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April 7, 14, 21, 28 – Shabbat

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. On April, 22 Ron Garfield - Director of the "JAFI Ukraine" and good friend of the Kiev community was on Shabbat. There were at least 40-45 peoples of all ages.

April 1, 15, 22, 29 – Parashat Hashavua and Havdalah

On Shabbat day community members spent time with Mincha and lessons on Parashat Hashavua and Halacha in the community finished with Havdalah ceremony. On Shabbat day community attended from 15 to 25 members. 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 does a personal meeting for Conversion preparation. Rav Reuven also works on the Siddur.

April 2, 7, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28, 30 - NOAM

Children happily take part in Kabbalat Shabbat prayer, Parasha Shavua peula, reading Jewish stories and play fun games. Twice every week is working on NOAM activity program. This month, mostly all peulot were dedicated to the Weekly Torah Portions and Pesach. There are two groups in age between 8-10 years and 12-15 years. NOAM group started to count Omer and created with madrichim really an extraordinary calendar. On April, 23 chanichim had very serious discussion dedicated Yom ha-Shoach. Together were nearly 25 people.

April 2 - Preparation before Pesach in NOAM Kiev group. Video clips about Pesach
Dedicated to the upcoming Pesach the NOAM Kiev group with their madrichim watched really interesting video clips.

**April 2, 23 – Lecture by Rav Reuven Stamov**

In addition to the traditional program community members had great pleasure to listen really interesting lesson about Jewish holidays and Sfirat HaOmer. This month’s lecture was dedicated to the Pesach and Lag baOmer. There were about 20 people.

**April 2, 7, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28, 30 - Songs**

Members of our community are very fond of singing. People did not just sing, they learn new songs from our vocal coach and even invent your own songs. After these lessons all enjoy musical performances on Shabbat. Every Sunday children with great pleasure learn a song, performing with them on Shabbat and holidays. Also, all had a great opportunity to learn Hebrew in the process of learning the songs, because the Hebrew teacher also helps in these classes. For Pesach celebration was prepared beautiful songs and performance by children and singing teacher. This class attended by 10-15 people of different ages.

**April 2, 6, 13, 20, 23 - Tzevet meetings**

The Kiev Masorti Community team gathered five times this month to do preparation before the Pesach, prepare activities and programs for the whole month. At each meeting, all share their impressions and gave feedback. Children also take part in a festive performance and did rehearse with their morim. With all tzevet we thought over all the details of the evening and all activities.

**April, ??? – MAROM Kiev meeting**

**April 2, 3, 6, 9, 13, 20, 23, 24, 27, 30 – Ulpan. Hebrew Classes**

As usual in Kiev Community took place Ulpan three times a week. We have groups for children, teens and adults in two groups of different levels. There were about 15 people.
April 2, 9, 23, 30 - Hebrew lessons for children

Children from Kiev Community, especially the NOAM group with great pleasure learn Hebrew in a playful way. There about 10 participants in the group.

April 3, 17, 24 – Shacharit

Community members read from the Torah and gathered on Shacharit on the working week. About 10-15 people gathered every Monday morning. On April, 17 all also have a little Passover repast like the last Seder Pesach.

April 2, 23 – Culinary Midrash

Everyone had the opportunity to cook Israeli kosher food with Lena Stamov on the Culinary Midrash. This time in cooperation with Project Kesher was a Women's Seder with master class and culinary. Everybody had a great opportunity to learn how to cook the charoset before Purim. The next culinary Midrash was dedicated to the Omer counting and lechem, all cooked traditional Israeli dish - shawerma bepita and be light. There were about 25 participants.

April 2, 9, 23 – Master classes and Artistic Studio

Talented painters study tradition in such an interesting way and it is one of the best methods to grasp information for them. In fact, they are not only engaged in their favorite thing, draw and learn new painting techniques, they also learn about traditions. This time artists drew beautiful pictures that are dedicated Passover. Lena Stamov told about the oncoming Pesach. More than 10 people attended artistic studio. All community members with great pleasure helped in the decoration of the community center.
Together with the beautiful woman part of the community all created Pesach decorations for the community center.

The next Sunday all created beautiful doves as the symbol of peace and the upcoming Yom Ha-Atzmaut. More than 15 people attended this project.

