



ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

Youth Renewal Fund

Youth Renewal Fund, founded in 1989, is the US philanthropic and strategic funding partner to Darca Schools, the #1 educational network in Israel.

Together, Youth Renewal Fund and Darca are strengthening Israel's underserved communities by providing students living in Israel's geosocial periphery with an education that is not only comparable to, but exceeds the educational experience of their peers living in more affluent communities.

TheMarker

The Top High School Network in Israel: Ministry of Education Rankings Revealed

The Ministry of Education compiled, for the first time, data on the achievements of students attending private education networks that operate hundreds of high schools and that are funded with billions of NIS per year By: Lior Datal | April 24, 2017

The government channels billions of NIS to private education networks that operate high schools but until now has never known whether these large budgets are justified. Data compiled by the Ministry of Education for the first time on the achievements of the networks reveal that most networks find it difficult to reach achievements which justify their budgets.

The education system believes that the new ranking will change the balance of powers in the high school system, and may result in a transfer of high schools in the networks - either amongst themselves or among local authorities. The Ministry of Education wishes to establish the new system in order to replace the schools' operators that are not functioning adequately or whose achievements are low.

"Ranking first in the averages of the parameters reviewed by the Ministry of Education is the Darca Network...which also achieved the highest scores in most of the Ministry of Education individual parameters."

A letter sent by Director General of the Ministry of Education Shmuel Abuhav, to the heads of the local authorities states that a comprehensive review conducted by the Ministry of Education, whose results are published here for the first time, revealed "no significant advantage to private operation (education network) over operation by the local authority. We identify throughout the continuum ownership that performs well, alongside ownership



The Ministry of Education instructed all local authorities to hold, within two years, new tenders for the operation of high schools in their jurisdiction that are managed by education networks. The authorities were also instructed to emphasize data on quality of the networks that are now being published. The data is based on eligibility for matriculation certificate, dropout rates, excellence in matriculation exams and other data, as well as the percentage of students in five-unit matriculation math and English and school atmosphere. In Jewish schools, the Ministry of Education also examined IDF recruitment rates. The goal being to cause the authorities to invest the budget they receive from the Ministry of Education in educational networks that were found to be top notch, and to replace schools operators that are dysfunctional, or with poor performance.

In order to rank the networks, the Ministry of Education reviewed the accomplishments of every school operated by educational network for at least three years, and weighed the achievements into a total score in each parameter. At the same time, the data

The Darca Vision



Israeli gaps in education are growing, locking disadvantaged youth into a cycle of poverty and threatening the nation's prospering economy. The continued health of Israel's social fabric and booming economy, now, more than ever, is dependent on a generation of young leaders coming from the state's underserved communities.

The Darca network's vision states that every child in Israel's school system has the right to realise his potential for excellence regardless of his place of residence, parents' education, or any other environmental factor.

Our mission is to strengthen the underserved society in Israel's periphery, by creating a groundbreaking enriched and efficient educational system. We serve all sectors of the Israeli population regardless of their religion or political affiliations. In Darca schools, students gain access to an educational experience comparable to that available in the wealthier communities thus bridging the vast gaps in Israeli society.

Darca is anchoring further and better Humanistic-Jewish-Democratic values, tolerance and active participation in national and community life.

The Darca network serves all sectors of the Israeli population; operating and managing 47 schools and learning centers nationwide, in addition to intervention programs in 20 elementary schools.



Stats & Figures



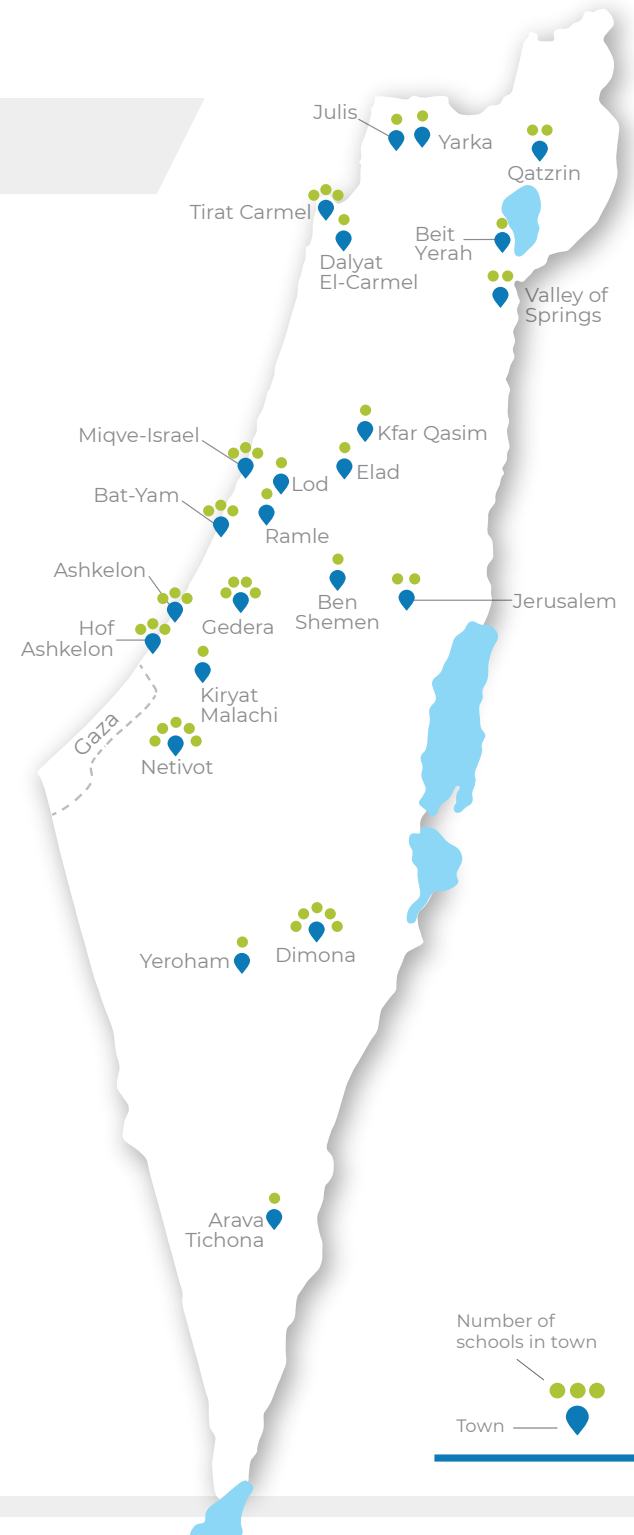
93.5 % of Darca's Students Pass the Bagrut

