

REPORT. MARCH

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – 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. There were at least 40-45 peoples of all ages.

March 4, 11, 18, 25 – 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.

March 3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 - 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, Purim and Pesach. There are two groups in age between 8-10 years and 12-15 years. Together were nearly 25 people.

Cartoon view «Prince of Egypt» with NOAM Kiev group



Dedicated to the previous Parashat Hashavua the NOAM Kiev group with their madrichim watched really interesting cartoon «Prince of Egypt».

March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 - 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. On Purim celebration was prepared beautiful songs and performance by children and singing teacher. This class attended by 10-15 people of different ages.

March 5, 8, 13, 19, 26 - Tzevet meetings

The Kiev Masorti Community team gathered five times this month to do preparation before the Purim and Pesach, prepare activities and programs for the whole month. At each meeting, all share their impressions and gave feedback.

March, 4 – MAROM Kiev meeting



This evening MAROM Kiev played the game "Jewish sages and the Order of Oblivion". The bottom line is that you need to save Jewish ideas from oblivion and send them in the future. It was really interesting and unusual event. There were about 15 people and after playing a game the team took part in Hamentashen baking.

March 2, 9, 13, 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, 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.

March, 19 - 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.

March 5, 6, 7, 20, 27 – Shacharit



Community members read from the Torah and gathered on Shacharit on the working week. About 10-15 people gathered every Monday morning.

March 5-6-7 – Kashrut Seminar



To the Kiev Masorti Community came people from Odessa, Chernowitz conservative communities and also members of Kiev community and all comers, because the event was advertised in Jewish circles. Lectures were held by Joe Mac Regenstein and Rabbi Shlomo Zacharow shower film about kosherizing equipment. There were 25 people.

March, 12 – Israeli dances



These classes are successfully run and providing a sense of community for all dancers in a creative, fun and welcoming atmosphere. Classes focus on Israeli dance technique with original choreography. On Purim celebration everyone had an opportunity to dance vivid dances and remember that the spring is coming. The dance classes attended 25-30 people.

March, 19 – 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 Menorah. Lena Stamov told about the oncoming Pesach. More than 10 people attended artistic studio.

March 4, 19 – Culinary Midrash



Everyone had the opportunity to cook Israeli kosher food with Lena Stamov on the Culinary Midrash. This time everybody had a great opportunity to learn how to cook the avocado Israeli salad and baked Hamentashen before Purim. There were about 25 participants.

March, 11 – Purim. Charitable event with kosher wine degustation



After the Havdalah ceremony the Purim celebration was started. The event was in the style of the 90's with degustations of kosher wine and strong drinks, entertainment for children and. That evening in Kiev Masorti Community was organized charitable evening and guests from different Jewish organizations, government representatives, some community members and powerful people were invited. The purpose of the event was not only in Megillat Esther reading and listening, but also in collecting money for the community. There were about 50 people.

March, 12 – Family Purim celebration



Purim should always be happy and cheerful. Our community has done that in 100 percent. The celebration started with a vivid representation of Purimshpil. Sounded cheerful music and all took an active part in the carnival. Rav Reuven Stamov told us about the history of the holiday and all started listening Megillat Esther. Guests were very attentive to the text of the Megillah. The rabbi gives a sign when we need to drown out the spoken name of Haman by your noisemakers. Lovely clown entertained adult and children. And then they held competitions after the start of the banquet. Then we have seen dance performances. Purim banquet began with a lot of fun symbolic toasts. Children and adults gladdened each other improvised dance and scenes. One of the main precepts of the festival - is to have fun and enjoy the day as much as in any other days and Megillah Reading. By all present this commandment was done! There were about 100 people of different age.

March, 5 – 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.

March 6-7 and 28 – Gila Katz on a business trip in Kiev

March 5, 11, 12 - Theatrical Midrash



Preparations for Purim has already started and is very active.

This month of theatrical Midrash rehearsals of the Purimshpil was held.

March, 26 – Excursion to the Kiev National Museum of Russian Art



The excursion was dedicated to the contribution of Jewish Artists to Russian Art of the 19th century. There were 25 community members.

March, 28 – Guests from JAFI Ukraine



For the JAFI day Camp in Kiev Masorti Community was a master class of Israeli national cuisine with Lena Stamov and lecture about synagogue with Rav Reuven.

Mishloach Manot preparation



As usual Kiev Masorti Community prepared Mishloach Manot for many Jewish organizations. Many time ago the good friendship and working relations were established. Also were prepared Purim presents for old and poor people in our community together with All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation “2U”.

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 Keshet
- 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 Viktoria Godiki – 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 Dmitriy Joffe - JAFI envoy for the aliyah
- Meeting with the director of Nativ - Genadiy Polishuk

- March, 7 – Rav Reuven at the VAAD Ukraine session of the presidium
- March, 16 - The opening ceremony of the Israeli Cultural Center in the new office
- March, 16 – Purim celebration organized by Oleg Vishnyakov - recently Honorary Consul of the State of Israel.
- March 24-27 – Rav Reuven in Zaporozhye. It is really big city in southeastern Ukraine, situated on the banks of the Dnieper River. The population now is about 1 million people and 20 thousand of them are Jews. Rav Reuven visited a big synagogue in the historical center of the city. It's a historical building which is more than 100 years old. In Zaporozhye there is a potential for the development of the conservative movement. Because people who visit this synagogue, although want to becoming a part of the Masorti Ukraine.

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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