

## *Report. July*

### *July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Shabbat*



Everyone enjoys our atmosphere and new people start to visit your other activities. Every Friday one of the community members prepared several interesting moments from Parashat Hashavuah, everyone took part in Shabbat quiz, Drama Midrash related to Parashat Hashavuah topic. While Rav Reuven is not in Kiev Shabbat conducts by Lena Stamov or community members.

On July, 1 Shabbat in Kiev Community was attended by delegates from an international academic conference "Sholem Aleichem: Writer and character", dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the death of Sholem Aleichem. It was David Fishman (Jewish Theological Seminary), Michael Krutikov (University of Michigan), Abraham Novershtern (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Michael Kalnitsky (Kiev), Velvl Chernin (Arielsky University in Samaria), Alexander Frenkel (Center for the Jewish community of St. Petersburg), Wolf Moscovici (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Lara Lempert (Lithuanian National Library), Ekaterina Kuznetsova-Volfrum (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Amelia Glazer (University of California, San Diego), Valery Dymshits (European University, St. Petersburg), Harriet Moura (University of Illinois). There were at least 15 guests. The delegation for the most part it consisted of rabbis, lecturers and writers who were delighted by the community.

The most uniquely was Shabbat on July, 15. It was the first Shabbat after Family Camp many parents with their children came to the community. There were a lot of new people with children. It was necessary for them to continue their Jewish experience gained in the Family Camp. Children with great pleasure spent time with their madrichim from the camp. There were at least 30 peoples of all ages.

### *July 2, 16, 23 – Parashat Hashavua and Havdalah*

On Shabbat day community members spent time with Mincha and lessons on Parashat Hashavua and Halacha in the community. Gathered together and started the new week with Havdalah. On Shabbat day community attended more than 20 members. On July, 16 Lena Stamov conducted a lesson on Parashat Hashavua. Rav Reuven Stamov prepared people for conversion.

Lena and Reuven Stamov had a meeting with the families of community for dinner. Also, Rav Reuven Stamov do a personal meeting for Conversion preparation and couples who want to do Chuppap several times a week.

Rav Reuven devotes daily 2 hours the work on the Siddur and the preparation now at the finish line.

### *July 4, 11 - Shaharit Yom Hol*



Community members read from new Torah and gathered on Shahrut in the midst of the working week. About 10 people gathered every Monday morning.

#### ***July 4 – Meeting with the couple who want to do chuppah***

Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov met with the couple from the Kiev Community which want to do chuppah in Family Camp. It was discussion all details and the preparations for the wedding.

#### ***July 5-13 - Pre-Camp and Family Camp Ramah***

*The report sent in the previous letter.*

#### ***July 1, 15 - Culinary Midrash***



This year the meetings have been devoted to the Tanahical products. All had the perfect opportunity to learn and with the great pleasure to cook. There were 25 participants. It is a really good tradition in community to cook together. The community members want even in the summer to continue this project. On July, 15 in the community where many people was a first time on Culinary Midrash and they really fond of it and expressed their desire to attend this project since September.

#### ***NOAM Activity***



Despite the summer season children are they still come to the community center. They are very happy with the upcoming trip to the summer camp Ramah. Lena and Reuven Stamov told about NOAM seminar to madrichim. Every week is working on NOAM activity program. One of Kiev madrich – Irina Yurieva were at the Onward Noam Olami Seminar in Israel. Although there were find new madrichim which were volunteering in the community this month.

#### ***July 16 – Parents` meeting for Rama Yahad Camp***

Lena Stamov held a parents` meeting for people from Kiev whose children go to summer camp Rama Yahad. There were discussed all the issues that interested parents. Parents also interested in the daily routine of children and active for children. They were also interested in all details of Kiev Masorti Community classes and programs. It is very pleasant that new people wanted to be part of Masorti community. They invite their families and interested in the activities of the community. Everyone can find something for themselves and for all members of their family.

### ***July 17, 24 - Tzevet meetings***

All tzevet gathered for planning and preparing activities, events, holidays and family summer camp in the community center. This is an opportunity to build plans, think about new projects and make an analysis for the year. In addition, on July, 29 Irina Yurieva came before Shabbat to the Kiev Community and spoke about the impressions of a trip to Israel on Onward Noam Olami Seminar.

### ***July 18-24 - JOINT Summer Camp for teenagers***



It was camping with AJT's (Active Jewish Teens) eco-festival. Rav Reuven Stamov was a guest rabbi in the camp and was voted as the best teacher according to teenagers.