3,045
Teachers

27,150
Student Outreach

47
Institutions

208.6M
Budget in USD

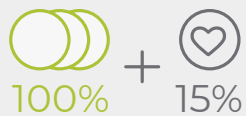


The Darca Way · Start-Up Education



DISRUPTIVE INNOVATION

Darca Schools is driving positive sustainable change from within the education system in Israel's geosocial periphery.



Unlike other networks, 100% of state-financing goes directly to our schools + we add **15% in philanthropic funds** to level the playing field.



We identified **principals as the cornerstones** for schools' transformation. We thereby focus our resources and guidance on enhancing them and their leading team's ability to dream and drive success.



Students benefit from **cutting-edge pedagogical innovation** giving them the tools they need to succeed in the 21st century.



We are the sole school network operating **exclusively in Israel's geosocial periphery.**

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REMARKABLE RESULTS

Darca has established itself as **Israel's #1 school network**, according to statistics published by Israel's Ministry of Education.



Unprecedented
93.5% network-wide
matriculation rate.



More than **50%** of
Darca schools receive
top-rank recognition
by Israel's Ministry of
Education.



97% of graduates
go on to significantly
contribute to Israeli
society.



Darca's unique model
and remarkable results
are placing system-
wide pressure on
competing networks to
adjust their standards
and models.

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EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP



Darca's senior management team bring with them decades of excellence in the field. We prioritize nurturing market leaders to oversee each professional field - from school principals and teachers to pedagogy, finance and technology, our teams are seasoned experts of the highest caliber.



PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS



Our board members and our partners have established track records both as leading philanthropists and some of the best business people in the world.

