

## *Report*

### **February**

#### ***February 2, 9, 16, 23 – Shabbat***

Everyone enjoys our atmosphere and new people start to visit our 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 20-25 peoples of all ages.

#### ***February 10, 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 15 members. Also, 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 and Mizva preparation.

#### ***February 22 - "Hummus with Rebbetzin"***



The monthly meetings with Lena Stamov in cooperation with Moishe House Ukraine took place in a popular youth café with cuisine where prevails hummus. This meeting was interesting, pleasant and tasty. Talked about women's beauty and attractiveness. Among attendees were many young ladies. They asked about different situations in a married life. Lena Stamov drew a parallel between written instruction from Mishley and the modern life, shared her experience of the married life. It was the third time of such evenings and there have already appeared frequenters who have not missed any of the meetings and the gladful newcomers. There were about 15 people in the meeting.

#### ***February 4, 25 – Culinary Midrash***



Lena Stamov held a Culinary Midrash every Friday, before Shabbat at 5:00 or Sunday. This month's meetings have been devoted to Rosh Hodesh Adar א and Purim, were baked hamentashen with community members. Also, various salads were beautiful decoration that looked bright and colourful. Lena Stamov told about Rosh Hodesh Adar א and mitzvot of this month. There were 15 participants.

***February 6, 13, 27 – Artistic Studio***



Due to the Artistic Studio new talented painters started attending Community Centre. Drawing classes help the members of our Community and new attenders to express themselves and do it in the walls of Kyiv Masoret Community. From 15 to 10 people attended the Artistic Studio including kids and teenagers.

***February 11, 18 – Lecture devoted to Adar and Purim traditions***



Rav Reuven Stamov and Lena Stamov held a lecture-discussion about Adar and Purim traditions. The other day Reuven Stamov carried out some kind like a question and answer about Adar and Purim where members of the community could ask the important questions about the topic and to increase their awareness about the Jewish calendar and holidays. From 10 to 15 people attended lectures.

***Preparation for Purim***



Our Madrichim and tzevet met together every Sunday of February to prepare a program of events dedicated to the Purim. The community started to prepare two months before the holiday. Children also took part in a festive performance and did rehearse with their madrichim. With all tzevet we thought over all the details of the evening and all activities.

***February 11, 25 – Master-class***



Dedicated to Jewish holidays or Parashat Hashavua topic master class took place in the community center. Participants have the opportunity to make their own hand crafts, decorating for the holidays and Purim masks. There are 10 people of different ages who are interested in this program. This month was one master-class dedicated to Purim. Also, the community had the opportunity to prepare and decorate community center. Also, Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov spoke about Rosh Hodesh Adar א.

***February 27 – Hebrew Speaking Club***



The day before Purim Lena Stamov held a lecture-lesson in Hebrew about Purim holiday, its history and tradition of its celebrating for attenders of the Hebrew Speaking Club and the members of the Kyiv Masoret community who came to improve their language and to join a productive discussion. It was the second time when Lena Stamov carried out a lecture for the visitors of the Hebrew Speaking Club based on Judaica Center in Kyiv. This time the meeting was either informative and cheerful. All the guests could not only practice Hebrew, but also plunge into the tradition and take a direct part in its celebration with the help of the kosher wine and fancy dress. There came about 15 people.

***February 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 Ulpan. Hebrew for teenagers, kids and adults***



There are two groups for adults – senior group and group for beginners. Hebrew classes were attended all about 20 students.

***Baby club***



Twice a month we have Baby club



meetings, where parents and children can play together. Madrichim helped to draw Purim pictures, make plasticine models.

### ***NOAM Activity***



Children happily hear about Parashat, reading Jewish stories, draw pictures devoted to Purim and play fun games. Every week is working on NOAM activity program.

