

Ukraine REPORT- November

November 4, 11, 18, 25 – 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. There were at least 40-45 peoples of all ages.

November 12, 19, 26 – 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. 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 devotes every day 2 hours for the work on the Siddur and the preparation now at the finish line.

November, 1 – Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov on the Opening of the JCC center "Halom" in Kiev



It was opening of the big JCC educational and community center in the large four-story building. The appearance of this center now has been a challenge for the Kiev Masorti Community and they make us competitive. They have different classes for children of the all ages, kindergarten, Upan and different sports activities. The most of these classes they just simply copied. This is another reason why the Kiev Community needs to hold a high standard. They repeat all most of all our classes, with some addition in programs. There also was the board of all Jewish organizations. Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov met with representatives and made an appointment with Danny Hershkowitz – JOINT Shaliah in Ukraine.

November 3-6 - Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov on the Limud Ukraine 2016 in Lviv



Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov took a great part in the Limud 2016. Lena Stamov held lecture-discussion “Israel Music Trip”. Rav Reuven Stamov was with lecture-discussion “Jewish wedding”. Also, Rav Reuven held all separate conservative movement prayers – Shaharit, Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdalah. On conservative Kabbalat Shabbat was attended by more than 20 people and it was a much bigger amount than orthodox had.

Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov also get acquainted with many important people - the representatives of JOINT Odessa, the Head of JCC Beith Dan - Alla Magas from Kharkiv, the director of Nativ - Genadiy Polishuk from Kiev, which can be good partners for the Masorti movement Ukraine in the future. The Odessa Community “Tiferet” was provided by 10 people and Kiev Masorti Community – by 12 people on Limud. It was a good place to communicate in an informal atmosphere.

November 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 27 - NOAM



On Erev Shabbat we have NOAM Kabbalat Shabbat where everyone has turn to be Shalich Tzibur. Then they read Jewish stories and played fun games, learn the history and tradition. Every Sunday or Motzey Shabbat they have peula or master classes on different topics. This month the most successful was a Zionist peula on Parashat Shavuah Leh Leha. There are two groups in age between 8 -10 years and 12-15 years. Together were nearly 25 people.

November, 6 – Lecture and peula dedicated to the Rosh Hodesh Cheshvan



In addition to the traditional program in Kiev Masorti Community were lessons dedicated to the Rosh Hodesh for all ages of the participants.

November, 16 - Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov at the opening of an exhibit about Jewish cemeteries in Ukraine documenting the European Jewish Cemeteries in the Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine. An initiative sponsored in part by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

November, 19

That day was happened a tragedy. One young lady, a member of the Kiev community, has lost his mother. Rav Reuven Stamov led fully Jewish funeral with all rituals in the Jewish cemetery. All community members were very united, gathered a minyan. Every Shiva day the community members came and helped with everything needed.

November, 20 – The World Day of Jewish Knowledge



- Rav Reuven Stamov with lecture “Torah and ecology” in Hillel Kiev
- MAROM Kiev representative - Alisa Zilbershtein with Beit Midrash “Jewish roots of environmental justice” in Hillel Kiev



- Two groups from the Kiev Masorti Community visited the memorial room of the famous orientalist Omelyan Pritsak (NOAM Kiev group and adults from the community) - gathered more than 40 people of different ages. Omelyan Pritsak was closely related to Kievan Letter. The letter was found by Norman Golbey. He attracted to the study of the letter the professor of Harvard University - Omelyan Pritsak. It was published in a joint monograph where Golb undertook the translation and Pritsak - interpretation. It was a major event in the historiography of the Khazar. Golb and Pritsak proved that it was a letter from the Jewish community of the 10th century in Kiev. They brought proof of authenticity of the Cambridge document (Schechter Letter).



- Of course the big program dedicated to the World Day of Jewish Knowledge took place in the Kiev Masorti Community Center with Hebrew lesson, lectures and peulot, song class and art studio.

November, 23 - International wear a NOAM T-shirt day in the NOAM Kiev group



In the Kiev Masorti Community children from the NOAM Kiev group, their parents, madrichim, board and all staff took part in the International wear a NOAM T-shirt day. The result - incredibly fun photos, all got a lot of positive emotions, learn more about the NOAM movement.

November 13, 27 – Master classes



Participants have the opportunity to make their own hand crafts. This month all created beautiful gift cards dedicated to the Parashat Shavuah Leh Leha and community members took part in a Mitzva Day with lovely pictures for affected in the ATO zone, children of migrants and

the victims' families. There were at least 15-20 peoples of all ages, especially parents with their children. Lena Stamov told about the history and traditions of the coming holiday.



