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Masorti Olami

2015 IN REVIEW



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
Gillian Caplin
President, Masorti Olami

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Masorti Leaders at Argentine Embassy in Washington, DC.



Kindergarten children in Berlin, Germany prepare a Luach Shana (Jewish Calendar).



Noam - Elise Camp B'Yachad in Argentina participate in writing a Sefer Torah.



Havdallah (left) and the first Bar Mitzvah (right) at Masoret Kiev Community, Ukraine.



Marchers in the UK Coexist Pilgrimage go from mosque to synagogue, to church and Parliament with Masorti Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg.



Va'ad HaPoel delegates cast their vote.



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).

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



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).



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



Masorti Olami & MERCAZ Olami 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).





Pesach at Massoret Kiev Community, Ukraine.



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



NOFIM Chile celebrate Yom Haatzmaut.

Yom Haatzmaut celebration with NOAM Argentina.



Abayudaya Youth Association Convention in Uganda.



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".



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

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



Rabbi Jules and Navah Harlow visit Lisbon, Portugal.



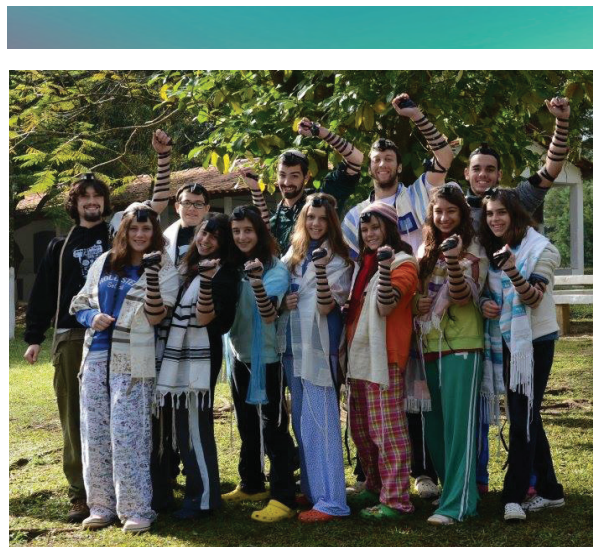
Dr. David Breakstone, Gillian Caplin, MK Yair Lapid, Dr. Stephen Wolnek & Rabbi Tzvi Graetz.



Challah baking at NCI Community in Montevideo, Uruguay.



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.



Chir Hadach Community in Brussels, Belgium read Megillat Eicha.



NOAM Argentina Winter Camp.



Bnei Mitzvah at Kehillat Bet El in Madrid, Spain.



NOAM Maayane Or in Nice, France.



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



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



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



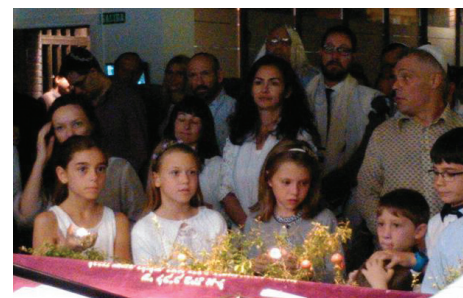
NOFIM Leadership Training Program for ages 18-19 in Chile.



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



FEDECC, TThe 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.



Havdallah at Kehillat Bet El in Madrid, Spain.



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



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



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



NOAM Olami Shabbaton in Israel.



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.



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).



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.



Rabbi Sarina Vitas from Or Jadash Community in Argentina (left), Natan Sharansky, Jewish Agency Chairman (center) and Rabbi Adrian Gottfried from Shalom Community in Brazil (right).



MERCAZ & Masorti Olami delegates vote on resolutions at the 37th World Zionist Congress.



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 Chessed, Torah study and activities for children and youth, all while infusing those around him with his own passion and love for Judaism.



Darkei NOAM seminar in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



Rabbi Ehud Bandel with NOAM UK, promoting Aliya, via the WZO's Lech Lecha Shlichut program.



LATIN AMERICA
(71 communities)

EUROPE
(32 communities)

OTHER COUNTRIES
(17 communities)

- Argentina (38)** – Buenos Aires & interior
- Bolivia (1)** – La Paz
- Brazil (9)** – Sao Paulo (4), Porto Alegre (2), Rio de Janeiro, Curitiba, Bahia
- Chile (7)** – Santiago de Chile (5), Concepcion, Viña del Mar
- Colombia (3)** – Bogotá, Cali, Barranquilla
- Costa Rica (1)** – San José
- Cuba (3)** – Havana
- Ecuador (1)** – Quito
- Mexico (3)** – Mexico DF, Guadalajara, San Miguel Allende
- Panama (1)** – Panama
- Paraguay (1)** – Asunción
- Peru (2)** – Lima, Iquitos
- Uruguay (1)** – Montevideo

- Belgium (1)** – Brussels
- Czech Republic (1)** – Prague
- France (7)** – Paris (2), Aix en Provence, Lille, Marseille, St. Germain-en-laye, Nice
- Germany (2)** – Berlin, Weiden
- Hungary (1)** – Budapest
- Portugal (1)** – Lisbon
- Spain (3)** – Madrid, Valencia, Alicante
- Sweden (1)** – Stockholm
- The Netherlands (1)** – Almere
- UK (14)** – London (7), Middlesex (2), Essex, Bournemouth, St. Albans, Leeds, Oxford

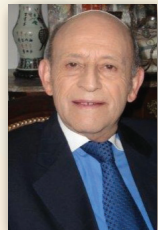
- Australia (2)** – Melbourne, Sydney
- India (4)** – Ahemadabad, Alibaug, Mumbai, New Delhi
- Japan (1)** – Tokyo
- Russia (2)** – Moscow, St. Petersburg
- South Africa (1)** – Johannesburg
- Uganda (1)** – Namakweke
- Ukraine (6)** – Berdichev, Chernivtsi, Donetsk, Harkov, Kiev, Odessa

(as of 11/1/15)

MASORTI OLAMI 2015 ANNUAL TRIBUTE EVENT



SHARON & RABBI RICHARD HAMMERMAN
Rabbi Mordecai Waxman
Rabbinic Leadership Award



CLAUDE MACHLINE
Rabbi Benjamin Z.
Kreitman International
Leadership Award



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