

First of all we want to thank all the people who made this work possible. Thank you for cooperation, understanding. We are glad to be a part of such a big team doing together a great, important thing.

REPORT. January 2018

January 6, 13, 20, 27 – Shabbat

Every Friday one of the community members prepared several interesting moments from Parashat Va'eira, everyone took part in Shabbat quiz, Drama Midrash related to Parashat Hashavuah topic. There were at least 25-35 peoples of all ages.

January, 4-7 – THE FIRST NOAM CAMP IN UKRAINE - “CAMP OF COLOURS”



The NOAM Camp was held in Cherkassy. About 70 teenagers from Chernovitz, Cherkassy, Berdichev, Odessa, Kyiv visited the NOAM Camp “Camp of colors”. Each day of the camp presented different colour. Rav Reuven Stamov affixed Mezuzah and read birkat before all the children entered the building. The first day represented green colour of NOAM and it was peulot about main NOAM principles and NOAM organization all over the world and traditions in each country. The first day of the camp madrichim held the familiarization meeting for each kvutza. The teenagers were pleased to see their friends from different cities and get acquainted with new camp participants. The second day represented white colour that symbolize winter Shabbat. Hanichim decorated building and halls in white colour and were dressed in white colours. It was peula about Shabbat and its tradition. It was special NOAM candle lighting when all groups created own NOAM Shabbat nigun and NOAM Shabbat story. Candle lighting was special because every group composed special bracha and performed it before hadlakat nerot. After kids it was a great opportunity to hear and to participate in Israeli NOAM Shabbat songs. We had three madrich from Israel who gave us a lot of energy and Israeli NOAM traditions.

On oneg Shabbat hanichim created Shabbat fairy tails and presented them to everybody. The atmosphere was unusual and everybody could feel Shabbat mystery. In the middle of the night we had a quest about Jewish mysticism Kabala. It was an unforgettable adventure for each machine. On Shabbat, participants took part in tfilot, read Torah, and had peulot and games. The last day and Avdala were in blue and white colors represented Zionism. There was peula about Hahavat Israel, where the madrichim from Israel told about haluzim who were their grandparents. It was amazing closing part with a concert and the fire show. Forty percent of

teenagers were new people in Communities. The most children are from secular and mixed families so they had a lot of questions about tradition, tfilot and Shabbat. We hope they will be active members of the group in their Cities.

January, 24 - 28 Ashgaha of Sohnut Seminar

Lena Stamov and Stas Grigoriev did Ashgaha for the Sohnut Leader Seminar. It was the first experience to work with Sohnut. It is very successful and important for the conservative movement. We will hope for the future cooperation.

January 12-15 - Elena Stamov in Odessa

On 12 – 15 January Lena Stamova read lectures about Jewish literature and folklore in Moishe House Odessa and visited Tiferet Community.

January, 16 – Meeting with Rebbetzin Michal Elena Stamov "Tea with Rebbetzin: about women in the Michelet book"



The second meeting with Rebbetzin Michal Elena Stamov was carried out in one of Podol's coffee houses. That time Rebbetzin Michal Elena Stamov continued to deepen in the topic of Jewish tradition and the place of woman in it with the help of the Mishlei book. The meeting was held in collaboration with Moishe House and Masoret Community. About 10 young people came to get acquainted with a role of woman in Judaism, some of them came for the second time. This evening helped us to get acquainted with new people who are interested in the life of Jewish Community MASORET.

January 13, 20, 27 – 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. All the members asked about uncertain places in the Torah and discussed them with Rav Reuven and all the other visitors. Some of the members of Community read try to understand the translation from Hebrew after reading some ancient words. It was very pleasant to read it in original. On Shabbat day community attended more than 25 members. Rav Reuven Stamov prepared people for conversion. Also, Rav Reuven also works on the Siddur.

January 12, 14, 19, 21, 22, 26, 28 - NOAM



Children happily took part in Kabbalat Shabbat prayer, Parasha Shavua peula, reading Jewish stories and play fun games. Twice every week is working on NOAM

activity program. This month, mostly all peulot were dedicated to the Weekly Torah Portions, Tu-Bi-Shvat and International Holocaust Remembrance Day. There are two groups in age between 5-11 years and 12-15 years. Together were nearly 10 people.

January, 14 Meeting with the director of "Midrashet Jerushalaim Israel" Gila Katz



The director of "Midrashet Jerushalaim Israel" Gila Katz visited Community Masoret with the lecture dedicated to Parashat Hashavua. Gila Katz told about Jewish names and their special function in the lives of its owners. Her own example of the choosing of Jewish name was very significant in her life and her own story impressed the visitors who listened attentively and asked many questions at the end of the lecture. There were about 15 people.

