

Year Two: Continuing to Grow...



- Worked intensively with approximately 50 young farmers (in our full-time and summer programs) who earned a salary, took important steps to rejoin society, and gained self-respect in the process.
- Provided hundreds of hours of one-on-one and group programming for other Israeli youth.
- Worked with many hundreds more Israelis and Diaspora visitors, including IDF soldiers: educators: elementary, high school and university students; synagogue and youth groups; families.
- Expanded educational, philanthropic, corporate, government, and non-profit partnerships.
- Launched a new "Project Based Learning" initiative to engage participants seeking to take on more responsibility and helped participants create their own [blogs](#) charting their progress.
- Increased our CSA customer base to 180, well beyond our target.
- Extended our acreage by farming another parcel of donated land, thus adding more space for educational activities and increasing our yield.
- Diversified with new crops: Jerusalem artichoke, carrots, cucumber.
- Took part as a farming community in an [agricultural open day/exhibition](#) at the Yair R&D Center in the south where we learned about the latest innovations in farming.
- Hosted 200 of our best friends for Kaima Open Farm Day during the harvest festival of Sukkot.
- Held a deeply thought provoking "planting and sowing day" with all Kaima's young farmers and professional staff to plan the farm's spring and summer growing seasons.
- Built a protected chicken coop with nest boxes for egg laying.
- Began to export Kaima's pedagogic, agricultural, business model to other interested farmers motivated to help dropout youth by creating their own educational farm using our methodology.
- Started to develop a joint greenhouse project with Jerusalem's Gan Habotani to serve as a satellite site.