

REPORT. September

On this month Kiev Community had special events. We were part of global Kiev life.

September 1, 8, 15, 22 – Shabbat



Every Friday all community members enjoy the celebration of Shabbat in warm and family atmosphere. There were about 45-55 people.



Before the first Shabbat in this season Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov presented programs and events for the year. Also, Rav Reuven did children and students blessing for the new school year.

September 2, 16, 23 – Parashat Hashavua, Mincha 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. 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.

September 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 - NOAM



Children happily take 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 and Rosh Hashanah. There are two groups in age between 8-10 years and 12-15 years. Together were nearly 25 people.

September 1, 3, 6, 8, 19, 20, 27 - Tzevet meetings and preparation before Shavuot



The Kiev Masorti Community team gathered seven times this month to do preparation before the season opening and Rosh Hashanah, prepare activities and programs for the whole month. At each meeting, all share their impressions and gave feedback.

September 3, 10, 17, 24 - NOAM meetings

Meetings with NOAM madrichim for organizing NOAM Ukraine Seminar planning.

September 4, 18, 21 – Shacharit

Community members read from the Torah and gathered on Shacharit on the working week. About 10-15 people gathered every Monday morning.

September 1, 8, 15, 22 - Songs



After these lessons all enjoy musical performances on Shabbat. 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.

September 10 – Representatives from Kiev community "MASORET" on Israel Profi-Kiev

September 3, 24 – Lecture by Rav Reuven Stamov



In addition to the traditional program community members had great pleasure to listen really interesting lessons “Laws of the Month of Elul” and "Days of trembling and remorse. Laws and traditions". There were about 20 people.

September 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 24, 28 – Ulpan. Hebrew Classes



As usual in Kiev Community took place Ulpan two times a week. We have groups for children, teens and adults in two groups of different levels. There were about 15 people.

September 3 - Mesibat Ivrit



The Mesibat Ivrit was dedicated to the oncoming Rosh Hashsnah. It was lessons with songs, quiz and games on Hebrew.

September 17, 24 – Culinary Midrash



Everyone had the opportunity to cook Israeli kosher food with Lena Stamov on the Culinary Midrash. Everybody had a great opportunity to learn how to cook the autumn eggplants and Israeli salad. There were about 25 participants.

September 3, 10, 17, 24 – Master classes and Artistic Studio



Talented painters study tradition in such an interesting way and it is one of the best methods to grasp information for them. Children from NOAM Kiev group with madrichim created lovely magnets for kids from the Social psychological help center. Also community members created decorations for Rosh Hashanah and drew a tree of friendship and apple compositions. Lena Stamov told about the oncoming Chagim Tishrey. All community members with great pleasure helped in the decoration of the community center and sukkah to the oncoming Rosh Hashnah.

September 20 –Rosh Hashanah



The whole community gathered before light the holiday candles. The evening started with the greeting words from Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov with a summing up of the year. Everyone could write a greeting; of course they wish to each other the best things and ask forgiveness. It was a very touching moment, really, to tears.

In a family atmosphere children had peula with NOAM madrichim and interesting quest. An adult had the opportunity to take part in interesting game dedicated to the Rosh Hashana and compete for the wonderful lots at auction. Rav Reuven held a very funny auction where everyone could buy one of the attributes of a holiday, but in comic form. The community center was filled to capacity. All joined - men and women, boys and girls, children and the elderly. All were in a festive atmosphere. After all an exciting time candles lightening by women tell us about the occurrence of Rosh Hashanah. With best wishes from everyone the prayer was started. Everyone was delighted to be able to meet the Rosh Hashanah among a large Jewish family. During prayer madrichim separately were engaged with children. They have once again reminded them about the meaning of the holiday, its symbols and traditions. Children received sweet gifts for correct answers in the quiz, but no one is left without sweet treat. At the end of the prayers were all invited to a festive meal. Tables were set with special dishes, traditional for Rosh Hashanah. All sincerely talked about the future and asked for peace, consent and health. Also, Rav Reuven Stamov again reminded us of the importance of this period for each Jew. We had more than 100 people with children.

September 3, 10, 17, 24– Parents and baby club



Almost every Sunday a month took place babies and parents meeting in a community center, 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 3 years old.



Theatrical Midrash

March Vlad Ponomarenko taught children shot a video clip for the Rosh Hashanah song.

<https://www.facebook.com/masoretinkiev/videos/1654842687922758/>

September 21 and 24 – Tashlich

The morning was started with the Shacharit and fulfill one of the most important commandments - listen to the sounds of the Shofar community members gathered on the banks of the Dnieper River. All emptied pockets and asked to throw away all our sins. As each of us was able to think about what he wanted to leave in the past year. We had about 25 people.

September, 24 – Kaparot



Rav Reuven did Kaparot and explains the meaning of this tradition. All money goes to the Orphanage in Kiev and in cooperation with Jewish organization Volunteer Community was purchased sweets, developing literature and different toys.

September, 29 – Rav Reuven and community members of the procession honoring the memory of Babyn Yar victims and on the poetic readings in the Babyn Yar

September, 29 – Yom Kippur

All that day behaved with some sort of special awe. In Kiev Community was evening prayer on Yom Kippur and Neila the next day. Rav Reuven Stamov explained how important for everyone in these Ten days of repentance to find time to reflect on the whole complex of problems related to Tshuva for everyone. The next morning, everyone could come to the synagogue on Yom Kippur Shacharit. We had about 50 people.

All day members of the community learned specific things of Yom Kippur and all together met the end of that day with prayer. Just after the Yom Kippur ends all started to build a sukkah to obedience the Mitzvah.

Lena Stamov meetings

- Meeting with Ilona Didenko – The Head of educational programs at the Hillel Kiev
- Meeting with Julia Goldenberg – Director of the charitable foundation “2U”
- Meeting with Natella Andryushchenko – Director of the Jewish school "Mitzva- 613" in Belaya Tzerkov
- Meeting with Nikida Didenko and Valeriy Pinchuk - resident of Moishe House Kiev
- Meeting with Tatiana Abovich – Director of the Hillel Kiev
- Skype with Reut Yahav Battat – the director of NOAM Olami
- 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 Victoria Godik – Head of UUJS
- Meeting with Elena Zaslavska – Head of projects in VAAD Ukraine
- Hanukkah festival planning
- Meeting with Anton Gotlib – Head of project “Minyamin”
- Meeting with Natalia Sklyarskaya – the director of The festival of Podol nation's culture
- Working with brand “Another Food”
- Meeting with Leonid Finberg - Chief Editor of the publishing house "Dukh I Litera (Spirit and Letter)"
- NOAM Ukraine Seminar planning
- Skype calls with all NOAM Ukraine representatives during the month
- Negotiations on conservative kashrut on AJT Seminar
- Further cooperation with AJT

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 – coordinator of family programs in JAFI Ukraine
- Meeting with Victoria Godik – Head of UUJS
- Meeting with Elena Zaslavska – Head of projects in VAAD Ukraine
- The meetings and negotiations with Kiev businessman, who wants to get a conservative kashrut
- 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
- September, 17 – Lesson in JAFI Ukraine about Rosh Hashanah
- September, 19 – Lesson in Hillel Kiev about Rosh Hashanah and Ten days of repentance
- September, 26 – Rav Reuven in Halom on Hillel Kiev home music concert
- Negotiations on conservative kashrut on AJT Seminar
- Meeting with Tatiana Abovich – Director of the Hillel Kiev
- Further cooperation with AJT

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 department of tourism and The festival of Podol nation`s culture.

Many thanks for all who made this work possible.

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