

# MitzvahDayUK

## HABO MAKES ITS MARK!



Sunday 16th November saw the arrival of the much anticipated Mitzvah Day with people internationally giving their time to make their mark on the world. As part of Jewish social action month (Cheshvan), Mitzvah Day encourages more people to do more good deeds each year. And of course, we here at HDUK got involved and gave our time to run projects in Manchester and London.

In partnership with Maccabi, the **Manchester** project involved an old Welly collection. We then painted the Wellies and filled them with plants to donate to the residents of Heathlands Village. With over 20 chanichim lending their hands it was a fabulous day and most importantly, a genuine example of how we can get involved in the community.

Over in **London**, chanichim gave their time to wrap presents as part of Barnardo's Present-giving scheme for children in hospitals and later visited a Jewish care home to wow the residents with their poetry reading.

To wrap up, Mitzvah Day was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone who got involved to help make the day run smoothly. We look forward to helping out next year!



Our London chanichim wrapping presents for Barnados.



Wellies on display in Manchester



Chanichim frantically painting their wellies in Manchester on Sunday

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**We find out how Tash, Filly and Conny are settling into new Olim life in Israel.**

**Winter Camp Special!**

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# Ma Koreh?

**November 2008 Edition**

**Your monthly publication to keep you informed with what's going on in the wonderful world of Habonim Dror UK.**

**"A great toilet-read"- Jonathan Freedland, The Guardian.**



**Inside this jam-packed edition...**

We find out how our shnatties are settling down on kibbutz

We tell you how our kenim have kicked off in style all over!

Israel update

*Ma Koreh?* interviews Rosey Daniels.

We tell you what else has been going on so far this year.

**ISRAEL UPDATE...**

Ido, gives **MA KOREH?** the hot topics coming from Israel this month...

On Nov 11th there were municipal elections in Israel. The big winners are **Barkat** (Secular candidate) in Jerusalem who defeated the ultra-Orthodox opponent Meir **Porush. Huldai** was re-elected in Tel Aviv.

General election will take place on the 10/02 in Israel. A lot is happening on the political map. Author **Amos Oz** says "The Labour Party has finished its historic role" and that New Leftist party will replace Labour.

It seems that the biggest thing on Israel T.V is Israeli '**Big Brother**'. You can constantly hear ppl apologise for the fact that they have become ridiculously addicted to the program!

**Western Negev**- after a few months of tense quiet in the area the violence is back with rockets from the Palestinian side on Sderot and air force attacks on Gaza from the Israelis. At a time when the talks between Israel and Hamas over the release of Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Shalit appear hopelessly stagnated, a small forum has prepared a short video appealing to the families of those Palestinian prisoners in a bid to bring back the two sides to the negotiations table.

**KENIM UPDATE...**

**MA KOREH?** gives you all the facts and figures on a great kenim launch across the country so far this year...

Manchester kenim have bounced back in style in 2008. October 12th saw our kenim launch in North and South Man with over 50 chanichim attending, along with 30+madrichim. New roshim this year are Katie Brackup and Oli Sacks. Numbers have been steady since with a steady average of 35 chanichim in North where the ken takes place @ the Maccabi Centre. Leeds has also seen a good start @ The Zone where Marlon Ellis now roshes the ken there.



London ken has also kicked off with a bang with a total of over 25 chanichim having attended at least 1 ken meeting, where Jem Stein and Nathan Flax rosh a committed tsevet of 8 madrichim. A hadracha course has also been launched in London for 15/16yr old chanichim.

**SHNAT UPDATE...**

This years shnatties are having more fun than ever writes **Ilan Scora**, our shnat contact...



So far, so good! The shnatties are having an unbelievable time! The group have settled into their amazing accommodation at Kibbutz Ein Dor. Equipped with a swimming pool, football pitches and even air conditioning in their rooms, the shnat group are pretty chuffed!

Boneh (the educational programme) run on Kibbutz is providing the shnat group with the inspiring material needed for them to become active bogrim on their return. The daily seminars and Ulpan classes are going really well and together with regular siyurs (day trips) and external speakers, the shnat group are really engaged with the educational process that they are part of.

The chaggim saw the group celebrate the festivals in their own cultural way, running activities for themselves and the Americans on Kibbutz. They even built their own Succah. Just after the Chaggim, the Shnat group participated in the famous Yam le yam (sea to sea) hike with all the Habonim shnat groups from around the world. They have also just attended a Rabin seminar culminating in the famous Rabin Rally in Tel Aviv.

# The Ma Koreh Interview

In this month's edition **MA KOREH?** goes behind-the-scenes at Habo Headquarters in London, where Rosey Daniels, our Camps Administrator, works wonders alongside our Camps Organiser and plays a key role in day-day Habo office life, largely going unnoticed by our members.

**MA KOREH?**Hi Rosey. What are you doing at this precise moment? **Rosey:** I am having a cup of tea whilst inputting Winter Camp Applications onto the database. How long have you been working for HDUK for? I have worked for Habo for about 9 years (so long, I can't remember exactly!)

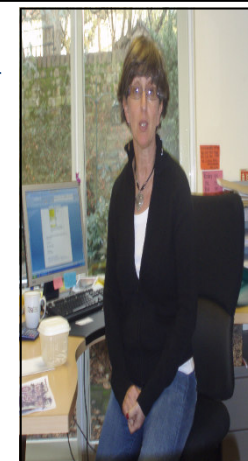
**Favourite Camps organiser or do they all drive you mad?** I couldn't possibly single out a favourite camps organizer - I have got on brilliantly with all of them, and they have all been lovely, and different in so many ways!

**Weirdest request from a parent/child?** Not so much a weird request - there was one year a kid phoned to ask if there were any places left on Rishonim - the coaches had already left for Ireland the day before!

**What keeps you awake at night?** Nothing keeps me awake at night - I sleep like a log.

**How will you like to be remembered?** I would like to be remembered as having been fun to be around.

**Tell us a joke?** Nah - I'm useless at telling jokes, I always get the punch-line wrong!



Rosey hard at work at London HQ.

## Rishonim reunite in style

54 excited Bonim (14/15yr olds) gathered @ The Zone in Leeds for a mega Rishonim Reunion Wakeover Party...

The chanichim were joined by their summer madrichim and much reminiscing about the thrills of Rishonim '08 was had by all. A Pro-Evo tournament, late night film club, funky rave and fresh bagels delivered at 4 in the morning by one very charming parent were among the highlights. **Ma Koreh?** would like to thank all those who helped out with the event.

## Lomdim 'on their way' to becoming next great leaders.

Over 25 Lomdim attended the first B'derech (on the path) day of the year @ Mamlock House on Sunday 9th Nov...

UJIA J-LEC members helped run the peulot which tried to introduce the concept of hadracha to Habonim's newly recruited madrichim. One participant Jonny Leader said, "B'derech was a really interesting day. I really feel as if I am starting to think and act like a madrich now".