### ***February, 28 – Purim celebration in Kyiv Masorti Community***



Purim is the funniest and the most cheerful holiday of the year and community “Masoret” has proved it. This year on Purim Rav Reuven Stamov read Megillat Esther and Lena Stamov interpreted it for people. Guests were very attentive to the text of the Megillah. Rabbi gives a sign when we need to drown out the spoken name of Haman by your noisemakers. Purim banquet began with a lot of fun symbolic toasts. But there were also a lot of surprises for the guest of a community. First of all Purim is one of the most favorite holiday for children who had an opportunity to have fun, took part in competition and dances in the community this day. Also, children and the guests were surprised by the performance of Igor Grohotsky who took part in the program The Voice Ukraine. However, the culmination of the evening was the performance of the Pushkin Klezmer Band, which entertained adult and children by tuneful and cheerful Klezmer songs and melodies. Children and adults couldn't not to start dancing in a Jewish manner. Lena Stamov sang a famous Yiddish song “Kupite papirosn” backed up by the Klezmer Band. More than 60 people came to celebrate Purim with Masoret.

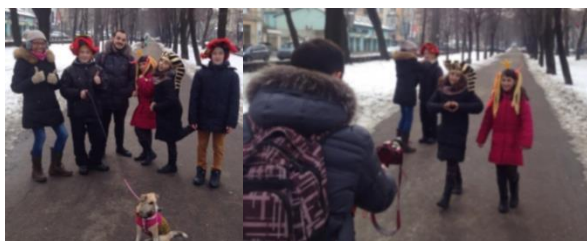
### ***Songs***



Members of our community are fond of singing. People learn new songs from our vocal coach. 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. This month kids also

started preparing for Festival that will take place in Podol in May.

### ***Purim Video clip***



Every Sunday kids from NOAM group with their madrichim prepare Purim Video clip. They presented it on Purim celebration. The guest and members of the community were pleased to watch new Video made by madrichim and teenagers of our community.

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

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

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

- Meeting with Ilona Didenko – The Head of educational programs at the Hillel Kiev
- Meeting with Olga Polischuk – The Head of Israeli Culture Centre
- Meeting with Julia Goldenberg – The Director of the charitable foundation “2U”
- Meeting with Tatiana Abovich – Director of the Hillel Kiev
- Meeting with Ekateryna Karlshtein – The Head of Moishe House Kyiv
- Private meetings and Skype call during the month with people who want to do the conversion
- Meeting with Tatiana Voitalyuk and Sarah Shtern - regional representative of Project Keshet
- Meeting with Katerina Rabina – coordinator of family programs in JAFI Ukraine
- Meeting with Elena Zaslavska – Head of projects in VAAD Ukraine
- Purim feasts meetings
- Working with brand “Another Food”
- Meeting with Leonid Finberg - Chief Editor of the publishing house "Dukh I Litera (Spirit and Letter)"
- Skype calls with all NOAM Ukraine representatives during the month
- Meeting with Natalia Sklyarskaya – the director of The festival of Podol nation's culture and Mitya Gerasimov from Klezmer Pushkin Band, had a conversation about Klezmer Kyiv festival and Purim planning
- Meeting with Belana Shahar
- Preparation for Family Camp

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

- Skype consultations with community members in other Masorti communities

- Private meeting and Skype call 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
- Meeting with Elena Zaslavska – the Head of projects in VAAD Ukraine
- Meeting with Josef Akselrut - Head of Hillel
- Meeting with Ron Garfield - Director of the "JAFI Ukraine" and Dmitri Joffe - JAFI envoy for the aliyah
- Meeting with the director of Nativ - Genadiy Polishuk
- Meeting with Alla Magas the director of AJT
- Meeting with Tatiana Abovich – Director of the Hillel Kiev
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Rav Reuven had individual lessons for some community members on Tuesday and Thursday.

More photos you can find in Facebook –

<https://www.facebook.com/masoretinkiev>

Our YouTube Channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfBOQS\\_ABBnns150PBifDzQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfBOQS_ABBnns150PBifDzQ/videos)