

Ukraine REPORT- September

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 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.

September 3, 17, 24 – 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 do 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.

September, 4 – Rosh Hodesh Elul in the Kiev Masorti Community



That Sunday was really fruitful for all community members. There was a new season opening in the community, Rosh Hodesh Elul. It gives us a reason to do Shaharit with Torah reading, children blessing for the new school year. Rav Reuven Stamov explained the meaning of Elul and slichot significant, blew the shofar. All members meet with teachers, madrichim and all tzevet. Lena Stamov held a presentation of the new and already well-known programs. The program was ended with a master class on creating the box for wishes and requests and Israeli dance. There

were about 35-40 people of different ages. Three new families came after visiting Family Camp. The children were happy to see each other and share impressions, impressions after Rama Yahad camp.

September 2, 4, 9, 16, 18, 23, 24 - NOAM



Children happily hear about Parashat, reading Jewish stories and play fun games. Ira Yuryeva told about NOAM seminar in Israel to madrichim. Every week is working on NOAM activity program. Madrichim did Kabalat Shabbat and Tfila with NOAM Kiev. There are two groups in age between 8 -10 years and 12-15 years. Together nearly 25 people.

September 4, 18, 25 – Master classes



Participants have the opportunity to make their own hand crafts. This month it was created the box for wishes and requests and beautiful picture made of felt which was dedicated to the Rosh Hashanah. The madrichim from Kiev Community prepared beautiful master class on colorization Hamsa. Adults and children with great pleasure invented their color and listened to the Lena Stamov explanation of Hamsa symbol in Jewish tradition. There were at least 15-20 people of all ages, especially parents with their children. Lena Stamov told about the history and traditions of the coming holiday.

September 4, 25 – 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.

September 7-12 – International Theatre Festival "Wandering Stars"



The community members had a great opportunity to watch performances that dedicated to the works of the great classics of Jewish literature Sholom Aleichem. The Theatrical Art Festival has been made possible thanks to the organizers of the festival - the Jewish Forum of Ukraine and Arkadiy Monastirskiy – good friend and partner of the Kiev Masorti Community.

September, 8 – Project Keshet. Webinar as part of the youth project “Tikkun Olam in action - Jewish generation” Youth webinar "The Psychology of Success"

Active community members took part in the webinar of the Kiev Community partner organization.

September 1, 13, 18, 22, 26, 27, 28 - Tzevet meetings



The Kiev Masorti Community team gathered four times this month to do final preparation before the holidays, especially Rosh Hashanah, to prepare activities and program and create the program for the 75th anniversary of the Babi Yar tragedy.

The preparation for the 75th anniversary of the Babi Yar tragedy

This month was for all Jewish organizations very tense as well as in the Kiev Masorti Community.

September, 14 – Lena Stamov had a Skype conversation with with Reut Yahav – NOAM Olami Director. Planing new season and work

September, 15 – Meeting with teachers of Hebrew. Groups for children, adolescents and adults in two groups of different levels



As usual in Kiev Community took place Ulpan three times a week.

September 15, 18, 19, 22, 25, 25, 29 – Hebrew Classes

On September, 18 students from Ulpan had Hebrew in an unusual form. With teachers, students walked the Jewish Podil and talked about these places in Hebrew.

September 18, 24, 25 – Lecture by Rav Reuven Stamov



In addition to the traditional program community members had great pleasure to listen really interesting about Halacha lesson. The lecture about Holocaust. And the next Sunday lecture-discussion "Tshuva" was dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Babi Yar tragedy on the Babi Yar tragedy. There were 30 people.

September 16, 23, 25 – Culinary Midrash



Lena Stamov held a Culinary Midrash on Friday or Sunday. Everyone had the opportunity to Israeli kosher food. This month`s meeting has been devoted to Rosh Hashanah, were created Rosh Hashanah salads, paprika in honey and french apple salad and Israeli dishes with eggplants. There were 25 participants.

September, 18 - 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.

September 19, 26 - Shaharit



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



September 20-22 - Rav Reuven Stamov in Jewish Lyceum “Shaalavim” in Kharkov

Rav Reuven did Shararit talked with teachers, kids and their parents. Also, he held lessons on Halacha.

September, 24 - NOAM Event “Elul. Check weighing”



NOAM madrichim

held a very interesting event for NOAM Kiev group on the eve of Augutm holidays. All created beautiful candle holders, play board games, talked about Elul, things that everyone needs to think about or even change in their lives. At the end of the event all were cooked piece with apples and chocolate.

September 25 – 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. Madrichim also told about Rosh Hashana, shofar and traditions. More than 15 people attended artistic studio. Kids have drawn beautiful pictures with men in Tallit with shofar.

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 kid 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.

September, 28 – Rav Reuven Stamov in Hillel Kiev with the lecture “When starting all over again” dedicated to the Rosh Hashanah

September, 27 – Kiev Masorti Community congratulated the representatives of Jewish organizations with Rosh Hashanah



September. 30 – In Kiev Masorti community honored the memory of victims of the Babi Yar

Theatrical Midrash

September 4, 18, 25 - Preparation script to the Rosh HaShanah

September, 18 – Madrich taught children how to take and shoot the interview

Shooting film to the Babi Yar tragedy and Rosh Hashana in Kiev Community

Lena Stamov meetings

September, 14 – Meeting with Arkadiy Monastirskiy – The Head of the Jewish Forum of Ukraine

September, 15 – Meeting with Ilona Didenko – The Head of educational programs at the Hillel Kiev

September, 19 – Meeting with Julia Goldenberg – Director of the charitable foundation “2U”

September, 20 – Meeting with Lilia Vendrova – Director of the Jewish Organization “JUICE”

September, 22 – Presentation of the book "Jews and Ukrainian: life together for the Millennium"

September, 27 – Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov had a meeting with WJC representatives

Private meeting during the month with people who want to do the conversion

Rav Reuven Stamov meetings

September 16, 20, 23 – Advising young filmmaker in the Jewish tradition of shooting of the film on the Shoah

September, 19 – Skype lesson by Rav Reuven Stamov dedicated to Rosh Hashanah with members of Chernowitz community

September, 19 – Skype lessons by Rav Reuven Stamov with people from Odessa who want to convert

Every Monday – Skype with Shlomo Zakharov

September, 25 – Rav Reuven Stamov with lecture about Jewish calendar in JAFI and acquaintance with the new envoy for the aliyah - Dmitry Joffe

September, 28 – Reception with President of the World Jewish Congress Ronald Lauder

September, 29 –The ceremonial signing of the declaration of intent to create a Holocaust Memorial Center at Babi Yar with President Petro Poroshenko and Mayor of the city - Vitaliy Klichko



(With minister of social policy) September, 29 – Reception with President of Ukraine - Petro Poroshenko in Verhovna Rada

September, 29 – Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov with the active part of community was on the state ceremony at Babi Yar with memorial concert

September, 29 – Big memorial concert dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Babi Yar tragedy. The most active community members were also invited to this concert. It's very important that all honored conservative movement in Kiev. Now its real part of Kiev Jewish life and Jewish community of the city



September, 30 – Lesson with Rav

Reuven dedicated in Technological Lyceum ORT.

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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. 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".

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