



"I learned to look my peers in the eye. I learned to listen & I learned to lead. Kehillat Natan opened up the world for me."

Masresha Gberie

18 years old. Oleh from Ethiopia.
Kehillat Natan Fellow 2007-08

Masresha is a natural leader. At age four, he was shepherding his family flock in the hills of Addis Ababa. Three years since making Aliyah, he is part of *Derech Hateva's Kehillat Natan Leadership Fellowship*. He is now leading his peers, fellow immigrants from around the world in his new home, Israel.

Masresha is a teacher. As a Kehillat Natan teen, he runs a weekly workshop for 20 of his peers on mutual responsibility and environmental sensitivity.

Masresha is an outdoor guide. At the end of the school year, he will lead these classmates on a multi-day hike in Israel's mountains, to share values he learned with *Derech Hateva*: teamwork, determination, and the importance of cherishing one's environment.

"Derech Hateva's approach to a community in-need is to empower members of that community. The greatest gift we can give youth-at-risk is the opportunity to lead. Thousands of teens in Israel want so badly to fix the world. We tell them they can, teach them skills & support them as they do it. Eyes glow most when they reflect the confident awareness of 'I can- And I did.' And that glow is contagious."

Yael Ukeles, Founder & Director
Derech Hateva and Kehillat Natan

Kehillat Natan is a community of teens from Ethiopia, the Former Soviet Union and Israel's development towns who learn outdoor skills and core values while backpacking in the summer with peers from North America & Israel on *Derech Hateva's Israel Trail Teen Adventure*. They spend a year implementing self initiated service projects in their communities with support from *Derech Hateva* and local mentors.

**Kehillat Natan Leadership Fellowship:
Empowering Youth to Impact their Peers**



Kehillat Natan was created by Derech Hateva to honor the memory of JJ "Natan" Greenberg, who spent his life working to provide the best for Jewish and Israeli youth, and never missed the chance to enjoy Israel and the outdoors.

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