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## "THE GOAL: TO RAISE THE MOST ETHICAL YOUTH"

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The Shaked Darca School at Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu is very proud of the data published by the IDF. Among boys who attend the school, there is 100 percent enlistment, and the girls lead the state-religious schools in the same category.

"We are happy," said Boaz Schwartz, the school's principal. "Our goal is to raise the most ethical youth who can contribute to Israeli society, to be part of it, and believe in its path. Education starts at home, carries on in the community where the boy or girl lives and continues in schools."

The school was established about 80 years ago. There are about 570 students in seventh through twelfth grades who come from kibbutzim and moshavim in the Valley of the Springs, the Jordan Valley and the Lower Galilee. "This is the tenth year that Shaked Darca is at the top of the IDF enlistment charts. We see the IDF as an opportunity to connect and give to others. Our graduates are in all the IDF's field units and elite units - and in places where discretion is of utmost importance," added Schwartz, battalion commander in the IDF Armor Reserves.

"Our female students have the same motivation as our male students. Over 80 percent of them enlist in the IDF and the remainder in National Service. Every one of our female students asks herself where she can contribute the most of herself, and that's where she decides to serve. We also have high academic achievement, with matriculation success at over 90%," Schwartz emphasized.