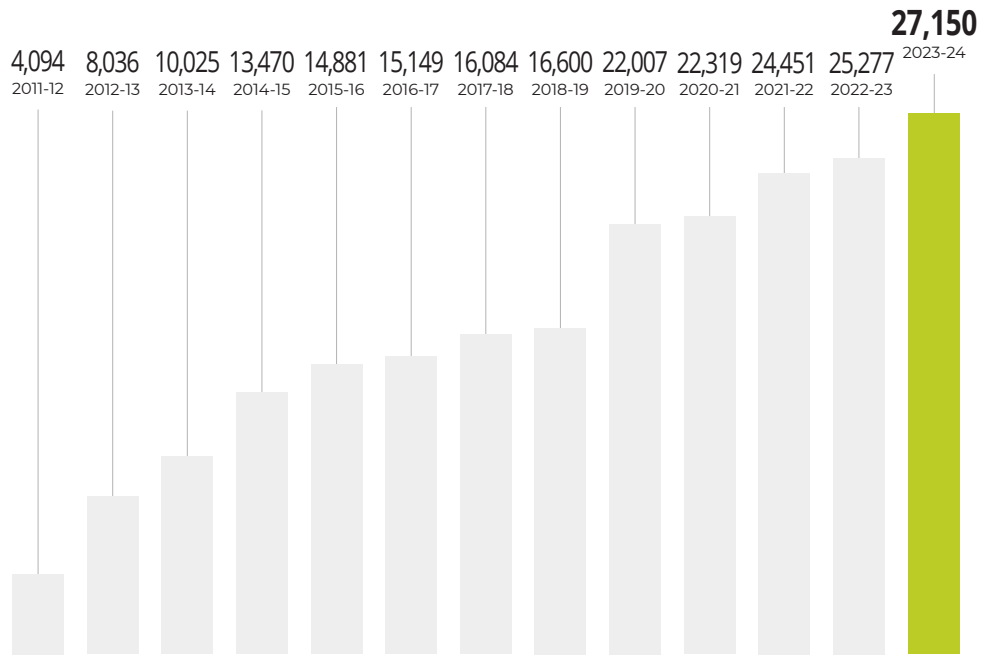


THE 100% MODEL

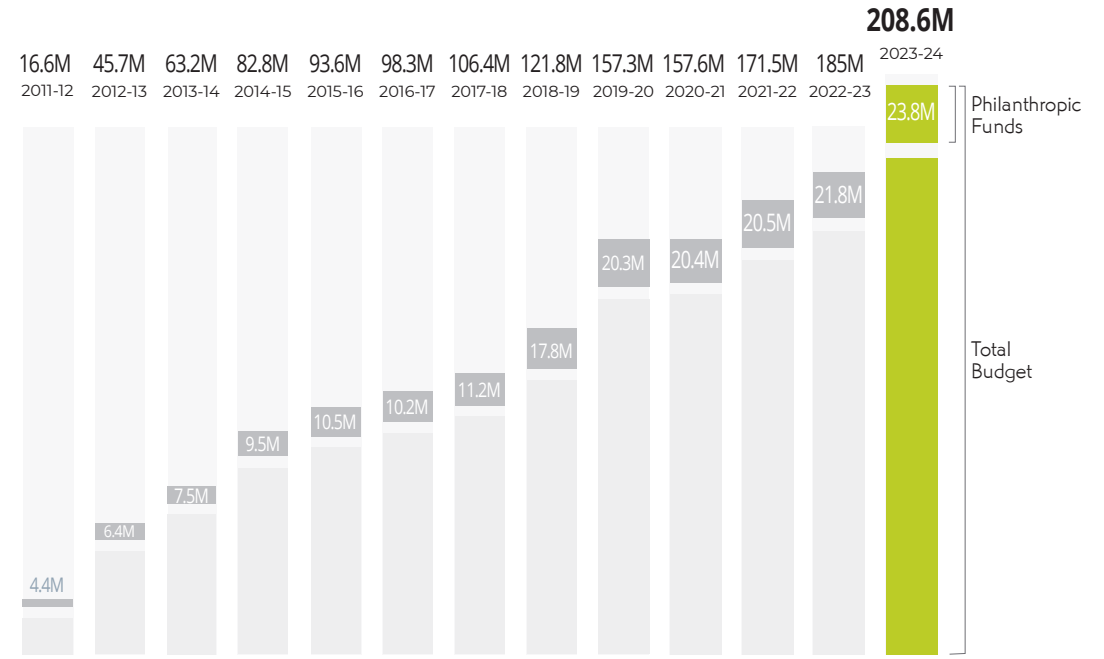


We rely on a small group of generous private donors to fund all of our operating expenses, so 100% of your money goes further than ever before to benefit those that need it most.

