

Shevet Tapuz

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A Message from Zohar

Dear friends,

It seems like we have just started our activities this year; The Pita with the Za'atar and chocolate spread in the Irvine Global Village, The Sukkot celebration in Brook Side Park, my first day with the Shachbag in Seminar Ptichat Shana, the ceremony in memory of Yitzchak Rabin, shooting Indian arrows at the camping trip at Oso Lake, making Sufganiyot and eating all the tasty foods we made for Chanukah, and eating again in the Magic of Giving event. We had a great sleepover just a few weekends ago, and this week the great Seminar Shchavot Bogrot for our high school scouts together with the other troops from all over the US at Camp Ramah. With so much happening every week I hardly noticed that we have already reached the middle of our activity year. There is still so much we want to do and so few weekends left to do them.

In the upcoming month we will have two big Tzofim events: the re-scheduled Yom Tzofe and a big Purim party. A few weeks later we plan to have a field trip, Family Seder, Yom-Hashoah program, Yom Hazikaron ceremony, Lag Ba-Omer bonfire, family camping trip and more.

It's going to be a busy season and I hope to see all of you in our upcoming events and activities.

Chazak Ve-Ematz,
Zohar

Vaad Horim (Parents Committee) 2008- 2009

The Tzofim parents committee, also known as Vaad Ha'horim, was re-elected during our annual election meeting in February. We are happy to welcome a new committee member- Sarit Gatenyo, who will be in charge of educational materials.

The Vaad Horim Members for March 2008-February 2009 are:

Tirtza Yazma, Sabrina Hinkis, Edna Manor,
Galit Brem, Ayelet Ashkenazi, Hamutal Karny,
Rubi Fox, Keren Treves, Sarit Gatenyo.

Vaad contact info: <http://www.shevettapuz.org/contactus.htm>

Magic of Giving

Shevet Tapuz Shachbag members, with other community Mitzvah Mensches, were honored at the Jewish Federation Orange County Magic of Giving event for their contribution to the Jewish-Israeli community. As part of the Tzofim activities, they spend many hours each year preparing and carrying out community events and providing leadership for the entire community. The 9-12 graders received an Israeli song CD during the ceremony held by the Jewish Federation of OC.



Pictures: <http://www.shevettapuz.org/gallery/Magic-Of-Giving>

Tzofim Sleepover

In preparation for our upcoming Yom Tzofe overnight camp, the troop had a general rehearsal sleepover. The different age groups spent a night in one of their peer's home, practicing the use of a sleeping bag and the company of their friends and Madrichim.

Scholarship for Leadership Programs

The shevet had decided to offer a 50\$ scholarship to children who are currently in 9-11 grades who participate in leadership programs throughout the year.

For details concerning the City of Irvine Leader in Training (LIT) program.

Click: <http://www.cityofirvine.org/depts/cs/classreg/default.asp>

Thank you Eyal

Eyal Giladi, one of the founding members and long time contributor to Shevet Tapuz, is stepping down from his position as Shevet Tapuz president. Eyal has been with us since our first day in 2003. He worked tirelessly to promote the Shevet's interests in the Jewish community and was personally involved in envisioning the Shevet's goals and mission. On top of that he also contributed the Shevet's first car and has sponsored the Merakez's cellular phone for the last three years. Eyal kept an open mind and offered valuable advice during the Vaad meetings. He has promised to keep in touch with the Shevet and continue to support us. We appreciate Eyal's continuous involvement and offer our heartfelt thanks.



A Message from Sabrina

Recently we sent the Tzofim members a **Members Directory**. We encourage the children to use the list to communicate with their peers. From past experience we know that Tzofim kids who meet outside of the Tzofim environment become closer friends and form longer lasting friendships, which are precious. With that in mind, we encourage you to initiate activities that are not formally part of the regular Tzofim activities (such as: watching movies, birthday parties, play dates etc.).

One of the Tzofim mission is to **expose the children to our culture and heritage**.

This mission can be only partially achieved through our weekly meeting. However, **you can help accomplishing it at home**.

For example, you can read to your child the biography of Jewish leaders such as Hertzl, Ben-Guryon, and Golda. While reading the book you can develop a conversation about its subject. Currently, I am reading about Hertzl with my daughter Lilac and I find it very intriguing for both of us.

You can also watch a documentary about the history of Israel. I have at home a great PBS series about "Israel at 50" which I watched with my older children and I'll be happy to lend it to anyone interested.

Another great way to be involved and know more is by visiting historic places when visiting Israel.

In order to experience Israel more actively you may want to consider youth summer camps like Tzofim Keshet and Tzofim Chetz V'Keshet. Please visit our website for more information regarding summer programs.

February – March 2008 Events

February 3	Peula	9-12 Grade 3-8 Grade	1pm-3pm 3pm-5pm	Las Lomas Park
February 10	Peula	9-12 Grade 3-8 Grade	1pm-3pm 3pm-5pm	JCC
	Parent meeting and Vaad Horim Elections		3pm-5pm	JCC
February 15-18	<u>Machane Shachbag</u>	9-12 Grade		Camp Ramah
February 17	No Peula	3-8 Grade		
February 24	Peula	9-12 Grade 3-8 Grade	1pm-3pm 3pm-5pm	Las Lomas Park
March 1-2	<u>Yom Tzofe</u>	3-12 Grade	11:30am- 5pm	Boomer Canyon
March 16	Purim Celebration	3-12 Grade	1pm-4pm	Brook Side Park

Israel Expo – Volunteering Opportunities

Orange County Celebrates 60 years of Israel, on Sunday, June 1, 2008, 1-6pm, Samuelli Jewish Campus, Irvine.

Volunteers are needed for the various committees and on Israel Expo Day!

Please contact Hagit Partouche: (949) 435-3484, ext. 348, hagit@jfoc.org



Community Events and Programs

Tzofim Summer Programs in Israel

Tzofim Chetz V'Keshet http://www.israelscouts.org/scouts_cvk_index.html

Tzofim Keshet <http://www.israelscouts.org/keshet.html>

Taglit-Birthright Israel

FREE 10-Day experience of a lifetime for young adults ages 18-26.

Click below to learn more: <http://www.birthrightisrael.com>

For info about the **official Orange County Trip** visit (for ages 21-26):

<http://www.jewishorangecounty.org/page.html?ArticleID=165919>



The Jewish Agency for Israel (Hasochnut Hayehudit) offers a variety of short term and long term programs, for children and adults, to experience Israel and its essence: the land, the people, the beauty, the history

<http://www.israelprograms.org/JewishAgency/English/Home>

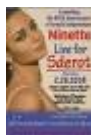
The Jewish Agency - Israel Programs

<http://www.israelprograms.org/JewishAgency/English/Aliyah/Israel+Programs>

Live for Sderot Concert

Tuesday **February 26, 2008**, in Beverly Hills

www.Live4Sderot.org



Shalom Chanoch Concert March 8, 2008, in Hollywood

<http://www.kcdancers.org/events.htm>

Evening with Maj. Gen. (Res.) Uzi Dayan

Saturday, March 15, 2008, 7:30 pm, in Irvine

Conference Rooms A&B, 2nd floor, Samueli Jewish Campus, 1 Federation Way, Irvine, 92603.

The event is **free** of charge but reservations are required.

Please RSVP by March 1st to Hagit Partouch at: Hagit@jfoc.org

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