

HODAYA TASMA

My name is Hodaya Tasma, I was born in Haifa and currently live in Kiryat Shmuel, I've been a part of the Leaders of the Future youth program for five years, I'm sixteen and in the eleventh grade. I'm the oldest of four siblings (all girls). With regard to my dreams for the future, I'm not sure exactly sure what I want to study, but my goal is to attend the Technion.

Before joining Leaders of the Future, I didn't worry about my future or think about what I would like to do when I grow up. After 5 years with the program, I can say unequivocally that my future and my studies are the things occupy my mind the most. From the moment I joined the program my entire way of thinking changed, I realized that there are people out there that care about my future and are willing to invest in it so there is no reason why I shouldn't do the same. I began to invest more time and effort in my studies and improve areas where I was struggling.

If I was approached by a friend who wanted to know about the program, I would tell them that Leaders of the Future is a program that seeks to bring excellence to Ethiopian children so they can be accepted into academic institutions. The program provides academic support in math and English combined with activities and social days such as field trips, workshops, a roots journey, connection to Ethiopian culture, history, and more. Classes are divided into levels so that each student can learn according to their appropriate level and succeed. Most importantly, there is a teacher who goes above and beyond for every student. I would strongly recommend joining the program because beyond the help in achieving academic aspirations and success, the program provides an attentive ear, support and help in every area, a second family and a place to meet friends for life.

During the past five years, the most important thing I learned is not to give up and always believe that I can. I now understand that when I invest my time and effort, there are results.



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