Darca's Growth

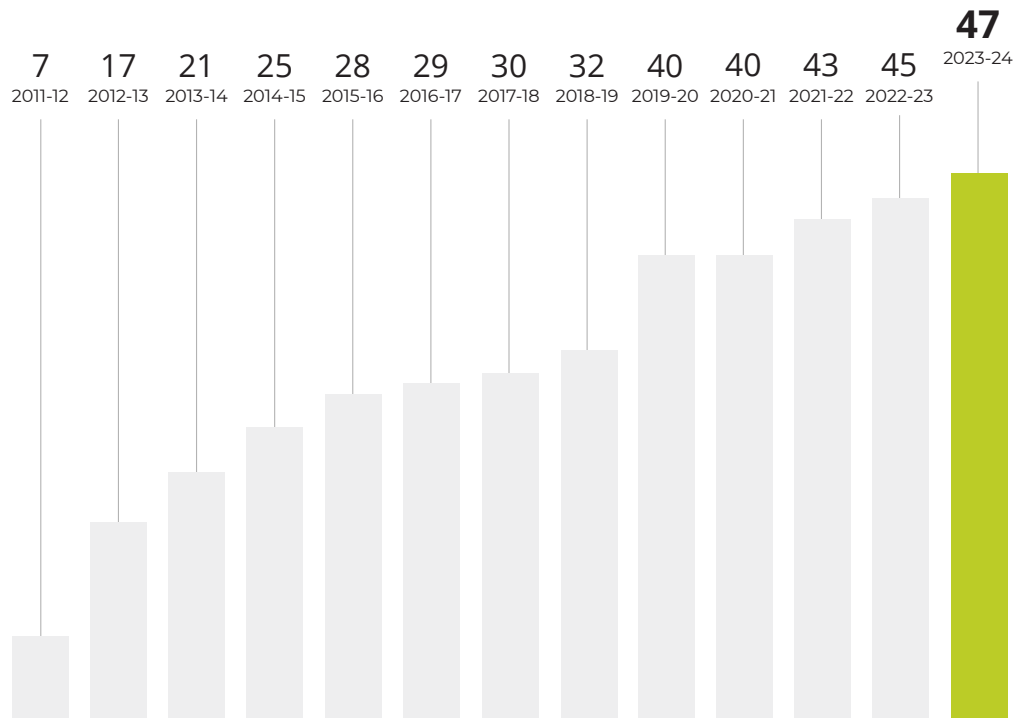


Number of Students

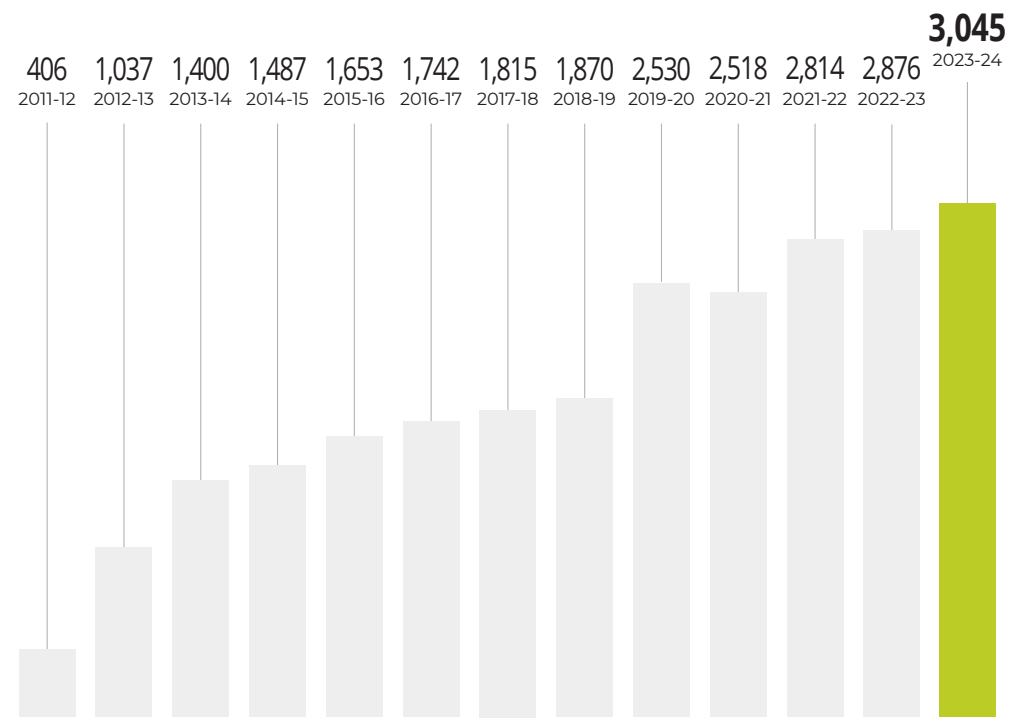


