for Educational Empowerment are involved in, three new and unique activities have been implemented at all Empowerment programs nation-wide, in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades

### 4,100 program students volunteered in 3 unique activities

# Hannukah - Azrieli Lights up the City

Dedicated to activity with the elderly in nursing homes.





Purim - Azrieli Cheers Hearts

Dedicated to children with special needs and to public service providers.





### **Memorial Day – Azrieli - Honors the Memory**

Dedicated to activity in military cemeteries, creating memorial corners for fallen soldiers.





# **Parent Workshops: Nation-wide Activity**



1,200
Parents participated in workshops



53

Groups of 1st year parents (10 meetings per group)



300

Parents and child get- togethers



**50** 

Groups of 2nd and 3rd year parents (5 meetings per group)

In keeping with the program's holistic perspective, the parents of our students take part in the educational process through participation in a series of 10 intensive weekly meetings led by a dedicated workshop facilitator. Here the parents gain an understanding of teaching methods to help them work with their children. They are also given tools and ideas for improving family relations so that they can be full partners in their children's achievements



















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