

Rosh HaShana Newsletter

תשרי תשע"ג

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The City of Safed honors our Committee !



At the end of December 2011, the Safed Municipality organized an evening in honor of the **20th anniversary of [Operation Solomon](#)**. The Mayor, Mr. Ilan Shohat, presented our Committee with this **Testimonial**:

***"The Safed Municipality wishes to thank
The Committee for Ethiopian Jews in Safed
for their contribution and action towards the social and educational
advancement and successful absorption of Ethiopian Jews in Safed
in particular, and elsewhere in Israel in general."***

We would never have merited such appreciation had it not been for the generous help of people like yourselves !

A letter of appreciation:


Shai C. and his mother originally came to Safed, but he now lives in Afula. He works in the Prison Service, and is studying criminology at Haifa University. His wife, Michal, is in the first year of a 4 year nursing course, and works part-time in the Afula Hospital. They needed help in many different directions; we sent them **\$400** to help pay their four **children's school fees**, another **\$500** for an **English course** for Shai, and from another source (not our funds) we obtained a further \$400 to help them out with their Pesah / Passover expenses.

I want to tell you how much we appreciate your help ! Thank you for your benevolence and kind heartedness, your sensitivity, your understanding and empathy. Thank you for investing endless hours with only one aim: to give and to help. Thank you for being there when we needed your support, for your openness, and for the warmth that I and my family received from you. Thanks to your assistance both I and my wife passed our exams very successfully.

And why did we get *this* letter ?

Many thanks for your letter. The assistance that you give our students is more than financial ! The very fact that you help them and show trust in their abilities, makes a major contribution to enhancing their self-esteem and their self-confidence.

*Dr. Hana Zafrir RN
Director
The Safed Hospital School of Nursing*



For the last year and a half we have been helping Sara (Baraké) S., studying at the [Safed Hospital School of Nursing](#). This year we subsidized her **Licensing Exam Preparation Course** and the registration fee for the same exam (total **\$435**). Our investment paid off, as Sara passed the exam with a mark of 81%, the first time an Ethiopian student at the Safed School of Nursing has received such a high mark.

She is not the only nursing student whom we help. For the whole of 2011 and for four months of 2012 we gave a **monthly stipend** of **\$100** to Esther M. (total **\$1600**), as well as subsidizing her **Licensing Exam Preparation Course (\$375)**. She, too, passed the exam with a very creditable 71%. We also gave similar help to Moloya T.



We have now been approached to find funding for dorm fees (**\$2050** for 12 months) for Faiben A. (left), for this coming academic year. She had been funded from another source for the past year, but is no longer eligible.

Perhaps you would like to "adopt" Faiben for the year or part of it

Now you can understand why Dr. Zafrir wrote us such a warm letter !

Crime does pay (us !)



As in previous years, we raised over 10% of our expenditure from recycling bottles and cans (\$6636). One of our many sources is the snack bar next to the Safed Police Station and Law Courts. We thank the owners, Meir & Tikva Amar (right, with Police Lt. Etti Barda). Safed is a very small world: Lt. Barda studied chemistry in high school – her teacher was our Committee's chairman, Yehoshua Sivan !



Challenged to cope



Mr. Charlie Shriki, director of the Safed branch of the [Yedid organization](#), organized a household finance management program, at the Amit High School, for a group of 11th Grade boys; those who participated fully went with him to Eilat for five days for a scuba diving course (described in our [December 2009 Newsletter](#)); they have to plan their own budget with the money available, they have to study the theory of diving (chemistry and physics, physiology etc.), and most important, they have to cooperate and to conquer their fears. The cost per head is \$500, but most families cannot afford anything like this, and the money is raised from various sources. This year Yoni Y. (left) joined the program, and we paid **\$450**, his parents paying

the rest. Mr. Shriki said that Yoni was the star of the group, and he wants to take him, at no charge, as a leader for next year's group !

English – the key to success

This last few months we have been paying for private **English lessons** for 8th grader Simha K. (right), at the request of her parents. They pay \$2.50 per lesson, and we pay \$8.75. Simha's English teacher says her progress has been "astounding", so much so that the school sent her parents a special letter of commendation. To date we have paid out about **\$400**.

Simha's sister, Tali, has been accepted to the Amit Ulpanit in Safed. This elite school will give her both a first rate secular and Jewish education. The only disadvantage is that due to the longer school day, the extra activities and the lunch provided, the fees are \$750 a year. Her parents have paid \$375, and we have paid the other **\$375**. Possibly she will qualify for a reduction in the fees, but for the time being they have to be paid in full.



Thank you, all our friends !

We are deeply grateful to the following, who contributed so generously to our Committee in the course of 2011 and 2012 (our apologies if we have inadvertently omitted anyone):

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*In addition we owe a special thanks to the **USY Tikun Olam Fund**, who have included us in their [allocations](#) for many years. For example, here are the sums we received since 1998:*

1998 Higher education \$750	2005 Dental treatment \$2000
1999 Higher education \$879	2006 Education \$3000
2000 Higher education \$1000	2007 Dental treatment \$2000
2001 General support \$2000	2008 Education \$2000
2002 General support \$1500	2009 Interest free loan funding \$2000
2003 Education (school trips) \$1200	2010 Repairs and maintenance \$2000
2004 General support \$1510	2011 Dental treatment \$1000

Financial Report 1.1.2011 - 31.12.2011 (all figures in \$US)

	31/12/10	31/12/11
Opening cash balance	1576	*12063
Closing cash balance	*12263	2934
<i>Donations</i>		
From Israeli contributors	3674	5172
From contributors abroad (mainly P.E.F.)	28313	28330
From P.E.F. special grants	5000	0
From Tikun Olam Fund (USCJ)	2000	1000
Loan repayments	4311	8480
Recycling	5319	6636
<u>Total income</u>	<u>48617</u>	<u>49618</u>
Expenditure		
Grants to university & college students	2365	2688
Subsidies & enrichment for secondary school children	4873	1310
Educational assessment	0	1145
Subsidies for primary school children	2501	946
Primary school trips, extra-curricular activities	833	379
Subsidies for nursery & pre-nursery school children	1515	1794
Equipment for pre-nursery school	0	501
Assistant for 2 deaf children in pre-nursery school	1851	0
Equipping Snoezelen Room at Absorption Center	821	0
Religious needs (bat mizva, gravestone, Passover supplies)	138	992
Interest-free loans	12094	23959
Repayment of loan made to Committee in 2003	0	4735
Help for the needy	3744	4938
Subsidy for bringing mother from Ethiopia to see daughter's family	0	2234
Home repairs, replacement of appliances, etc.	2190	1301
Dental treatment	3550	7632
Other health needs (including ambulances)	409	3573
Professional training	716	0
Postage, office supplies and fund-raising	135	322
Bank charges	180	297
<u>Total expenditure</u>	<u>37915</u>	<u>58746</u>
<u>Income – expenditure</u>	<u>10702</u>	<u>-9128</u>

* The closing cash balance for 2010 and the opening cash balance for 2011 were in fact identical, when expressed in Israeli currency. However dollar values have been calculated on an average rate of exchange for the year and these were not identical for 2010 and 2011.

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We are very anxious to widen our list of supporters, so if you have family, friends or acquaintances who you think would like to share in this great *mizva*, then **please recruit them !** Similarly, if you know of synagogue or community funds which might be available, please let us know and we will apply to the trustees.

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