Report
June

June 5, 12, 19, 26 – Shabbat

Every Friday community members prepare to Shabbat. As much as Shabbat may be an opportunity for families to spend time together, it is also a chance to enjoy the company of extended family and community in a relaxed atmosphere.

Everyone enjoy our atmosphere and new people start to visit your other activities.

Of course, girls and women from our community want to be able to cook much delicious food on Shabbat in their homes too. Therefore Lena Stamov organizes a Culinary Midrash every Friday, before Shabbat at 5:00. She also talks about Kashrut. These classes are very important and necessary not only for those members of our community, who want to convert to Judaism but also for all who want to know more about the tradition. Also, every Shabbat those who are interested prepare food in the community of the Jewish community, where the conservative movement is. This is a very interesting experience for members of our community. After all, they learn more about the traditions and culture of the Jewish communities in other countries. For the last time dishes of Jewish
Moldavian cuisine was prepared and everyone had discussed traditions and culture of Jewish communities. The Mamaliga with mushrooms, tomatoes stuffed with brinza and Vertuta were cooked. Also runs a children's group before Shabbat. Children happily hear about Parashat, reading Jewish stories and play fun games. And parents completely calm for their kids. There were at least 40-45 peoples of all ages. On the last Shabbat in this month many young people came to the community from Hillel. Our partnership gives results and youth with joy visit our projects and activities.

**June 6, 13, 20, 27 – Parashat Hashavua and Havdalah**

On Shabbat day community members spent time with Mincha and lessons on Parashat Hashavua and Halacha in community. Gathered with almost all community started of the new week with Havdalah. On Shabbat day gather more than 20 members of our community. Also Rav Reuven Stamov prepared people for conversion. Lena and Reuven Stamov had meeting with the families of our community for dinner. Also Rav Reuven Stamov do personal meeting for Conversion preparation.

**June 2 - Parents meeting for Rama Yahad Camp**

Lena Stamov held parents meeting for people from Kiev whose children go to summer camp Rama Yahad. Were discussed all the issues that interested parents.
and once again told about the place where the camp situated. Parents also interested in daily routine of children and active for children.

**June 5 - Master class on making eco pens**

Members of our community were invited on Friday evening before Shabbat to Community Centre. It was really creative master class. While people were doing earth friendly pens they learned about the necessity of protection environment as a practical manifestation of changing the world. There were near 25 people on it.

**June 7, 14 and 21 - Drawing Master Classes**

Talented painters from our community thrice this month drew one of seven fruits of Israel (Shivat HaMinim). It was figs, olive tree and grape. Children study tradition in such 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. There were near 20 people on it.
June 3, 7, 11 and 14, 17, 21 – Psychological consultation

Twice a week psychologist volunteers from foundation (they are Jewish) give consultation for refugees from Donetsk that attends our community. It’s a very good help for psychological health of our members. Also everyone who has questions can be presented on these consultations.

June 7-15 - Business trip to USA. AJC Global Forum 2015

Rabbi Reuven Stamov visits different schools and communities in America.

Rabbi Reuven Stamov with Leaders of the Jewish Federation of Metro West, NJ.

Masorti Rabbi, Rabbi Reuven Stamov with the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Arseniy Yatsenyuk at AJC Global Forum 2015.
Rabbi Reuven Stamov meets with Masorti Olami Officers and NY Jewish Federation Staff.

June 12 – Lena Stamov on Project KESHER seminar. “Mothers and daughters”

From June 12 to 14 in Kiev was seminar "Mothers and Daughters," which gathered together participants from 13 cities of Ukraine: Vinnitsa, Zaporozhe, Kiev, Lvov, Melitopol, Mirgorod, Odessa, Rivne, Kharkov, Kherson, Khmelnitsky, Cherkassy and Chernovitz. Mom and daughter for three days looking saturated with answers to questions such as the uniqueness of the Jewish family, peace in the house and moral values, the role of the family in maintaining Jewish traditions and the formation of ethnic tolerance.

A special moment of the seminar were the action "To Shabat with the world," when participants launched into the sky balloons made of blue with a prayer for peace, and Kabbalat Shabbat ceremony, which was held by the director of the Jewish socio-educational center "MASORET" Elena Stamov.
For the four participants of the meeting Shabat was important not only because it was the first in their lives, but also because they met Shabbat with her daughter. Some participants first saw the ceremony Havdala.