Budget in USD

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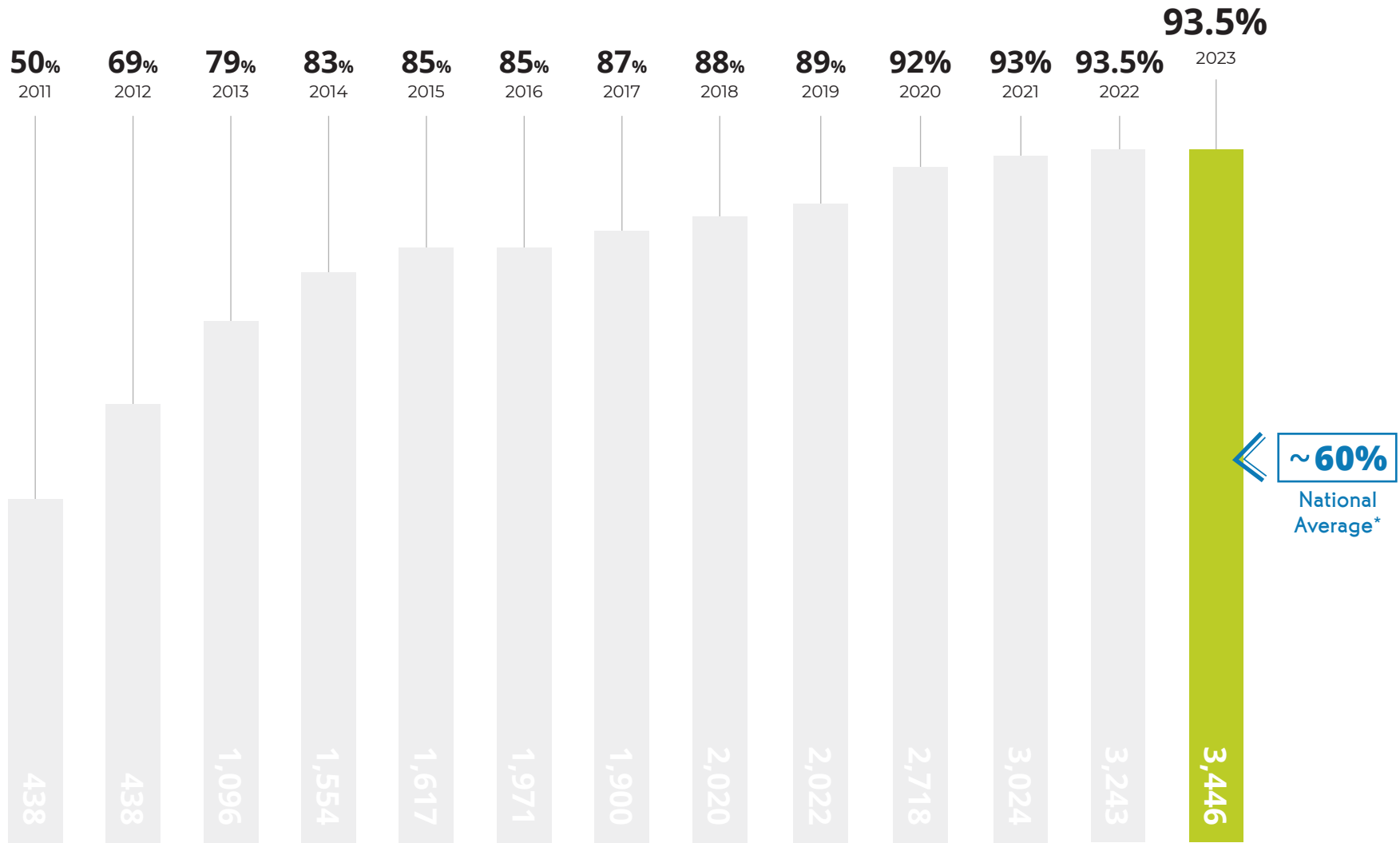


