

שישי שבת ישראל

ШШШШ Шабатъ Израели • Shishi Shabbat Yisraeli



**NATIONAL JEWISH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
FOR YOUNG RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ISRAELIS**



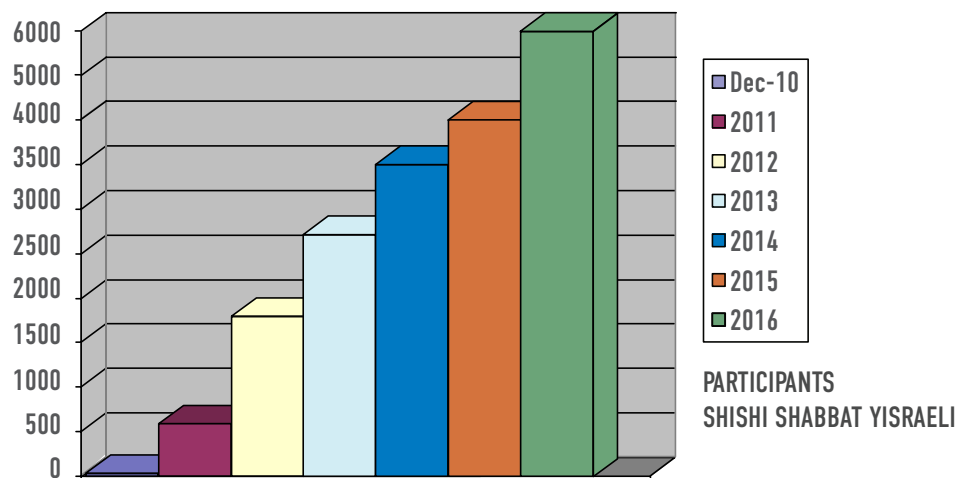


GROWING OUR COMMUNITY

Shishi Shabbat Yisraeli, founded in the Fall of 2010, is a vibrant, nationwide community of Russian-speaking Israelis in their 20's and 30's, who engage in activities that strengthen Jewish identity, encourage volunteerism, foster personal and intellectual growth and develop talented young leadership for Israeli society and the Jewish People.

Our creative and dynamic Friday-Shabbat seminars, weekly hikes, study evenings, professional workshops, volunteer activities, and holiday events build comraderie, knowledge and leadership skills among participants, helping to reverse the trend of emigration among FSU olim and encouraging them to assume active roles in modern Jewish and Israeli life.

We are filling a critical need. To meet the growing demand and increasing aliya of young people from the FSU, we have established weekly activity centers in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. Our high-level programming and warm, communal orientation are attracting new members – Russian-speaking students, soldiers and young professionals from across Israel – every day:



Over 6000 young Russian-speaking Olim from throughout Israel participated in our first six years of activities.

FRIDAY-SHABBAT SEMINARS (8-10 per year)



TWO FULL DAYS OF ADVENTURE, ENRICHMENT, AND TOGETHERNESS.

From early morning Friday, we tour and hike, each time in a different part of Israel. Our Shabbat experience includes traditional Shabbat meals, coaching and group dynamics, interactive study of Jewish topics, participant-led workshops, and inspiring guest lecturers.

SEMINAR WITH TAGLIT



SEMINAR IN SHLOMI



SEMINAR IN ARAD



SEMINAR IN MITZPEH RAMON



"It was so good to spend a Shabbat in Israel in a Jewish environment in the Russian language and feel no contradiction between the two." (Liana I.)



ISRAEL EXPERIENCE HIKES AND TOURS

(1-2 per month)

LEARNING THE LAND THROUGH OUR FEET!

We spend Thursday night or Friday hiking and touring through nature reserves, technological incubators, museums, and historical landmarks throughout the country. We enrich our knowledge of Israel's history, geography, archeology, and culture from ancient times to modern day.

ARIEL BIBLICAL PARK



RUSSIAN ROOTS OF TEL AVIV



NIGHT TREK IN THE JUDEAN DESERT



ROOFTOPS OF JERUSALEM



"This trip for me was like an infusion of oxygen in my daily routine – one day of hiking in Israel, and I have fallen in love again! It was so rewarding to taste the astonishing depth of our country and experience the narratives of the Bible like never before." Denis N.