**April 2, 7, 9 - Theatrical Midrash**

The preparations for Pesach have already started and are very active. This month the theatrical Midrash rehearsals of the Pesach story of 4 sons and Passover songs.

**April 9 – Parents and baby club**

Once a month we have babies and parents meeting, where parents and children can play together, discussed their problems, share experience. Now four families attended this club with their babies at the age from 1 till 3 years old. **April, 9 – NOAM Kiev in Kiev Opera and Ballet Theater for Children and Youth**

There were 25 NOAM participants.

**April, 9 – Bistikat Chametz**

The final preparations for Pesach were actively started.

From early morning tzevet and active part of the community did cleaning to make Pesach Kosher. On the eve of
holiday members of our community gathered to find burnt and check on Hametz (Bdikat Hametz and Biur Hametz). Children and adults gathered around Rav Reuven Stamov and he traditionally used the candle to find a piece of Hametz wherever. Every part of every room of the community where Hametz may possibly be found was searched using this process. Even for someone it was the first search for Hametz. For everyone it was something very interesting and amazing. There were about 25 people.

**April, 10 – The first Seder Pesach**

That day in the Masorti community was first Seder Pesach for all community members and guests. This day faced a very large preparation, because the fact that we have more than 100 adults guest and about 30 children. NOAM group did one part of the Seder with four sons, tzevet and activity of the community also had the opportunity to take part in Seder: told about Kiara, ten plagues and of course hid Afikoman. Also madrichim prepared peula for teenagers and kids from NOAM group. The atmosphere was informal and warm.

**April, 11 - The second Seder**

The second Seder was organized for tzevet, guests from different Jewish organizations, and some community members. It was good chance communicate more closely with everyone at the Seder. There were 50 people.

**April, 23 – Yom HaShoah ceremony in honor the memory of victims and the lecture by Lena Stamov**

**Lena Stamov meetings**

- Meeting with Arkadiy Monastirskiy – The Head of the Jewish Forum of Ukraine
- Meeting with Ilona Didenko – The Head of educational programs at the Hillel Kiev
- Meeting with Julia Goldenberg – Director of the charitable foundation “2U”
- Meeting with Natella Andryushchenko – Director of the Jewish school "Mitzva- 613" in Belaya Tzerkov
- Meeting with Nikida Didenko and Valeriy Pinchuk - resident of Moishe House Kiev
- Meeting with Tatiana Abovich – Director of the Hillel Kiev
- Skype with Reut Rahav and Tal Maoz
- Private meeting during the month with people who want to do the conversion
- Meeting with Tatiana Voitalyuk - regional representative of Project Kesher
- Meeting with Olya Elshansky - Head of Youth programs in JAFI Ukraine
Meeting with Anton Gotlib – Head of project “Minyamin”

Family camp planning

Every Wednesday – Skype with Shlomo Zakharov and participant of the ashgaha lessons.

**Rav Reuven Stamov meetings**

- Skype consultations with community members in other Masorti communities
- Private meeting during the month with people who want to do the conversion
- Meeting with Alexander Zaslavskiy
- Meeting with Katerina Rabina – coordinator of family programs in JAFI Ukraine
- Meeting with Victoria Godik – Head of UUJS
- Meeting with Elena Zaslavska – Head of projects in VAAD Ukraine
- The meetings and negotiations with Kiev businessman, who wants to get a conservative kashrut
- Preparations to the Bar Mitzva
- Meeting with Josef Akselrut - head of Hillel
- Meeting with Ron Garfield - Director of the "JAFI Ukraine" and Dmitri Joffe - JAFI envoy for the aliyah
- Meeting with the director of Nativ - Genadiy Polishuk
- April, 5-7 – Rav Reuven in Jewish Lyceum "Shaalavim" in Kharkov where he held educational Seder Pesach

April, 27 – May, 1 – Rav Reuven Stamov with business trip to Riga

**Cooperation with other organizations and foundations:** The partnership continues with Hillel, JUICE, project KESHER and Jewish Agency for Israel, Juice, Moishe House. Youth from Hillel and JAFI visited Kabbalat Shabbat. The Chief Editor of the publishing house "Dukh I Litera (Spirit and Letter)" - Leonid Finberg and with master program Jewish Studies and certificate program in National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”.

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