

## ***Report. May***

### ***May 6, 13, 20, 27 – 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.

### ***May 7, 14, 21, 28 – 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. 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.

### ***May 8, 15 – Project "History of Kiev and neighborhood***



Lecture by Anatolii Podolskyi, director of the Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies, Candidate of Historical Sciences as part of the project "History of Kiev and surroundings". The lecture with Yahrtzeit memorial candles lighting was dedicated to the Yom Ha-Shoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day and Day of Remembrance and Reconciliation for World War II victims. There were about 25 participants.

### ***Excursion to Berdichev***



It was one of excursion with visiting Jewish cities nearby Kiev. In the program was a visit to the Jewish museum in Berdichev, Synagogue and Conservative Jewish Sunday School, Catholic part of Berdichev and familiarity with Honoré de Balzac places, and of course Jewish cemetery and tzadik`s tomb. 40 participants of different age took part in the excursion and everyone was really delighted of city, tours and meeting in the Jewish Sunday School.

### ***May 8 - Kiev Masorti Community congratulated veterans on the Day of Great Victory***



In cooperation with Jewish organization JUICE NOAM group with madrichim and adults from Kiev Community congratulated veterans on the Day of Remembrance and Reconciliation for World War II victims. From community members were prepared presents with really desired product and gifts cards.

### ***May 8, 29 - Master classes***



Participants have the opportunity to make their own hands crafts. All had opportunity to creating greeting cards for veterans on Day of Great Victory. On spring masterclass on which all created lovely pictures dedicated to Kiev Day.

### ***May13 – Guest lecture***



Alan Mintz - Professor of Hebrew Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York with the lecture about Shmuel Agnon in Kiev Masorti Community.

### ***May 13 - Israel Independence Day celebration in Kiev Masorti Community***



Before Shabbat started were talked about Israeli independents and hard way to achieve it. There were about 40 people.

### ***May 13, 20, 27 - Culinary Midrash***



Lena Stamov held a Culinary Midrash every Friday, before Shabbat at 5:00 or Sunday. On Friday and Saturday everyone had opportunity to try Israeli traditional food. This month meetings have been devoted to Yom Ha-Atzmaut with Israeli salads, Lag ba'Omer and all had perfect opportunity to learn to cook very interesting salads. Lena Stamov told about this day in Jewish calendar,

tradition, history and mystical elements. On the second time Midrash was dedicated to the Karaims cuisine dishes. There were 25 participants.

***May 16, 23, 30 – Shaharit Yom Hol***



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

***May, 20 – American-Jewish Human Rights Organization visited Kiev Masorti Community on Shabbat***

A working visit of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry (UCSJ) to Kiev took place on May. The delegation included UCSJ President and Executive Director Larry Lerner, Board of Directors member Dr. Joel Sandberg and Vice President Judy Patkin.

***May 22 – Yom Ha-Atzmaut Happening with JAFI***



All members of our community and tsevet were invited to the celebration of Independence Day of the State of Israel. Traditionally, the celebration was held in the form of a picnic, with attended by many representatives and members of other Jewish organizations. Therefore on this day was opportunity to get acquainted with new and interesting people, make new contacts and also support existing ones.

***May 25 – Lag ba-Omer in Community***



This year celebration of Lag ba-Omer was community center. The program was started late in the evening with Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov speeches about the holiday, traditions of this day and historical background. Then everyone on watch film about events related to the Lag ba-Omer. Also, for adults and children we had entertaining quiz about Lag BaOmer. As it turned out, our guests are very erudite and gap between the teams was minimal. Everyone was so pleased that they wanted more and more questions. Also we sang songs. It was a very warm, pleasant and unforgettable atmosphere. For some people it was the first Lag ba-Omer where they found all three aspects of the holiday. We were very pleased not only bring joy but necessary knowledge. On our event were near 60 participants. People were very grateful to organizers of event. Everyone left our event in a great mood and with and interesting for them knowledge why we celebrate this day. There were about 60 people.

***May 26 – MAROM Group Lag ba-Omer celebration with Hillel Kiev on the ship***



In cooperation with Hillel Kiev was celebration Lag ba-Omer for MAROM group. In a program was interactive learning of holiday story, walk on the ship in the evening Dnieper, musical part and entertainment. There were about 100 people.

### ***May 29 – Kiev Day***



On Sunday in community held program dedicated to Kiev Day with Rav Reuven Stamov lecture about first written mention about Kiev or Schechter Letter, drawing lesson, master class, songs, ulpan and many others peulot and lessons for community members of all ages.

### ***May 29 - 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 Rosh Hodesh. More than 15 people attended artistic studio. Kids have drawn pictures dedicated to Kiev Day and were heard about the history of the first Jews in Kiev.

### ***May 31 – Meeting with board of Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund***

It was meeting with chairman Ronny Naftaniel and two new Board members: Doortje van Unen and Eddy Sajet.

### ***Rav Reuven Stamov meetings***

Rav Reuven Stamov at the Kiev Jewish businessmen club “Achad Mishelanu” meeting

### ***May 22-24 – Rav Reuven Stamov in Odessa on X International Festival "Intelligent wars of Hillel"***

Location Odessa team of the conservative movement took the second place in the contest.

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

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



Every Wednesday Lena Stamov had skype conference with Reut Ragav NOAM Olami director. Also every Wednesday had Summer Camp planning.

Every Wednesday (May 18 and 25) all tzevet gathered for planning and preparing activities, events, holidays and work in community center.

### ***Theatrical Midrash***



Before Lag ba-Omer was film lovely video greeting with NOAM Group and video making with bonfire out of colored paper.

### ***Women`s Club***

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.

### ***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.

This month in community was many activities for NOAM group. As usually peulot every Sunday and on May, 7 pajama party after which all interested were going to congratulate veterans. There were 15 children.



Also NOAM group filled in tablet with Sefirat HaOmer prayer and play in scene dedicated to the Lag ba-Omer.

### ***Ulpan. Hebrew for teenagers, kids and adults***



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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

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

The partnership continues with Hillel, project KESHER, Found “Step Forward” 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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