NOAM Group also collected some money for affected in the ATO zone within the project "Cherry Tea". For them it was really important to feel that they can help the same children as they are but which now are living in an area where a war is. Madrichim told and explain what charity is and how it's important to be part in society and to help people not in our community but in the city and a country.

November 13, 27 – 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 Sunday evening everyone had an opportunity to dance. The dance classes attended 25-30 people.

November, 13, - The bread of the world. Culinary Midrash within the project Keshet in the Kiev Masorti community



Lena Stamov invited to a meeting women of different nationalities to bake "bread of the world" together. The event was held during the week of tolerance. At the invitation of the Jewish women responded representatives of the Georgian, Russian, Ukrainian nations. Sharing family traditions in the national baking, the participants were treated to present their own hands prepared a delicious meal, exchanged recipes. Over a cup of tea women shared the main secrets: how to create and maintain a strong family, how to build a relationship of trust between friends, how to make the role of women in the family more status. But the most important and emotional content was sharing the cooking process, the so-called "bread of the world". There were 25 people.

November 27– Culinary Midrash



Lena Stamov held a Culinary Midrash on Friday or Sunday. Everyone had the opportunity to Israeli kosher food. There were 25 participants. This time everybody had a great opportunity to learn how to cook burekas.

November 9, 11, 13, 16, 20, 27- Tzevet meetings

The Kiev Masorti Community team gathered four times this month to do preparation to the Hanukkah, prepare activities and programs for the whole month. We have feedback for every meeting.

November 3, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, 27 – 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 12 people.

November 20, 27 – Lecture by Rav Reuven Stamov



In addition to the traditional program community members had great pleasure to listen really interesting Halacha lesson about tzdaka, charity and upcoming Hanukkah. There were 30 people. On the lesson about tzdaka everyone had a great opportunity to take part in the charitable action of the organization “Cherry Tea” – all collected money were for the people who were affected in the ATO zone, children of migrants and the victims' families.

October, 26 – MAROM Event



This MAROM Club meeting was dedicated directly to the two charitable actions - The World Mitzvah Day and “Cherry Tea” project “Everybody can”. All collected money was given to the people who affected in the ATO zone, children of migrants and the victims' families. Also, participants had hevruta classes were learning about charity and tzdaka in Jewish tradition. For many people a lot of information was really new, but all of them decide for themselves to give more to the people who are in need. That evening, there were more than 15 people.

November, 26 – 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. This time meeting was before the Parashat Hashavua lesson. Parents (mostly mothers) come earlier to communicate.

October 14, 21, 28 – Shacharit



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

November 6, 20 – 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 a beautiful picture with views of Jerusalem, which will be used in the filming of a movie about Hanukah and drew hanukkiyot and dreidels. More than 15 people attended artistic studio.

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 kids 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. This class attended by 10-15 people of different ages.

Theatrical Midrash

November, 13 – Madrich taught children how to take and shoot the interview

November, 27 – Shooting film to the Hanukkah

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 Irina Knopova – Director of educational projects in the education department of the “JAFI Ukraine”
- Meeting with Marina Shteiman – responsible employee of the “JAFI Ukraine”
- Meeting with Natella Andryushchenko – Director of the Jewish school "Mitzva- 613" in Belaya Tzerkov
- Meeting with Elza Lerner - resident of Moishe House Kiev
- Meeting with Tatiana Abovich – Director of the Hillel Kiev
- Private meeting during the month with people who want to do the conversion and some private problems
- November, 11 – Meeting with Tatiana Voitalyuk - regional representative of Project Keshet
- November, 30 – Lena Stamov had a Skype conversation with Reut Yahav – NOAM Olami Director.

Rav Reuven Stamov meetings

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

- Skype consultations with community members
- Private meeting during the month with people who want to do the conversion
- November, 21 – Meeting with the director of Nativ - Genadiy Polishuk
- November, 23 – Rav Reuven Stamov on the private appointment at home of the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the State of Israel in Ukraine - Eliav Belotserkovsky.
- November, 24 – Rav Reuven took part in the Forum "Ukraine-Israel 2016. 25 years of the diplomatic relations"

- November, 9 and 28 – Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov had two meetings with new JAFI envoy for the aliyah - Dmitry Joffe
- November, 27 – Meeting with Alexander Zaslavskiy
- November, 29 – The heads of the Jewish communities and organizations in Kiev and Ukraine were invited to the meeting in Jewish Library of the Osher Shvartsman. Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov took part in discussion of activities coordination, share plans and programs on Hanukkah 5777.

The good friend and partner of the Kiev Masorti Community - Arkadiy Monastirskiy – the president of the Jewish Forum of Ukraine invited the children of the Kiev community to come up with songs at the seminar for Yiddish teachers.

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 in of National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy".

Many thanks for all who made this work possible, to create all activities and events.

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