

Lamed classes started in November for over thirty people willing to deepen their knowledge on Judaism.

After an opening lecture by Dr. Gustavo Perednik, we already enjoyed the participation of Israeli Ambassador Daniel Kutner, Professor David Yavo, Rabbi Doctor Ernesto Yattah, and Rabbi Professor Diana Villa.

On Mitzvah Day we donated blood and gathered over 1800 kilos of food and basic cleaning and personal care items to be distributed to four hundred needed families.

Special groups of Sunday School and Bnei Mitzvah children were formed to help in social diners throughout four weekends.



Report on Activities – November 2016 – May 2017

At the beginning of December, our Our Kehillah accompanied the family of our beloved Honorary President Joseph Bohrer Z"l during his wake and burial, showing our unity not only in good but especially in sad moments.

Some weeks later, we welcomed **Israeli Ambassador Daniel Kutner** for another Lamed meeting, shared a debate with young adults from MAROM, and filled our hearts with light in **Channukah**.



Our jazanim Roberto and Clarisa started 2017 attending the **Jazanim Seminar** held in Barcelona.

We also celebrated Luca's Bar Mitzvah and shared a virtual meeting with Ernesto Yattah for a new Lamed session.

After winter holidays, our premises bubbled with students again. **Sunday School** gathers weekly over thirty children aged five to eleven. We have ten boys and girls preparing their **Bnei Mitzvah** this year, and twenty-five new students attending our **"Introduction to Judaism"** classes, the first step in the Guiur process.

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February was a month vibrant with activity: twins Tami and Ioel celebrated their Bnei Mitzvah, we enjoyed a piano concert by Tobias Brukman, and welcomed a group of youngsters from Central Synagogue in New York.

However, the main event in February was the **visit of Rabbi Sofer Gustavo Surazsky**, who delighted us with his Torah sweing and Sofrut shiurim for children and adults, as he continued to work on our new Sefer Torah.



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In March, we had our **Purim theater and Megilat Esther reading**.



We also held a new meeting for NOAM, a MAROM debate on feminism and the role of women in Judaism, and took part in an interreligious conference.



By the end of the month, parents and children from **Sunday School** cooked challah for the Kehillah, and we all laughed with Argentinian comic Rudy Chernicoff.



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April bloomed with activities and visitors.

Sunday School children took part in the 2017 Hazemer Festival. Children rehearsed for weeks before recording their song, and finally sang it in a crowded theater.

As her baby grows healthy and strong, our morah resumed **Hebrew lessons** for the advanced group. A new group of beginners will start classes after summer holidays.

For **Pesach**, a swarm of volunteers helped arranging everything for an amazing Seder. One hundred and forty people, including visitors from Argentina, Israel, France, Portugal and the USA told our children how Pharaoh eventually freed our people thousands of years ago.



MAROM held their own Seder in our premises as well, and within a couple of days, everything was "back to normal" to welcome forty visitors from Congregation Beth Israel of Portland, and twenty five visitors from Congregation Beth Elohim of Boston.

Israel's syrens on **Iom haShoah and Iom haZikaron** marked the last days of April and the beginning of May, as we joined international campaign #Stop for a Minute.

At the beginning of May we celebrated Maurizio's Bar Mitzvah and shared a virtual meeting with Rabbi Professor Diana Villa for a new Lamed session.



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More recently, Dr. Fernando Carderera –2012-2017 Spanish Ambassador in Israel– joined us for yet another **Lamed** meeting and shared his view on present life in Israel.

As next Masorti Beit Din session in Madrid gets closer, a new group of **Halachah** studies has started. Weekly meetings are open both to Beit Din candidates as well as to anyone willing to discuss and learn more on Halachah.

Our **Tikun Leil Shavuot** is already around the corner. We already prepared a nice list of activities for all the Kehillah members and foreign visitors that will join us. Music, studies, games and coffee for a night of non-stop activities.

Comunicado de la Junta Directiva

12 de Mayo de 2017 - 16 de Yar de 5777



COMUNICADO DE LA COMUNIDAD JUDÍA MASORTI BET-EL

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Con gran alegría comunicamos que se ha firmado un convenio entre la Asociación Emuná y el Ayuntamiento de La Cabrera (Madrid) para la concesión de un cementerio Judío en dicha localidad de Madrid.

Este acuerdo formalizado la semana pasada, es fruto de años de perseverante esfuerzo de nuestra Junta Directiva tras los cuales se han obtenido los permisos que nos permiten contar con un cementerio Judío en la Comunidad de Madrid, y supone un gran paso mas para la consolidación de la vida Judía en España.

Desde la Junta directiva de Bet El damos a todos los judios la enhorabuena y nuestro agradecimiento a quienes nos han acompañado en este camino para hacerlo realidad.

El próximo día 31 de Mayo a las 19:30 se hará una presentación del proyecto en la sede de Bet-El a la que estáis invitados.

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Presidente
Comunidad Judía Masorti Bet-El

אשא עיני אל ההרים מאין בא עזרי - עזרי מעם יהוה עשה שמים וארץ

Alzo mis ojos a las montañas

¿De dónde vendrá mi ayuda? Mi ayuda vendrá de Adonai, Hacedor del cielo y la tierra.

Last but not least, we recently made a major announcement: after several years of hard work and persistent negotiations, "Asociación Emuná" –led by Bet-El– signed **an agreement to build a Jewish cemetery in Madrid.**

This long-expected news was released simultaneously both to our Kehillah members and friends, as well as to all other Jewish institutions in Spain.

This cemetery will reflect the reality of the Jewish society in Madrid and Spain, in which different streams of Judaism intermingle. The whole project will be exposed to our Kehillah members and friends by the end of May.

