

# BNEI DAVID ELI

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Bnei David Institutions wish all our friends a festival of courage,  
peace, great light and goodness

## Coming together to strengthen Jerusalem



**The Jewish People and the State of Israel are contending with terror attacks aimed at undermining the security of Israel's citizens.**

We must maintain the routine of our lives and strengthen the people and the security forces. Hundreds of students from the Bnei David and Otzem mechina programs went to Jerusalem for a procession that sang and danced its way from Zion Square on Jaffa Road all the way to the Western Wall, accompanied by Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat, Knesset Member Yariv Levin and Rabbi Eli Sadan. Along the way many passersby accepted flags from the students and joined them in the singing and dancing, adding joy to downtown Jerusalem. ■



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# Winter semester opens at Midreshet Danieli



The study schedule is in full swing at Midreshet Danielli, where young women attend classes, study together and hold interesting discussions at meetings with fascinating educational personalities.



The midrasha is named after Danielli Sonnenfeld, z"l. Between Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur her parents, Motti and Rachel Sonnenfeld, visited the midrasha, and Motti told the young women about Danielli z"l and about her



dedication and the values that motivated her and her activities as a national service girl. Rachel gave each of the women a copy of the book she wrote about her daughter Danielli. At the beginning of Cheshvan (mid-

Israel. Recently the students went on a two-day educational field trip to the Jordan Valley and Maale Gilboa settlements, where they met with the local residents, saw the agricultural and other enterprises and hiked the nature

## Building, developing and preparing for next year

### Adding 12 more suites to the dorms

The academic year began in Elul, with 600 students in all Bnei David programs. Some 500 of these students applied to live in the dorms, but there are not enough rooms for everyone. In order to solve this shortage, several houses were rented and plans were completed for the construction of the northern wing of the dormitory complex. This wing will have 12 suites, each of

which will accommodate six students. The floor of the new wing has already been poured, as have the supporting pillars for the first floor, and we hope to complete the building by Elul this year and open the dorm at the beginning of the next academic year, with all the students sleeping in the dorm. We are currently raising funds for this project and are seeking partners.. ■



November) a ceremony was held to mark the beginning of the winter semester. The ceremony was attended by representatives of the regional council, the community, the developer who built the dorms, and the midrasha rabbis and staff. The event included films about the midrasha and Danielli's special character and the Sonnenfeld family unveiled the Midreshet Danielli dedication plaque. The students are immersed in their studies but are also learning about Israeli society and go on field trips to learn more about

trails, ending with the water trail created in memory of Captain Zvika Kaplan Z"l, a Bnei David graduate killed during Operation Protective Edge, whose life the women had learned about beforehand. ■





## **Bnei David's Jordan Valley branch - learning and connecting with the valley community**

**In addition to their study schedule, the students in the Jordan Valley branch learn about the surrounding community. At the end of October they went on a tour of the agriculture in the area and met with the dedicated**

farmers, whose Zionism and determination are yielding results. spoke about the high quality of Israeli dates and explained that surprisingly, despite the threat of the European boycott, most of Israel's date production is sold to Muslims in Europe. The students also learned about the Jordan valley vineyards and tasted

the students from Bnei David – Jordan Valley branch went to Gush Etzion. On the Friday morning they had a guided tour of the area and were deeply impressed by the determination and perseverance of the founders of the communities there. ■



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The tour began with Ziv Liba, who lives in Petzael and cultivates a date plantation beside a nature reserve of rare beauty, but where few people hike because a visit there requires coordination with the IDF. Ziv

some amazing pineapples and peppers.

During this field trip the students gained an understanding of the special qualities of the valley and made connections with the farmers, for whom the students will work over the course of the year.

For the last Shabbat in October,

## **Visitors at Bnei David**

*When members of the Druze forum of the Bayit Yehudi party toured the settlements in the Binyamin region on November 1, they visited Bnei David's campus in Eli and heard about the programs and the shouldering of responsibility by Bnei David alumni, in both the public and private sector. ■*



## **New classrooms for the Jordan Valley branch**

Classes at the Jordan Valley branch of Bnei David are now being held in the new prefabricated classrooms, and construction of the new Beit Midrash is under way. The Beit Midrash will be a mobile building that will have a large study hall, kitchenette and washrooms. With Hashem's help, construction will be completed by shortly after Chanukah and the students, who are currently learning in the dining hall, will move all their books into the Beit Midrash. ■

# Notes from the field

**As part of the IDF's response to the spate of stabbings and vehicular attacks in Judea and Samaria in the past two months, many Bnei David alumni in Special Forces units have been deployed to reinforce the regular patrols.**

Some of these soldiers have come directly from basic training bases and others from training exercises and special courses. With so many of our alumni in these units and courses, the result is that at almost every highway intersection throughout Judea and Samaria one can meet a soldier or commander who studied at Bnei David...

The students, teachers and staff have made special visits to



these contingents of soldiers along the highways, expressing their appreciation and words of encouragement.

Many Bnei David alumni are also among the reinforcements in the Hebron region, which has been in the headlines in recent weeks, and some of the soldiers

have barely been in uniform for a year and have already participated in anti-terrorist

operations. We pray that they will all return safely from protecting Israel's security. ■



## Finalizing plans for the mechina's Beit Midrash

We are currently holding consultations with architects and interior designers of the various systems that will comprise the Beit Midrash building, which will house a large study hall and classrooms. The plans for the furnishings, Bima, Aron Kodesh and bookcases are also nearing completion and we hope to start work on the building's foundations in the near future. A fund-raising campaign for this project is well under way and there are many dedication options throughout the building. ■



## "And the beat goes on..."

**On Saturday evening, November 15, 2015, musician Eliezer Rosenfeld was a guest at a Melave Malka at Bnei David.**

Eliezer, who produced the "Melodies in the Heart" series of CDs, came to Bnei David to play and tell the story of his life and his soul music. Eliezer lives with his wife in Kochav HaShakhar and one of their sons is a mechina student at Bnei David. The Rosenfeld's son Yitzhak z"l, was an Israel Air Force pilot and was killed 13 years ago when the jeep he was driving was caught in a flash flood in Nahal Tze'elim. About six months ago another son, Malachi z"l, was killed in a terror attack on his way home to Kochav HaShakhar, after a basketball game in Eli. Eliezer told the students how he coped with these tragedies and about his deep faith, how he and his family have chosen life and joy, music and song, "because this is what Malachi and Yitzhak would have wanted." ■

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