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Masorti Olami builds, renews and strengthens Jewish life throughout the world
Dear Friends,

Masorti Olami is proud of our achievements over the last year. As you turn the pages of this book, you will see the spectacular growth and inspiring work of our remarkable Masorti Movement.

In June, The Gladstein Fellowship Masorti Mission to Europe visited Budapest, Paris and London where we met with Jewish leadership and discussed building Masorti Judaism in Europe. Rabbis and lay leaders were enlightened about the nature of Masorti in Europe. One participant commented that "I thought the mission would be like visiting the graveyard of past Jewish communities and was surprised to see thriving Masorti communities of young families and strong leaders".

After months of preparation, Masorti Olami and MERCAZ Olami had 150 representatives from 17 countries participate in the 37th World Zionist Congress in Israel. We succeeded in preserving key positions and vital interests in the National Zionist Institutions.

We are pleased to introduce Reut Yahav, our first NOAM Olami Director. In October, NOAM held a successful Shabbaton in Israel with 30 participants from Chile, Brazil, USA, Canada, Argentina and Israel. NOAMists strategically structured a NOAM Olami Board whose worldwide network will help foster their Jewish identity, nurture future leaders and promote flourishing Masorti communities.

Masorti Olami faces many challenges in the year ahead, particularly funding our ongoing programming and operations. Fortunately, we have people in place to carry out the work, projects ready to be implemented and communities eager to embrace Masorti Judaism. With your ongoing loyalty and financial support, we will continue to promote the values of Masorti Judaism throughout the world.

We look forward to our ongoing partnership for many years to come!

B’Shalom

Gillian Caplin
President, Masorti Olami

Rabbi Tzvi Graetz
Executive Director, Masorti & MERCAZ Olami
Inaugural Taglit NOAM Argentina group of madrichim visits Israel. Some participants finally celebrate Bnei Mitzvot! (left) Shnat Program participants from Argentina arrive in Israel (right).

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Kindergarten Tu B’shvat celebrations in Berlin, Germany (right) & Prague, Czech Republic (below).

June 2014 Sh’mirat Ha’amosherim & Teshuvah Center thank representatives and senators for their ongoing support of the State of Israel in the Congress of the Nation of Argentina.

Masorti Europe lay leaders participate in Shacharit Services at the Masorti Kotel (left) and convene their Board Meeting at Kibbutz Hannaton (right).

Fifteen rabbis from around Europe convene in Jerusalem for the European Rabbinical Assembly Seminar in Israel.

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Purim celebrations at Circulo Israelita de Santiago Community in Chile (above left), Santa Fe Community in Argentina (above center), Nitzan Community in Sydney, Australia (above right) and Bet-El Community in Madrid, Spain (right).

Va’ad Ha’poel delegates cast their vote.

Kindergarten Tu B’shvat celebrations in Berlin, Germany (right) & Prague, Czech Republic (below).

Tefillat Ha’madda & Ukhuva thank representatives and senators for their ongoing support of the State of Israel in the Congress of the Nation of Argentina.
APRIL 2015  Nisan-Iyar 5775

Pesach at Masoret Kiev Community, Ukraine.

Shalom Community in Sao Paulo, Brazil prepares matzah for Pesach.

Yom Haatzmaut with NOAM Argentina.

Yom Haatzmaut celebration with NOAM Argentina.

Masoret Kiev art class paints olive trees of Israel for Shavuot.

Iyar-Sivan 5775

Abayudaya Youth Association Convention in Uganda.

Yom Yerushalaim celebration at the IONA Community in Buenos Aires, Argentina with Israeli Ambassador, Dorit Shavit.

Lag B’Omer with NOAM Kiev, Ukraine.

FEDECC, The Federation of Conservative Communities in Argentina, participates in the national meeting of Jewish communities, “Vaad Hakeilot”.

Rabbi Jules and Navah Harlow visit Lisbon, Portugal.

MAY 2015
The Masorti Olami & Gladstein Fellowship European Mission at the Rashi Synagogue in Troyes, France (top left), with Senior Rabbi Jeremy Gordon at New London Synagogue in London, UK (top right) and at the Shoes on the Danube Holocaust Memorial in Budapest, Hungary (above) with Rabbi Chaim Weiner.

NOAM Sao Paulo, Brazil Winter Camp.

JUNE 2015

NOAM Argentina Winter Camp.

Family Camp at Masoret Kiev Community in Ukraine.

Challah baking at NCI Community in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Chir Hadach Community in Brussels, Belgium read Megillat Eicha.

JULY 2015

Dr. David Breakstone, Gillian Caplin, MK Yair Lapid, Dr. Stephen Wolnek & Rabbi Tzvi Graetz.
AUGUST 2015  Av-Elul 5775

Rabbi Reuven Stamov visits with leaders of the Federation of Metrowest in New Jersey, USA.

FEDECC, The Federation of Conservative Communities in Argentina, celebrates the dedication of the first synagogue building in La Rioja, Argentina since the founding of the community 96 years ago.

NOAM Olami Director, Reut Yahav, participates in the NOAM AmLat Seminar in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

NOFIM Leadership Training Program for ages 18-19 in Chile.

Bet El Community in Mexico, Hazzanut concert for Rosh Hashana.

SEPTEMBER 2015  Tishrei 5776

Or Jadash Community in Buenos Aires, Argentina celebrates Hachnasat Sefer Torah.

MAROM Europe France picnic in Parc Floral de Vincennes in Paris, France.

Havdallah at Kehillat Bet El in Madrid, Spain.

NOAM Maayane Or in Nice, France.

Bnei Mitzvah at Kehillat Bet El in Madrid, Spain.

Rabbi Reuven Stamov visits with leaders of the Federation of Metrowest in New Jersey, USA.
Masorti Olami and MERCAZ Olami are deeply saddened by the tremendous loss of our dear friend and colleague, Marty Davis z”l.

Marty was a pillar of Masorti Judaism and Zionist values throughout his entire life and was instrumental in building the Masorti Movement in Israel, around the world and especially in his beloved community, Netzach Yisrael in Ashkelon.

Tishrei Heshvan 5776

OCTOBER 2015

Shacharit at the Masorti Kotel with World Zionist Congress Delegation.

Dr. David Breakstone, Vice-Chairman of the WZO, with Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.

MERCAZ Olami Awards presented to Rabbi Shlomo Tucker by Rabbi David Golinkin (above left), to Daniel Cohn by Gillian Caplin (bottom left), to Emily Levi-Shochat by Yizhar Hess (above right) and to Sandy Starkman by Rabbi Vernon Kurtz (bottom right).

Comunidade Israelita do Parana in Curitiba, Brazil wave egalitarian Masorti Olami Simchat Torah Flags.

Sukkot at Amijai Community in Buenos Aires, Argentina (above), Judaica Community in France (above right), Aviv Community in Valencia, Spain (right).

NOAM Olami Shabbaton in Israel.

Mercaz Olami awards presented to Rabbi Shlomo Tucker by Rabbi David Golinkin (above left), to Daniel Cohn by Gillian Caplin (bottom left), to Emily Levi-Shochat by Yizhar Hess (above right) and to Sandy Starkman by Rabbi Vernon Kurtz (bottom right).

NOAM Olami Shabbaton in Israel.
The Masorti Kehila Bet El in Mexico celebrated a special evening honoring their Rabbinic leader of 30 years, Rabbi Marcelo Rittner. Rabbi Rittner built a community that engages in Chesed, Torah study and activities for children and youth, all while infusing those around him with his own passion and love for Judaism.