Number of Institutions



Number of Teachers

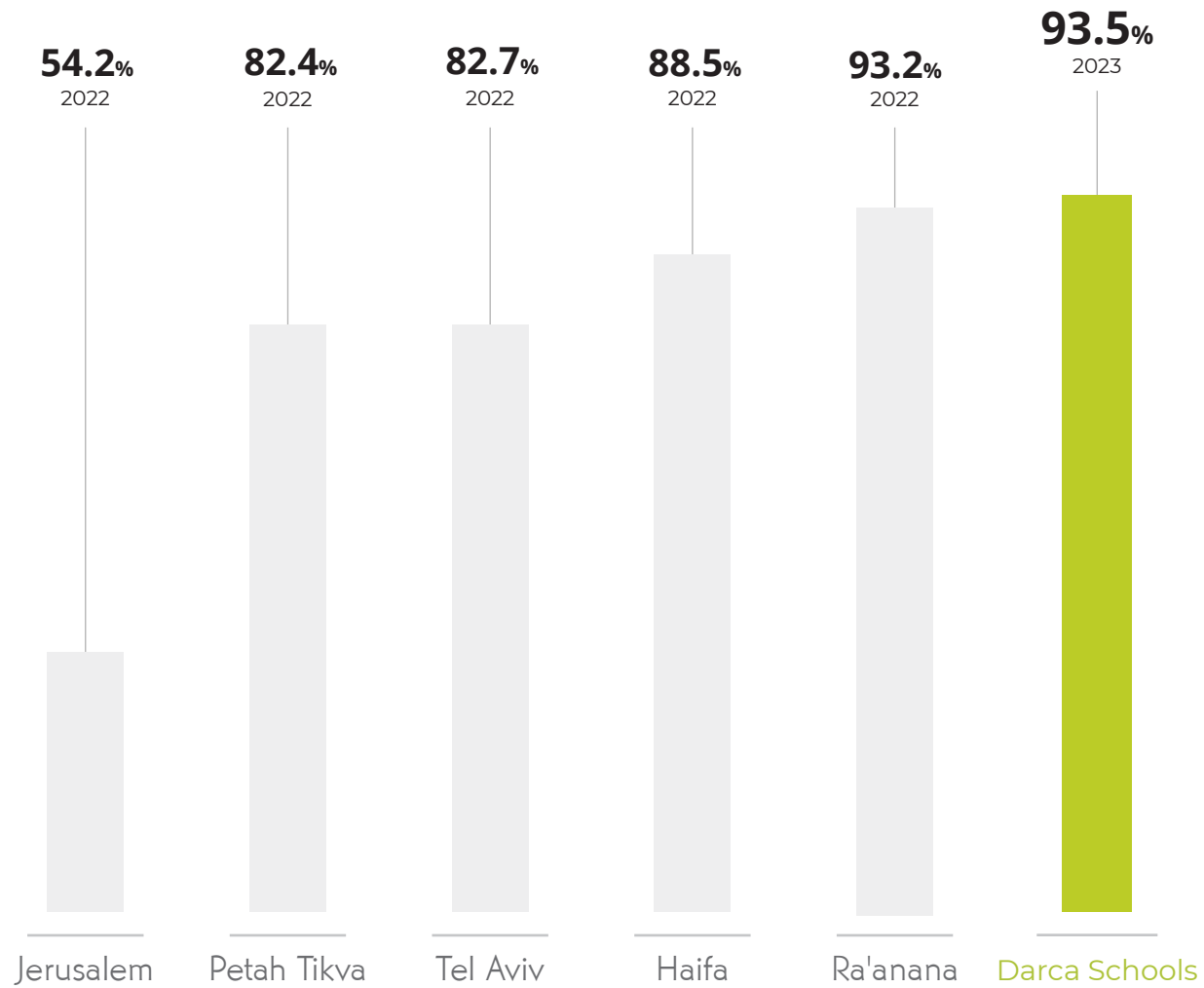
Darca Schools Bagrut Success



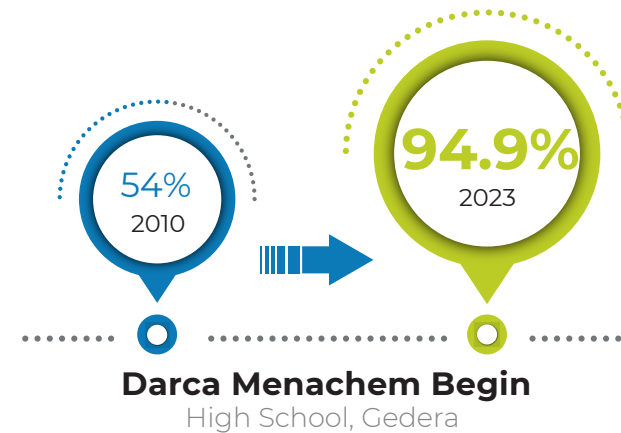
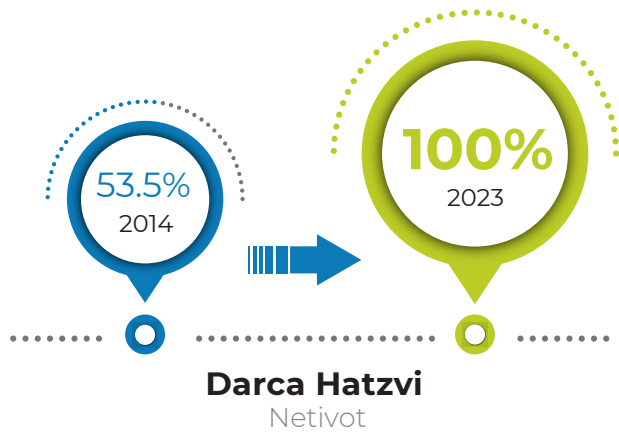
Number of Graduates

* Haaretz, Sept. 2022/23

Darca Schools VS Large Communities



Success Stories



100% Results

LIST OF SCHOOLS
WITH A
100%
BAGRUT
SUCCESS RATE

Makif He' Darca, Ashkelon

Bait V'Gan Darca High School, Bat Yam

Achva Darca High School, Dimona

Netivei Noam Darca Religious Educational Campus, Gedera

Rene Cassin Darca, Jerusalem

Maxim Levy Darca High School, Lod

Darca Yitzhak Navon High School, Netivot

Darca Hatzvi, Netivot

Yeshivat Darca, Netivot

Darca Druze High School for Science and Leadership, Yarka

MoE Top-Ranked Schools 2022/23

19 DARCA SCHOOLS RECEIVED TOP-RANKED RECOGNITION FROM ISRAEL'S MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.
THIS AWARD REFLECTS THEIR EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS, AND IN CULTIVATING STUDENTS' VALUES AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT.



