

## REPORT. MARCH



**March 26-27 – NOAM Day Camp**



The NOAM Day Camp took place in Kyiv MASORET Community. This kids event was a good reason for Jewish youth gather together before Pesach. Children took part in Pesach competitions, master-class of making Kiara, created wallpapers devoted to Pesach, found memories of the 10 executions of the Egyptians and were able to restore the recipe and technology of making matzah! There were three groups for children of ages from 4 to 10, teenagers of ages from 10 to 14 and from 14 to 17. Altogether there were about 80 children. **The event was held in collaboration with Art Midrasha from Sochnut Ukraine and Netzer.** It was fun, loud and interesting!

### **March 4, 11, 18, 25 – 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 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 finished with Havdalah ceremony. The first Shabbat of March many teenagers from NOAM Kyiv joined Avdala and

shared their smiles with the adult attendees. 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 – NOAM Purim Party**



Purim Party for teenagers

was held by madrichim in Kyiv Masoret Community on Saturday evening immediately after avdala. Teens were glad to take part in competitions between two teams of the boys and the girls. Each of the team prepared their funny Purim sketches with the main characters of Purim's story. Teenagers were not afraid to use their imagination and fancy dress in the Purim sketches that is why it turned out so funny and interesting. Also, each participant had an opportunity both to cook and to have a meal and it is important that they did it altogether. At the end of the party all the children danced discotheque music, played board games and communicated with each other and madrichim. It is fair to say that all the participants were full of feelings and new knowledge about Purim, because nobody wanted to leave the party at the end.

### **March 2, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 - NOAM**



Children happily took part in Kabbalat Shabbat prayer,

Parasha Shavua peula, reading Jewish stories and playing funny games. Twice every week is working on NOAM activity program. This month, mostly all peulot were dedicated to the Weekly Torah Portions and Pesach. There were nearly 10 people.

### **March 4, 11, 18, 26 - Video clip about Pesach**

Dedicated to the upcoming Pesach the NOAM Kyiv group with their madrichim made really interesting video clip.

### **March 2, 9, 16, 21, 23, 30 - Songs**

Members of our community are very fond of singing. After these lessons all enjoy musical performances on Shabbat. Every Sunday, children learn songs with great pleasure, performing 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. For Pesach celebration was prepared beautiful songs and performance by

children and singing teacher. Also, kids are continuing to study Yiddish songs for Klezmer Festival. This class attended by 10-15 people of different ages.

### **March 3, 21, 25 - Tzevet meetings**

The Kyiv Masorti Community team gathered three times this month to do preparing for Pesach, prepared activities and programs for the whole month. Each meeting, everybody shared their impressions and gave feedback. Children also took part in a festive performance and did rehearse with their morim. With all tzevet we thought over all the details of the evening and all activities.

### **March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 – Ulpan. Hebrew Classes**



As usual in Kiev Community took place Ulpan two times a week. This month we have started the new admission to the Hebrew project for starters and intermediate learners. We have two groups for adults of different levels. There were about 10 people.

### **March 25 – Culinary Midrash**



Everyone had the opportunity to cook Israeli kosher food with Lena Stamov on the Culinary Midrash. This time in cooperation with Project Keshet was a Women's Seder with master class and culinary. Everybody had a great opportunity to learn how to cook the bitter

herbs salads before Purim. There were about 15 participants.

### **March 4, 11, 18, 25 – Artistic Studio**



Talented painters are not only engaged in their favorite thing, draw and learn new painting techniques, they also learn about traditions. This time, artists have drawn beautiful pictures with the members of our community and newcomers. From 5 to 10 people attended artistic studio.

### **March 19 - Preparation for Pesach in Hillel**



Lena Stamov held a lecture-guidance for Hillel leaders before Pesach. On the Pesach eve, Hillel students passed the Easter guide course and after it could confidently hold both community seders and seders in their homes. It was a warm meeting where Hillel youth not only refreshed



their knowledge about the yomtov and learned seder rules, but also shared their feelings while learning Hebrew songs devoted to the holiday.

### **March 18, 25 – Master class**

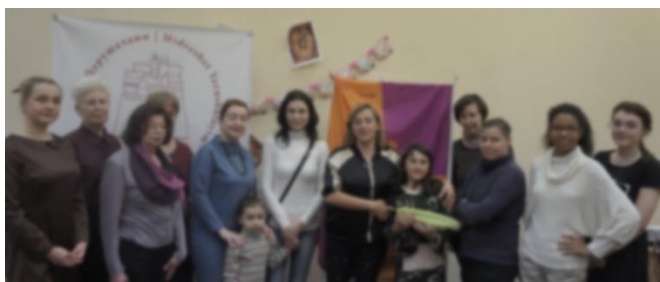


One of the March Sundays children and adults created beautiful Pesach postcards and table-napkins. This creative activity united members of community of all the ages. More than 12 people attended this project.