January 18, 22 – Lena Stamov, Vlad Chlynin visited NOAM Olami Seminar in Nice, France

It was a very productive time to visit the community in Nice and to share experience to develop NOAM movement all over the world.

January 14, 28 - Tzevet meetings

The Kiev Masorti Community team gathered two times this month to do preparation to the Tu-B'Shvat and the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, prepared activities and programs for the whole month. We had feedback for every meeting. Also, we began to plan the future activities for Purim.

January 14, 28 – Master classes



Participants had the opportunity to make their own hand crafts. This month all created beautiful pictures with flourishing trees and the bunch of flowers made of dry fruits. These master classes were devoted to *Tu-Bi-Shvat*. There were at least 10-15 peoples of all ages, especially parents with their children.

January, 21 – Lecture by Rav Reuven Stamov



In addition to the traditional program community members had great pleasure to listen really interesting lesson about midrashim on the Book of Exodus and the

screening of the film “The Prince of Egypt”. There were about 10 people.

January 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 – Ulpan. Hebrew Classes

As usual in Kiev Community took place Ulpan three times a week. We have groups for children, teens and adults in two groups of different levels. There were about 8-10 people.

January, 28 – 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. This time

artists drew poster dedicated to Tu-B'Shvat. More than 15 people attended artistic studio.

January 28 – February, 1 – Rav Reuven Stamov took part in the Mirkaz Olami Congress in Israel

January 28 – Culinary Midrash



Lena Stamov held a Culinary Midrash on Sunday. Everyone had the opportunity to cook Israeli kosher food. This time everybody had a great opportunity to learn how to cook Croissant with dried fruits, it was dedicated to Tu-B'Shvat. There were about 15 participants.

January, 28 – The International Holocaust Remembrance Day



This year the International Holocaust Remembrance Day precedes Tu-B'Shvat and Lena Stamov told about people who were slaughtered in this tragedy and stressed on the present days, and Jews who are the descendants of those people. She said that we who are alive should remember and we are the confirmation of the continuing life. That's why we need to teach our children in the Jewish tradition and to rehabilitate this Jewish life of those 6 million who didn't survive in our descendants. At the end of Lena's speech the members of Community lit the six candles in memory of 6 million who didn't survive in the Holocaust.

January, 30 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day



Kyiv Masoret Community took part in the Memorial ceremony "Six million hearts" dedicated to the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The ceremony was attended by government officials of Ukraine, representatives of public authorities, heads of diplomatic missions, the deputies of Ukraine, religious and public figures, and journalists. Michal Stamov presented Masorti Movement and lit a candle in honor of 6 million people who was slaughtered during the Holocaust.

January, 31 - Marom Seder Tu-B'Shvat



This year Kyiv Masoret Community celebrated Tu-B'Shvat in cooperation with Hillel Kyiv and Moishe House Kyiv. Leaders of those organizations are members of KyivMasoret Community and made the conservative convention two years ago. It was peula by Michal Stamov about kosher and non-kosher wine, wine in Israel. She also talked about the Kabala tradition of Seder Tu-B'Shvat celebrating, about what each glass of wine that was consumed at the feast means, and about the symbolic component of each fruit that we eat on Tu-B'Shvat. Audience participated in the auction of NOAM handmade. And madrich Ilona Didenko held a quiz in which each participant could test their intellectual abilities. There were about 30-36 people, including children.

Lena Stamov meetings

- Meeting with Gila Katz – The Head of the Midrashet Jerushalaim Israel
- 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 – Director of the charitable foundation “2U”
- Meeting with Tatiana Abovich – Director of the Hillel Kiev
- 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
- Tu-B'Shvat and 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 conversation on Klezmer Kyiv festival planning
- Once a week class of Torah reading by Skype
- Preparation for Family Camp

Rav Reuven Stamov meetings

- Meeting with Gila Katz – The Head of the Midrashet Jerushalaim Israel
- 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 – coordinator of family programs in JAFI Ukraine
- Meeting with Elena Zaslavska – 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

Cooperation with other organizations and foundations: The partnership continues with Hillel, JUICE, project KESHER, AJT and Jewish Agency for Israel, Moishe House, the Chief Editor of the publishing house "Dukh I Litera (Spirit and Letter)" - Leonid Finberg, master program Jewish Studies and certificate program in National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy". Youth from Hillel and JAFI visited Kabbalat Shabbat. Cooperation with departure of tourism and The festival of Podol nation`s culture. Due to

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