

REPORT. October

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

October 8 – Tbilisoba



Kiev Masorti Community took part in Tbilisoba - the annual October festival, which celebrates the diversity and history of Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia. The festival features open-air concerts of traditional music and dancing. Also, this is the holiday of the harvest as the Sukkot is. That is why Kiev Community took part in this event organized by the community of the Podil and Natalia Sklyarska. Rav Reuven spoke with a welcoming word and told about Sukkot. Musical band had performed beautiful songs. The separate sukkah was built on Podol. Lena Stamov organized this cooperation and teamwork.

October 19-21 – Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov on Limud Ukraine 2017 in Odessa

Traditionally Rav Reuven did Shacharit and Kabalat Shabbat on Limud and presented lecture “Tablets of Stone Secretes”. Lena Stamov took part in Limud with the lecture “Zionism. Dream and Reality”.

October 6, 13, 20, 27 – Shabbat



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



October 7, 14 – 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.

October, 1 – Sukkah building

Just after Yom Kippur end and the next day community members, mostly man started to build sukkah near the community center. Traditionally, all trying to create it as big as possible to accommodate everyone on Sukkot.



October 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 - 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, Sukkot and Hanukkah preparations. There are two groups in age between 8-10 years and 12-15 years. Together were nearly 25 people.

October 3, 9, 16, 18, 23- Tzevet meetings and preparation before Shavuot

The Kiev Masorti Community team gathered six times this month to do preparation before Sukkot and JAFI Children's Camp, prepare activities and programs for the whole month. All prepared to the JAFI Camp, NOAM Camp and NOAM Ukraine Seminar for madrichim. At each meeting, all share their impressions and gave feedback. Also, they are searching for the most successful teenager for the AJT seminar.

October, 5 – Shacharit and Lulav waving

Community members gathered on Shacharit and Torah reading. About 20-25 people gathered. Every morning on Sukkot community members also did mitzvah of lulav waving.

October 6, 13, 20, 27 - Songs

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.

October 1, 15, – Lecture by Rav Reuven Stamov

In addition to the traditional program community members had great pleasure to listen really interesting lessons "Sukkot. Laws and traditions" and "Month Cheshvan". There were about 20 people.

October 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 26, 29 – Ulpan. Hebrew Classes



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

October 1, 15 – 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 beautiful sukkah in your plate and Israeli Couscous. There were about 25 participants.

October 1, 15 – Master classes and Artistic Studio



Talented kids from NOAM Kiev group study

tradition in such an interesting way and it is one of the best methods to grasp information for them. Children with madrichim created sukkah decorations, they had master class dedicated to the Parashat Hashavua Bereshit. 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 Sukkot.

October 4 – Sukkot celebration in community



The day was started with Israeli dances and cheerful and festive atmosphere. Community members decorated sukkah, chatted and wish Sukkot Sameach. There were fun holiday-oriented activities for kids and adults with games. After candles lightening and prayer all had festive dinner in sukkah. Such a sukkah become both a focus of

communal celebration of the holiday and the center of the community's social life during Sukkot.

A major focus of public worship on Sukkot is the waving of the “four species” - lulav during communal prayer services. Also lulav are picked up and symbolically waved at morning service. For some of members of our community who have never done it before, binding lulav was a bit tricky. At the same time, Rav Reuven Stamov told about the four varieties, about what each of them means. Every Sukkot day all had the opportunity to do mitzvah of Netilat Lulav. There were more than 100 people came on the first day. Everyone could say a blessing in the sukkah. Adults and children learn new songs for the holiday, learnt several Jewish dances.

October 7 –Sukkot MAROM evening with cheese, music, and wine In cooperation with HILLEL KIEV and Moishe House Kiev



Youth from Kiev Masorti community and guests from Moishe House and Hillel Kiev were invited to the musical evening. It was party for MAROM Kiev Group in the sukkah. There was very tasty food cooked perfectly by Lena Stamov, beautiful instrumental music and of course a lot of pleasant time. That evening,

there were more than 50 people. All were able to take part in hevruta study, sing song, and of course fulfill the commandment in the sukkah. It was an interesting form and traditional style of the event with cheese, music and wine in the sukkah.

October 5, 9-12 - Ushpizin during Sukkot in Kiev Community



Almost every day in Masorti sukkah was guests from different

Jewish organizations and institutions. There were representatives JAFI, Nativ, ICC, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and

many others. All of them are good friends and partners of the Masorti community. The close cooperation of organizations helps the development of the community.

October 14 – Simchat Torah

After the Parashat Hashavua lesson and Mincha The moment with Torah reading was marvelous, it's so brightly when you finish reading the annual cycle, and once you have the opportunity to read Bereshit. There were 30 people.

October 1, 29 – 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.

October, 22 – Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov in Masorti Community “Tiferet”

October, 29 - Theatrical Midrash

Madrich Vlad Ponomarenko taught children how to shoot a video clip for Hanukkah.

October 30-31 and November, 1-2 – JAFI Ukraine Children`s Camp



In cooperation

with JAFI Ukraine Kiev Community “Masoret” conducted Children`s Camp. Two days during the camp kids with madrichim were at the community center. It was the first time when the camp officially was created in cooperations. One of the days was dedicated to the element – water. Chanichim with their madrichim remembered, learned, read, told everything that they know about the story of Noah, the prophet Jonah, the seas of Israel. The next days were with a master class by creating Israeli fruits.

October, 31 – November, 2 - Zionist General Council Session 37/3

Rav Reuven and Lena Stamov took part in the Zionist General Council as the supreme institution of the Zionist movement in the inter-Congress period. The Zionist General Council receives and considers the reports of the Executive. The Congress elects the members of the Council entitled to vote in accordance with the relative strength of the Groupings in Congress.

October, 24 - November, 10 – Business trip to Israel

Lena Stamov meetings

- Meeting with Natella Andryushchenko – Director of the Jewish school "Mitzva- 613" in Belya Tzerkov
- 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 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 Kesher
- Meeting with Katerina Rabina – coordinator of family programs in JAFI Ukraine
- Meeting with Victoria Godik – Head of UUJS
- Meeting with Elena Zaslavskaya – 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 Zaslavskaya – 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
- October, 8 – Lesson in JAFI Ukraine about Sukkot
- October, 11 – Lesson in Lyceum ORT about Sukkot
- October, 17 – Rav Reuven on meeting with the righteous of the nations in Kiev mayor's office organized by the charitable foundation “2U”
- 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 departure of tourism and The festival of Podol nation`s culture.

Many thanks for all who made this work possible.

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