Ben Shemen Youth Village

Bait V'Gan Darca High School, Bat Yam

Hammer Darca High School, Bat Yam

Appleman Darca High School, Dimona

Zinman Darca High School, Dimona

Darca Menachem Begin High School, Gedera

Shikma Darca High School, Hof Ashkelon

Miqve Israel - General School, Holon

Orayta Haredi Yeshiva High School, Jerusalem

Rene Cassin Darca, Jerusalem

Darca Beit Yerah, Jordan Valley

Darca Julis

Darca Nofey Golan, Katzrin

Gymnasia Darca, Kiryat Malachi

Darca Yitzhak Navon High School, Netivot

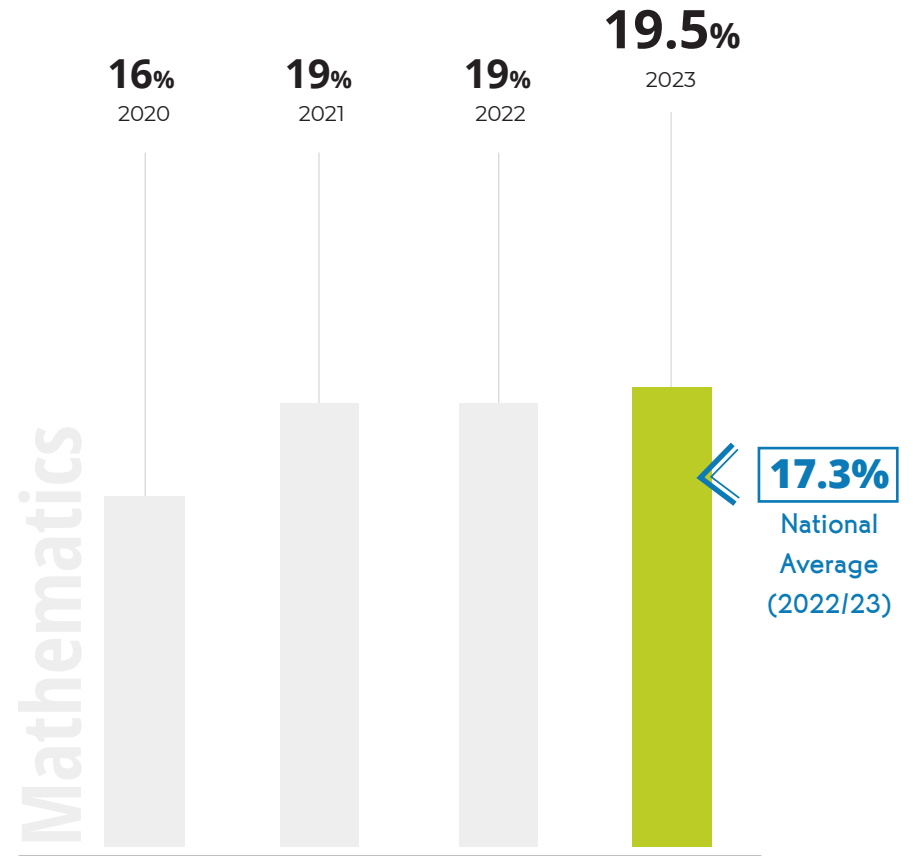
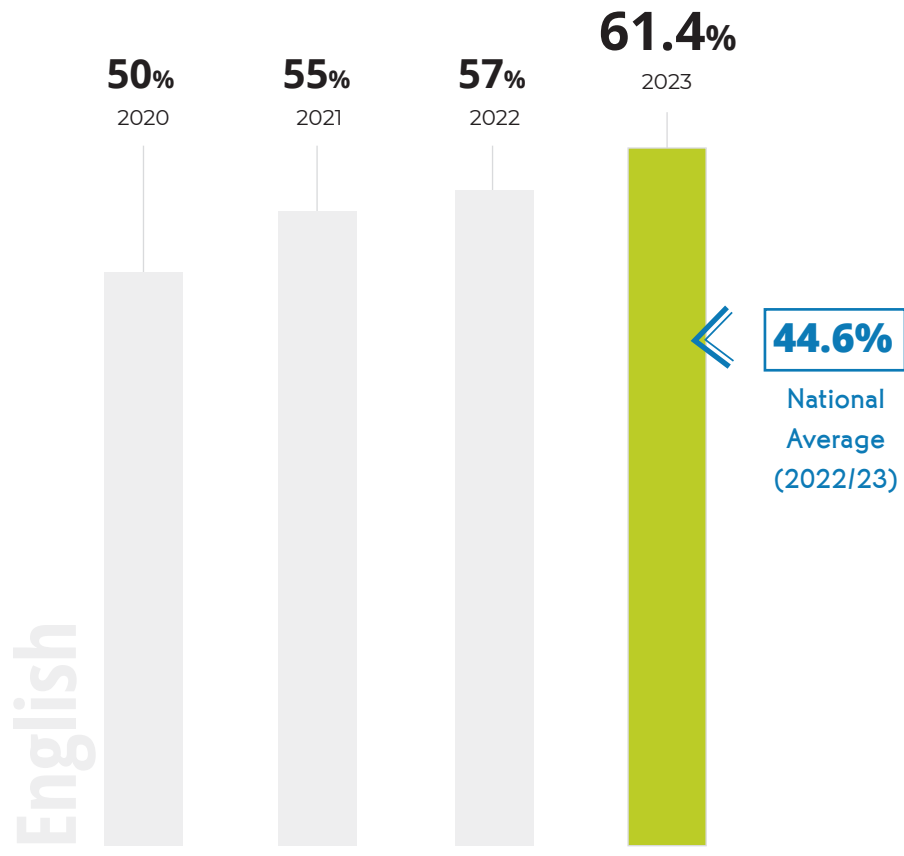
Darca Hammer, Netivot

Darca Hatzvi, Netivot

Darca Ulpana, Netivot

Darca Sapir, Yeruham

5 Credits



Highlights



TWO NEW SCHOOLS FROM TIRAT CARMEL

Darca Shiffman and Darca Ariel are the 2 schools from the Northern part of Israel that joined the network.



THE ODEM PROGRAM, KATSRIN

Darca Odem develops students' leadership skills alongside academic excellence. Highly selective, it forms the next generation of leaders in technological security and defence; leaders who will come from all corners of the country, including from the Druze community and the geo-social periphery.



EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR

After 2 successful years training future high school principals in collaboration with the Avney Rosh Institute, Darca launched a similar program for the ultra-Orthodox sector.



THE BEST TO BECOME PILOTS

3 Darca graduates successfully completed the very prestigious pilot course in the past two years.



PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

For the 4th year in a row, Darca alumni have received the President's Excellence Award for Distinguished Service, awarded to IDF soldiers and officers, during their service.

Darca Achievements in the Media

היסטוריה בחלל
משלחת של תלמידי ביתה"א מבית הספר "דרכא ספר" בירושלם החמונה על ידי חברת אימגו סאטלו וז'לקות חלוקה ולצמח בשימוש של לוחית רציפת ביטס חל האוויר בקלימטריה שבארצות הברית
עודד בר באר

