

# Getting to Know You...

## MEET THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE UP THE YICC FAMILY



### Dani & Dorit Yemini, Erga, Be'eri, Eli and Tair

The Yemini Family came to Los Angeles in August 2004 from Israel to serve for two years as Shlichim for the modern orthodox community of Los Angeles. In the short time they have been here, they have made a big impact on our community with their energetic and inspiring enthusiasm. The Yeminis are a remarkably friendly family, and their home is always open with warm hospitality in typical Israeli style.

YICC: What attracted you to join YICC?

Dani & Dorit: Our jobs require us to attend all the modern orthodox Shuls in Los Angeles. We want you to know how warmly we have been received by the entire community, and how much we enjoy this wonderful Shul – we feel so much at home here.

YICC: Tell us something about yourselves?

Dani: I am here on a mission for two years. I wear three hats: Bnei Akiva Shaliach, Aliyah Shaliach, and Representative for the Chinuch Department of the Jewish Agency on the West Coast. In these capacities I am in charge of three *Snifim* (chapters) of Bnei Akiva, the only religious Zionist youth movement in the Diaspora. Together with the Committee of Parents and the Counselors, we provide *tochniyot* (activities) every week for grades 3-12. We educate our participants for a life of Torah, Avodah and Aliyah. I look forward to meeting more families as you join in this wonderful and inspiring youth movement. I also attend and deliver *shiurim* at the modern orthodox Shuls in greater Los Angeles, visit and conduct assemblies at all the day schools each month, and counsel potential Aliyah candidates, while ongoing support meetings for them. We want the Jewish community to know that Aliyah is our destination and within reach.

Our home in Israel is in Peduel, a lovely orthodox settlement in Samaria which has about 150 families. They are living lives of Torah & Avodah in various professions, in the Tel Aviv area. I received my Masters in Jewish Studies at Bar Ilan University where I served as a faculty member in the Jewish Identity Center. My father's family moved from Yemen to Jerusalem four generations in 1882. My mother met my father while he was attending London University, and she made Aliyah forty years ago from England.

Dorit: I am a community social worker by profession, and taught and managed a leadership school in Israel. This is our second Shlichut, the first was ten years ago in England. I participate actively with Dani in Bnei Akiva and Aliyah activities. I also sell a new line of Israeli jewelry as a side business. My mother made Aliyah from Morocco, and my father worked for the illegal Aliyah from Tunisia where he met my mother. Our lovely children, Elga (10), Be'eri (8), Eli (4), and Tair (2), represent a real Kibbutz Galuyot from four different countries of the Diaspora. Our children go to Hillel Hebrew Academy where they are now very well integrated, B"H. We are very grateful to the Los Angeles community for all their support and friendship.

YICC: How did you two meet?

Dani: I was visiting Kibbutz Meirav in the North, and was invited for dinner. My hosts, at the conclusion of dinner, wanted to introduce me to their sister, Dorit, and the rest is history!

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“WHEREVER I GO – I GO TO ERETZ YISRAEL.”

*Rabbi Nachman of Breslev*

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