

‘THANK YOU’ TO OUR BENEFACTORS & PATRONS



WIZO.uk held a ‘thank you’ evening in March for its Benefactors & Patrons at the home of Joy and Stanley Cohen OBE. Guests of honour were Efraim Halevy, former director of Mossad, who spoke on Israel’s strategic dilemmas, threats and opportunities and Helena Glaser, president of World WIZO, who was visiting the UK.

MESSAGE FROM THE PATRONS’ CHAIRMAN



I am delighted with the way our Benefactors & Patrons Campaign is progressing. Despite the fact that the current economic climate is still tough, our supporters have been generous in order to help us meet the demands of our projects in Israel.

Urgent donations are still needed by WIZO to keep the doors of our projects open and undertake further renovations and refurbishments in a number of our centres.

We would like to thank most sincerely each and every one of you who continue to contribute to our Campaign and help us go from strength to strength.

Joy Cohen
Chairman, Benefactors & Patrons Campaign

DEDICATION OF 90TH ANNIVERSARY PLAQUE AT REBECCA SIEFF WIZO CENTRE

WIZO.uk chairman Loraine Warren, honorary president Ruth Sotnick and vice-president Susan Ronson gathered at the Rebecca Sieff WIZO Centre for the Family in Jerusalem for the dedication of WIZO.uk’s 90th anniversary plaque. The plaque honours major donors during 2008, our 90th birthday year, listing Life Benefactors, Benefactors, Patrons and 90th Anniversary Sponsors. In future years new donors will be added to the plaque.

Tova Ben Dov, World WIZO Executive chairperson, unveiled the plaque with Koby Hillel, director of the Centre.

Opposite:
L-R Ruth Sotnick, Tova Ben Dov, Loraine Warren & Susan Ronson



DEDICATION OF THE NEW WIZO KADIMA COMMUNITY CENTRE

On a glorious chol ha'moed Passover morning, the dedication took place for the WIZO Kadima Community Centre, in the name of the parents of Isaac and Myrna Kaye of London.

Kaye family visitors included children and grandchildren. Isaac Kaye affixed a mezuzah and the dedication began with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in the entrance hall. The original 50-year-old building, which was in desperate need of renovation, has been demolished and a beautiful new one erected in its place. There is now a fully equipped kitchen, newly furnished main room and beautiful landscaped gardens.

The Kadima Community Centre offers 'woman to woman' projects, empowerment courses for young girls and other community projects.

Myrna Kaye addressed the gathering on behalf of her family. The Mayor of Kadima expressed his delight at the "wonderful addition" to his local facilities and expressed the hope that he would have the opportunity to show his home town to visitors to WIZO Kadima.



Myrna and Isaac Kaye (centre) pictured with their family at the dedication



L-R Susan Ronson, Ruth Sotnick, Loraine Warren, Benjamin Goldkorn, Geoffrey Goldkorn, Gabrielle Goldkorn, Tova Ben Dov and Brenda Katten

HONOURING THE LATE JUDY GOLDKORN

Family and friends of WIZO.uk's late honorary president Judy Goldkorn gathered from around Israel and the UK to celebrate the opening of the renovated Judy Goldkorn Day Care Centre which has been made possible by a generous donation from the Goldkorn family.

The centre at Mekor Haim is situated in the middle of an industrial region of Jerusalem and serves the surrounding neighbourhood. Some 90 children, aged 6 months to 4 years, attend the centre and receive all their daily meals prepared by devoted staff.

The speakers referred to Judy's feisty personality and prudent attitude to finance. Her son Geoffrey described Judy's love for WIZO and said how much she had inspired her whole family. He was proud to be associated with such a wonderful organisation.

NEWLY RENOVATED DINING ROOM AT WIZO NAHALAL

Lord and Lady Steinberg have generously donated funds to renovate the dining room at WIZO Nahalal in the names of their late parents.

Nahalal is a thriving school and youth village, with 1200 pupils. Two hundred pupils are residential and require special support. WIZO Nahalal represents a cross-section of Israeli society, with pupils arriving from all parts of Israel. The dining room, which is in constant use, was in desperate need of modernisation.

Lord and Lady Steinberg were delighted by the presentation of a Sefer Torah cover in their parents' names for the school Synagogue. They felt particularly happy to be given the opportunity to support this outstanding educational facility.