Ukrainian and Belorussia leaders of Project KESHER

June 12 – Master class

Master class in kanzashi technique. It was very interesting for members of our community. Before lighting candles all interested came to the center and make a wonderful decorations with their hands. There were about 25 people.
June 14 – Excursion around the Jewish places in Kiev

Kiev Masorti Community presents Jewish Kiev. The excursion was held by the Director of the Institute of Jewish Studies Yulia Smilyanskaya. It was part of our sightseeing-historical project “Jewish Kiev and neighborhood” by Rothschild Foundation. Members of our community visited Brodsky Synagogue, Monument to the writer Sholom Aleichem, Lev Brodsky Synagogue, Bessarabian market, place where Golda Meir was live. Also people were learn a lot about pieces of art in Kiev Modern Style, find out the location of one of the Jewish Theatre and place were located Union of Jewish soldiers - veterans of the First World War and this conference was visited Joseph Trumpeldor. There were near 30 people on excursion.

Teacher's seminar

Rav Reuven Stamov gave two lectures to the participants of seminar. For everyone they were very interesting. Also he holed Tefillot and Shabbat at the seminar. Lena Stamov told about the project Culinary Midrash and participants had an opportunity to cooked dishes under the guidance of Lena Stamov. Many
participants were delighted to opportunity in an informal atmosphere ask questions the teachers. Teachers, in turn, were pleased to see such an interest.

**June 22-24 - Seminar of the project Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The Jewish Agency for Israel. Slavskoe 2015**

At this seminar that was held in Slavskoe Lena and Rav Reuven Stamov presented our movement and community. Rav Reuven Stamov also did the ceremony of Bar/Bat Mitzva. Many families interested in our organization and they were pleased to be able to ask all interested questions in a casual atmosphere.

**June 28 – Excursion to Belaya Tserkov**

50 participants from our community were on excursion. Community members get great opportunity visit with excursion Belaya Tserkov and to study Jewish history
of this city. People visited Jewish cemetery and the monument to Holocaust victims, the synagogues, trade rows and contract house.

In 90th of the XX century in the Jewish cemetery was created monument to victims of the Holocaust, there are also reburials places for executed Jews. Also there the place were monument was set 90 young Jewish children on August 20, 1941 had been shot. Also group visited Alexandria Park and took lunch in a Jewish school. People thanked the organizers for such a wonderful opportunity to participate in such interesting tour. Project from Rothschild Foundation helped our community and our community really appreciates for that. That excursion was like summery of this year program. All participants were very appreciated for such opportunity to learn Jewish history not only of Kiev but also neighborhood.

**Preparation to the Family Camp**

Started from February was started preparation to Family camp. Also madrichim and tzevet gathered for preparation to the family camp, to study materials on a theme of the camp. Rav Reuven Stamov and Lena Stamov created program of the camp, had meetings with madrichim and helped them to learn more about the main topic of family camp, did everything necessary for the organization. On June, 29 was first day of pre-camp On this day was meeting with madrichim and tzevet from Family Camp. All discussed the final plan of their lessons and prepared everything necessary for this. Team learned materials. Upon arrival in place where family camp was held tzevet started to work on more detailed on peulot, events and activities.
Work on the elections. Election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress
Also on this month work on elections was conducted. Rav Reuven Stamov took part in toss to obtain numbers on the ballot. The company has already started. Such work takes a lot of time and effort. Also, a lot of meetings were held associated to the elections. Two important meetings was on June, 16 and 25. July, 7 - Round table and July, 8 – Meeting in Vaad and video interview record for the party presentation (meeting with a journalist).

Preparation to Conversion
Rav Reuven Stamov had many personal meetings with those who want to convert. Also a lot of time was devoted to this in class on Saturday.

Hosting for Shabbat
Stamov`s family had two meetings at their home with families from Donetsk, who visit the community.

Songs
Members of our community are very fond of singing. That is why every Wednesday and Friday 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.

Ulpan
Furthermore, as usually pretty large number of students come to our community Ulpan. In community there are three groups for adults – senior, middle groups on Tuesday, Thursday and group for beginners on Sunday. In addition there is fully launched group of studying Hebrew for children on Wednesday and Sunday. They with great pleasure attended classes and tell parents about their achievements.

**Cooperation with other organizations and foundations**

The partnership continues with Hillel, project KESHER, Found “Step Forward” and Jewish Agency for Israel. To Family camp team joined two madrishim from Hillel. Also youth from Hillel visited Kabbalat Shabbat. Two families from Jewish Agency for Israel started visited events, especially Rothschild project and Shabbat services; they become active members of the community. Also with Found “Step Forward” some events were created and organized. Also was cooperation with the Organization of families with many children.

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