### ***July 25 – Preparation for chuppah***

Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov met with the couple from the Kiev Community which want to do chuppah in August.

### ***July 31 – Departure of children from Kiev and Belaya Tserkov to the Summer Camp Ramah***

### ***July 3 – Lena Stamov visit Lviv***

#### ***Meeting with Alena Andronatiy***

Alena Andronatiy is a member of the Lviv City Council on the protection of architectural monuments, Director of the Hillel Lviv, one of the teachers in the creative community “Sambation” and she has a big interest in work and educational programs of Masorti movement and Midreshet Schechter. There arose new plans for cooperation and created a new Jewish Lviv connection.

Masorti Community in Chernowitz cooperates with “Sambation”.



Visiting The Holocaust Museum in Lviv on the Staroyevreyska street. This was one part big preparation in the Kiev Community for the 75th anniversary of the Babi Yar tragedy.

In the Kiev Community is planning lectures dedicated to this date.

Every Jewish community or organization in Kiev must participate in the 75th anniversary of the Babi Yar tragedy. That is why in Kiev Masorti Community started big preparation, which was dedicated to this.

All commmorable events will start on September, 25.

### ***July 19 – Meeting with Taisiya Sydorчук***

Lena Stamov met with the Chair of the department of Rare Books and Manuscripts in National University "Kiev-Mohyla Academy" and librarians of The Omelian Pritsak Library. Its great opportunity to create cooperation on a new way with the University and Community. It can be a new Judaica project for NOAM group and adults. The project "History of Kiev and the neighborhood" was really successful and with the forces of the community we want to continue it but on a new level and for a broader age.

Lena Stamov started cooperation with Marian Maksymyak, program director of Art Court, of The "Yard Art" Buchach. They are interested in Agnon figure, his works. Currently conducting correspondence with them on further cooperation. Lena Stamov during this month had meetings with Arkadiy Monastirskiy and Project Keshet representative Tatyana Voitalyuk.

*Summing up the year* it worth to mention that it was a really very fruitful year. And now it's time to weigh all. Before the conversation with Betsy Gidwitz we had an opportunity to look at the last year and did some conclusions.

- This year was created a YouTube Channel for Kiev Community.
- Once a month MAROM meeting and events took place.
- The community took part in different charity programs and in every Mitzva day, community members have the patronage over the righteous of the world. This is a big advantage of the community.
- The big Hahnasat Torah ceremony took place at the Community, it was a great present to all members and now we have twice a week prayers with Torah reading – on Shabbat and Monday morning Shaharit.
- In addition to the Women`s Club in the community also proceeds Men`s Club and Parents and baby club. The women`s club was like a spread of the fresh air.
- One part of the great celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hillel Kiev was Havdalah Kiev Masorti Community with 20 guests from the USA.
- Kiev Community in good contacts with Yulia Lyalka - representative of the department of religion Kiev City Administration and we try to work on the city level.
- Rav Reuven was invited to all meetings and sessions of City Council on Babiy Yar issues.
- Rav Reuven conducted Hanukkah candles lightening in the Kiev Mohyla Academy and JAFI.
- The most successful projects was sightseeing-historical program "History of Kiev and neighborhood".
- After big work of NOAM madrichim we can confidently say that the children were gathered to the camp easily and it was still very much interested. But we could not take them because of a limited number of places.
- Just great that people with big pleasure come to the Shaharit.

- Culinary Midrash as usually one of the most successful programs. Now appear new ideas how to make the new concept to supplement this program.
- Some community members already have a willing to make a conversion the next year and Rav Reuven does a lot of meetings and conversations with them.
- Community members very satisfied with art and master classes.

And of course, now is the time to think about new plans for September.

Betsy Gidwitz was very excited that the Kiev community cooperate with such organizations as Hillel, project KESHER, Found “Step Forward” and Jewish Agency for Israel, Juice, Moishe House, publishing house "Dukh i Litera (Spirit and Letter)", master program Jewish Studies in of National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy".

Rav Reuven Stamov started to be a presidium member of the executive committee of VAAD Ukraine and its really important that conservative rabbi, representative of Masorti Olami and Midreshet Schechter to be in the presidium of VAAD Ukraine. All of these things are really important for the future development of the conservative movement. Betsy Gidwitz really liked the position and development of the movement.

Thank you all for these opportunities to work productively and interesting. Many thanks for all of you who gave inspiration. All together we did a great job.

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