For more information on Nahalal please visit www.wizouk.org/interactive



L-R World WIZO Executive chairperson, Tova Ben Dov, Lady Beryl Steinberg and Lord Leonard Steinberg



L-R Pamela Crystal, Betty Crystal, Linda Tanner, Sarah Glyn

This year's Sponsor A Child Lunch, held at the home of Linda and Bob Tanner in Hampstead, welcomed 60 guests who raised in excess of £50,000 for disadvantaged children and children at risk in Israel, including funds to provide therapeutic and educational services. Guest speaker was Revital Liraz, director of the ADI Project at WIZO Beit Sherman, Be'er Sheva. This centre offers counselling, vocational training and care to women of all ages. Betty Crystal updated the guests on other vital projects in Israel.

Sponsor A Child Lunch co-chairs were Sarah Glyn and Pamela Crystal.

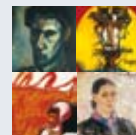
Join Miriam & Richard Borchard and Family at

Kings Place Gallery

for a private viewing of
The Ruth Borchard Collection of Self Portraits

**Speakers – Dr Robert Travers, Curator
Katherine Hallgarten**

Thursday 23 July 2009
From 6.00pm - 8.30pm



WIZO.uk invites you to a

Tea & Art Lecture

at The Mansion House

From 3pm - 5pm

Wednesday 9 September 2009

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The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of London

SHARE GIVING

In today's busy and stressful life we often do not have time to manage all the areas with which we wish to be involved. One such area is charitable giving, which often goes to the bottom of the pile. Many of even the best-intentioned donors are puzzled – sometimes even put off – by bureaucratic difficulties. In addition to managing numerous donations and securing the tax benefits, establishing a charitable trust with all its significant legal burdens is a painstaking process.

Help is at hand for the sophisticated donor who would like assistance in administering donations, advice on tax-effective giving and where to give. You can put your money into a donor advised fund, for example one by Prism, the Gift Fund. Donations can be made in the form of cash, shares or property. Prism is particularly active in promoting sharegiving which allows the donor 40% income tax relief and is free of capital gains tax on the gifted amount. For some donors this can be a very attractive solution.

For example, if the donor has bought shares for £30,000 and today they are worth £100,000, he/she could sell the shares to a charity at the original price of £30,000. This means that the charity will receive £70,000 and the donor receives the share sale proceeds of £30,000 and income tax relief of £28,000 (£70,000 x 40%), making a total of £58,000. This also makes sharegiving particularly attractive to major shareholders and entrepreneurs.

For further information please see www.prismcharity.co.uk

GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS - HOW DOES THIS AFFECT WIZO PROJECTS IN ISRAEL?

Charities everywhere are concerned about the effect of the credit crunch on their fundraising activities. At WIZO.uk we are confident that our loyal donor base will continue to give WIZO their support. WIZO in Israel realises that it can expect less funding from the 50 Federations worldwide who keep the doors of our projects open.

Our projects also rely heavily on Israeli Government funding at a time when it is tightening purse strings and less money is available for social welfare services. Salary increases over recent years have not been offset by payments from the government. This has affected the budgets for children in WIZO day care centres, schools, shelters for abused women and therapeutic centres. In addition, council tax on property has continued to rise.

The fall in WIZO's income has coincided with an increased demand for services. Rising unemployment in Israel has increased the level of subsidies needed to provide for children in day care centres. WIZO needs to provide extra meals for children who cannot be fed at home. Over 12,000 children at risk are already cared for by WIZO. Financial difficulties will inevitably lead to increased pressure on families and more and more people are turning to WIZO in their time of crisis.

WE NEED FUNDING FOR TWO VITAL WIZO PROJECTS

The Phoebe Leon Day Care Centre, Katamon, Jerusalem

The building is run down and in desperate need of renovation. The outdoor playgrounds still have sandy surfaces, which are soon to be banned by the Israeli Ministry of Health and Safety.

Seventy-five children attend this day care centre. Eighty percent are from multi-problem families who receive services including music, art and drama therapy.



Zichron Yaacov WIZO Centre

This centre is one of five 'halfway homes' sponsored by WIZO for teenage girls at risk, many of whom live in difficult domestic circumstances suffering from emotional neglect.

In this 'warm home' they receive hot meals, therapy, emotional support and educational workshops.

Complete renovation of the Zichron Yaacov WIZO Centre is urgently needed including a new roof and foundation work, air conditioning and general decoration.