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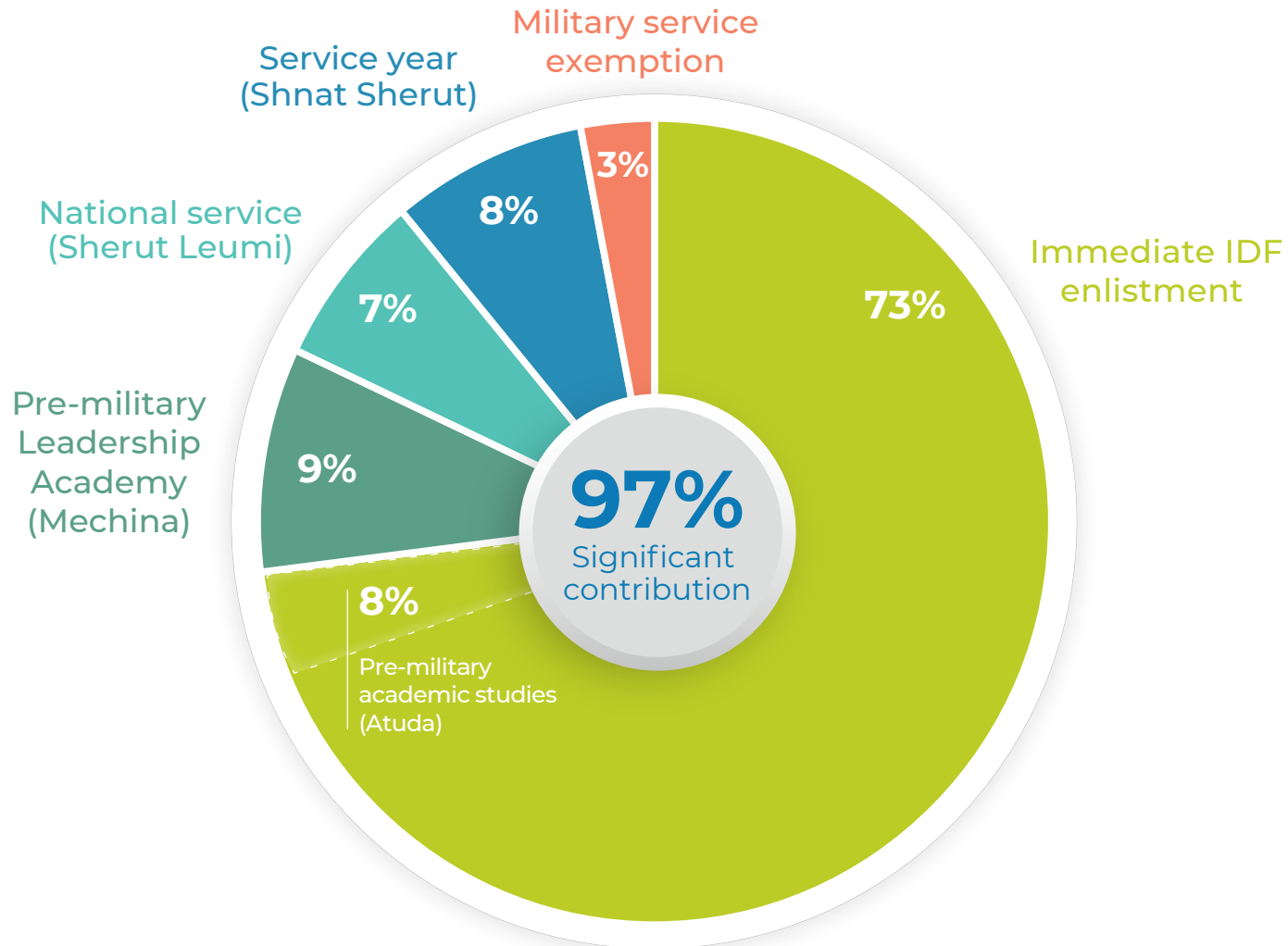
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Darca Graduates 2022/23



Additional Intervention Programs

In light of Darca's exceptional success on the post-primary level, the network has been approached by numerous educational municipalities to operate intervention programs on the elementary level.



Elementary School
Holistic Intervention

| 7,146
Students

| 20
Elementary
Schools

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Darca's Key Philanthropic Partners



Youth Renewal Fund, established in 1989, invests in innovative education throughout Israel's most under-served communities as a means of improving social mobility.



Fulfilling the philanthropic legacy of David J. Azrieli z"l, the Azrieli Foundation Israel is dedicated to strengthening Israeli society by advancing initiatives in the fields of education, medical and scientific research, community, welfare, arts and culture.



The Gerald and Gail Ronson Family Foundation was established to help socially disadvantaged people. Since the 1960s, the family has empowered thousands of people in the UK and Israel to build better lives for themselves and their communities.



Established in 2006 by André Deloro z"l, the Adelis Foundation aspires to make a meaningful impact on the lives of Israeli citizens and strengthen Israel as a successful, secure, and prosperous nation by operating in the following key areas: scientific and medical research, education, and social welfare.



Established in 1984 by Gustav Leven z"l, the Rashi Foundation is an independent, private philanthropic foundation dedicated to assisting the underprivileged in Israel, particularly children and youth. Co-founders of Darca Schools.



Alliance - Kol Israel Haverim (KIAH) is a leading educational organization in Israel, and part of the Alliance Israélite Universelle organization that was established in 1860 in France in order to promote solidarity among Jews worldwide. Co-founders of Darca Schools.

Cultivating Change in the Periphery

Darca continues to grow, flourish, and expand its activities serving the many diverse communities in Israeli society. We invite you to visit our schools and witness the realization of our vision in action. Partners who choose to share in Darca's meaningful ongoing process will have significant influences on the future of students in Israel.

To coordinate a meeting or a visit please contact us at:

www.youthrenewalfund.org or 212.207.3195



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