The last Sunday before Pesach the NOAM group with their madrichim and other community members with great pleasure helped in the decoration of the community center.

### **March 25 – Women's Seder**



Lena and Reuven Stamov hold the women meeting with members of Masoret community to inform and show the importance of Pesach Seder details. Lena told about the necessary type of food, such as karpas, maror etc. on the feast table. Also, she stressed on the kosher style of the meal. Reuven told about the four glasses of wine and the consequences of ritual part of the supper. Each participant could ask any essential issues connected with Passover meal and share their own receipts on Passover week. As a result, all the women who came that day to community could serve the tables of their homes with proper meal and drinks. The meeting was held in cooperation with Project Kesher. There came about 15 people.

### **March 27 – Chametz with Rebbetzin**



This is already the fourth meeting with Rebbetzin. This time we talked about Sefer Berishit and the freedom in point of view of Judaism. Lena Stamov answered the

questions of the guests and told about the mission of man and woman in the family and in life at all. The event was held in collaboration with Moishe House Kyiv. 15 people came to listen about Chametz, future Pesach and its conception in cozy café, warm atmosphere and homishness.

### **March, 28 – Bdikat Chametz**



The final preparations for Pesach were actively started. From early morning tzevet and active part of the community did cleaning to make Pesach Kosher. On the eve of holiday the members of our community gathered to find burnt and check on Hametz (Bdikat Hametz and Biur Hametz). Altogether gathered around Rav Reuven Stamov and he traditionally used the candle to find a piece of Hametz wherever. Every part of every room of the community where Hametz may possibly be found was searched using this process. For everyone it was very interesting and amazing. There were about 15 people.

### **March, 30 – The first Seder Pesach**



The day of the first Seder Pesach falls on Friday that is why all community members and guests lit the Shabbat candles and took part in Shabbat prayer before the first Seder Pesach. This day faced a very large preparation because the seder attended more than 80 adult guests and about 20 children. NOAM group did one part of the Seder with four sons, tzevet and activity of the community also had the opportunity to take part in Seder: told about Kiara, ten plagues and of course hid Afikoman. Also madrichim prepared peula for teenagers and kids from NOAM group. All the guests were glad to greet and congratulate each other with short speech. The atmosphere was informal and warm.

### **March, 31 - The second Seder**

The second Seder was organized for tzevet, chiefs and representatives from different Jewish organizations (Hillel, JUICE, project KESHER and Jewish Agency for Israel, Juice, Moishe House, Charitable Foundation “2U”, Sochnut Ukraine, Euro-Asian Jewish Congress Program Committee etc.), businessmen and the council of community members. There were Counselor of the Embassy of the State of Israel Gennady Polishchuk, Deputy Director of the Department for the Protection of Children's Rights and Adoption of the Ministry of Social Policy Kirill Dombrovsky, Second Secretary of the Embassy for Consular Affairs Maxim Shmagin, the Director of the Festival of Podol Nation's Culture Natalia Sklyarskaya, Head of the Certificate "Judaika" at the Faculty of Humanities of the KMA

Aleksey Hamray, Director of the Charitable Foundation “2U” Julia Goldenberg, Head of Educational Programs at the Hillel Kiev Ilona Didenko, Resident of Moishe House Kiev Valeriy Pinchuk and many others. It was a good chance to meet, to get acquainted with new members of the staff and to communicate more closely with everyone at the Seder. There were 50 people.

#### ***Lena Stamov meetings***

- Meeting with Ilona Didenko – The Head of Educational Programs at the Hillel Kiev
- Meeting with Julia Goldenberg – The Director of the Charitable Foundation “2U”
- Meeting with Natalia Sklyarskaya – The Director of the Festival of Podol Nation's Culture
- Meeting with Ekateryna Karlshtein - The Resident of Moishe House Kiev
- Meeting with Katerina Rabina – The Coordinator of family programs in JAFI Ukraine
- Private meeting during the month with people who want to do the conversion
- Meeting with Ron Garlfild – The Head of Sochnut Ukraine
- Family camp planning

#### ***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 – The Coordinator of Family Programs in JAFI Ukraine
- 29 March – Meeting of presidium of the Euro-Asian Jewish Congress Program Committee headed by Josef Zisels
- Meeting with Ron Garfield - The Head of Sochnut Ukraine
- Gila Katz visited Kyiv on 26-27 March
- Meeting with parents in at the end of NOAM Day Camp that was held in collaboration with Art Midrasha from Sochnut Ukraine and Netzer

*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.

Many thanks for all who made this work possible.

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