

**Report**  
**February**

**February 5, 12, 19, 26 – Shabbat**

Everyone enjoy 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 with Parashat Hashavuah topic. There were at least 50-65 peoples of all ages.

**February 6, 13, 27 – Parashat Hashavua and Havdalah**



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

**February 4-7 – Rav Reuven Stamov in Chernovtsy**

Rav Reuven did Kabbalat Shabbat service, talked with members of the community and tzevet and held lessons on Parashat Hashavua and Halacha.

**February 7, 14 – Culinary Midrash**



On Mesibat Ivrit day Lena Stamov held Culinary Midrash were all can cook really tasty Israeli salad, learn or remember names of all ingredients. It was really interesting and delicious experience. The next time was cooked citrus Sicilian salad. Lena Stamov told about Rosh Hodesh Adar and mitzvot of this month. There were 25 participants.

**February 7 – Project "History of Kiev and neighborhood"**



Professor Oleg Bubemok lecture "Khazars and Jews in Kiev Rus". There were 20 participants.

**February 28 – Project "History of Kiev and neighborhood". Excursion**



The community members visited the Museum of Ukrainian Historical Treasures. The most interesting for everyone was the exhibition of Jewish ceremonial silver of 18 and early 19th century. This excursion was really interesting and important because members of community just read Parashat Shavua about Mishkan building and donating their golden and silver treasures. There were 35 people of all ages.

**February 7, 21 – Artistic Studio**



Talented painters 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. Lena Stamov also told about Parashat Hashahua and Hodesh Adar. 10 people

**February 11 – Preparation for Purim**

Tzevet gathered to discuss planes for Purim, create program and collect tzeyud.

Rav Reuven had a meeting with Alexander Zaslavsky – patron of Kiev Masorti Community. The agreement about publishing Siddurs was reached.

**February – Rav Reuven Stamov meeting**

Rav Reuven had meeting with Arcady Monastirsky.

**February 13 – Event for NOAM Group**



This welcome NOAM Party "Be Happy, its Adar" was prepared in cooperation with Project "Family Dialog". 35 participants

**February 14 – Mesibat Ivrit**



Almost all Sunday was devoted to Hebrew. Community members had the opportunity to play different games in Hebrew, solve a crossword puzzle, learn a lot of interesting and useful words, and of course to practice their language and enhance their knowledge. 30 participants

**February 14 – Women`s Club. Adar Nehedar**



One's a month, mostly on Rosh Hodesh women from community gathered together to study different topics and Jewish traditions with Lena Stamov. Every woman had an opportunity to spend time in pleasant company, engaged in physical and mental practices and of course learn more about the Jewish tradition. Women`s club attended by 15 participants.

***February 14, 21 – Master-class***



Master-class "Denim extravaganza" held By Alina Dotzenko. Event was prepared in cooperation with project "Step Forward". 15 participants

***February 15 – Shahrut Yom Hol***



It was first time when community members read from new Torah and gathered on Shahrut in the midst of the working week. 10 people

***February 16-25 – Business trip to Israel***

Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov during staying in Israel had meeting with Reut Yahav –NOAM Olami Director and with MAROM Olami team. The programs of existing and future projects were discussed.

On Shabbat Rav Reuven and Lena were on Masorti Olami Leadership Shabbaton at Kibbutz Tzuba on February 18-20.

Rav Reuven took part in the meeting chaired by Betsy Gidwitz in Jewish Agency for Israel Committee for activities in the FSU countries.

Also Rav Reuven was invited to a memorial ceremony for untimely loss of MERCAZ Olami`s President Dr. Stephen Wolnek.

***February 21 –Lecture***



Lecture "Religion and Politics in The State of Israel" was prepared by graduate student of history department in National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" Oksana Remarovysh. 20 participants

## ***February 23 – The organizational meeting of the representatives of Jewish organizations before Purim***

It was developed schedule of Purim events and were shared all future plans.

### ***Parents and babies 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 2 years old.

### ***NOAM Activity***



Children happily hear about Parashat, reading Jewish stories and play fun games. Lena and Reuven Stamov told about NOAM seminar to madrichim. Every week is working on NOAM activity program. On February, 7 madrichim with kids were feeding birds and told about how necessary to be responsible for themselves, their lives, and of course for the natural environment.

### ***Jewish Dances***



These classes are successfully running and providing a sense of community for all dancers in a creative, fun and welcoming atmosphere. Classes focus on Israeli dances technique with original choreography. On Sunday evening everyone had an opportunity to dance. The dance classes attended 20-25 people.

### ***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. Tu B`Shavat songs were learned and kids started to prepare performance.

### ***Theatrical Midrash***

Every Sunday teenagers create different movie for Tu B`Shvat with NOAM madrich Vlad Ponomarenko and presented it in Kiev Masorti Community. Teenager from NOAM group with their madrichim and parents prepare Purim Shpil.

### ***Cooperation with other organizations and foundations***

The partnership continues with Hillel, project KESHER, Found "Step Forward" and Jewish Agency for Israel. 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".

### ***Lena Stamov`s meetings***

Lena Stamov during this month had meetings with Julia Smelyanska and Alex Khamray on educational program from Rothschild Fund, Project Keshet representative Tatyana Voitalyuk. This year we will have more cooperation with Kiev-Mohyla Academy, Judaica history department and Judaica Institute in Kiev.

### ***Ulpan***

There are three groups for adults – senior, middle groups and group for beginners. In addition there is fully launched group of studying Hebrew for children and teenagers. Hebrew classes were attended all about 40 students.

### ***English lessons***

The English language teacher, native speaker Ryan Brit held his very interesting English classes. Both children and teenagers found of him and with great pleasure attend them.

### ***Hosting for Shabbat***

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

### ***Skype conference***

Every Thursday Rav Reuven Stamov with two community members had Skype-conference with Shlomo Zakharov. They study shechita, had some lectures and of course they had time for questions-answers. Also Rav Reuven had individual lessons for some community members on Tuesday and Thursday.

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