HOLIDAY AND SPECIAL EVENTS

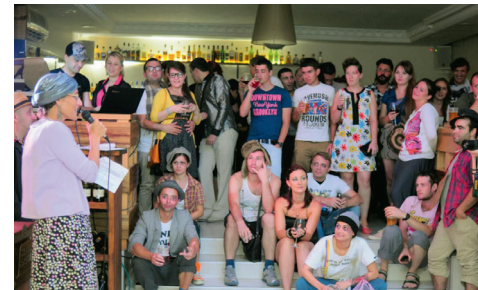
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CELEBRATING WITH COMMUNITY!

Our holiday events are the largest in the country for Russian-speaking young Israelis. We bring together great people, music, themes, costumes, and creative content that is organized by the participants themselves. We also arrange home hospitality for members who are interested.

CELEBRATING 3 YEARS



PLANTING TREES ON TU BISHVAT



JERUSALEM PURIM



JAPANESE PURIM



"This was my first Seder Tu B'Shvat. I liked the atmosphere, the songs, the beautiful platters of fruit and learning about their symbolism, but the best part was the fruit carving contest. Everyone created crazy sculptures and got to know the people in their group. The results were impressive! So interesting, and so much joy in one evening!" Maria K.



VOLUNTEER EVENTS (ongoing)

GIVING BACK TO OUR COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY!

Weekly visits with the Russian-speaking elderly, our annual Chanukah Operation Light Up! campaign for WWII Veterans and Survivors, Purim activities with children-at-risk, support for our IDF soldiers, reaching out at FSU Birthright events, and Clean Up Israel are some of the volunteer activities that strengthen our sense of belonging and help us give back to Israeli society.

SUPPORTING OUR SOLDIERS



OPERATION LIGHT UP!



"I was proud to take part in Operation Light Up! Your work on behalf of Israel's young olim, and their contribution to our elderly Veterans, is a wonderful and blessed thing." Adv. Oded Forer, former Director General, Ministry of Absorption.

VICTORY DAY (MAY 9TH)



PURIM GIFTS



OPEN BEIT MIDRASH AND EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS (2 per month)



EXPLORING OUR IDENTITY AND ACHIEVING OUR POTENTIAL!

We gather regularly to study classical and modern Jewish sources on relevant themes, with guest facilitators. These dynamic evening workshops prepare us for holidays, help us analyze modern dilemmas through a Jewish lens, and strengthen our leadership skills and inter-personal relationships.

RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP



HOSHANA RABA STUDY EVENT



LEARNING TO BAKE MATZAH



OPEN BEIT MIDRASH



"I found it extremely interesting to discover how many ideas are intertwined in the text of the Haggadah. Thanks to this fascinating study evening, my Passover experience this year was much richer than in previous years." Ora S.



CULTURE AND CROSS-CULTURE (ongoing)

EXPANDING OUR CULTURAL HORIZONS!

Theatre performances, concerts, exhibits, and sporting events with our community members as well as other olim organizations deepen our exposure to the variety of people and cultures of Israel. Our weekly Jewish Theatre Workshop strengthens presentation and artistic skills, weekly Jewish Brain Ring and Team-Building Game nights increase both knowledge and group cohesiveness.

DISCUSSION WITH ACTORS AFTER SHOW



"NOT BY BREAD ALONE"



"The actors removed their masks, inviting us to immerse ourselves in their unusual worlds. This was a life-affirming performance, and a great social project - enabling expression for people with disabilities and challenging us, the audience, to "not live by bread alone." Thank you for this opportunity! Tanya K.

SPORT DAY WITH JERUSALEM OLIM



PAINTBALL!



OLIM EMPOWERMENT AND MENTORING (ongoing)



HELPING ONE ANOTHER TO ACCLIMATE AND SUCCEED!

Veteran immigrants and professional members of our group provide legal workshops on employment, rental, and consumer rights in Israel. We co-sponsor information sessions with the Ministry of Absorption and other government bodies, and a Business Hebrew Ulpan with the Jerusalem Municipality. Via our Facebook page, members help one another find jobs, apartments, roommates, scholarships, etc., and our staff helps resolve individual absorption issues.

BUSINESS HEBREW ULPAN



THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX



"This Business Hebrew course was invaluable, because even those of us who have finished University still do not speak and write Hebrew on a level competitive with our Israeli peers. The more we deepen and broaden our level of Hebrew, the more we can succeed professionally and appreciate Israeli culture. We want to read Hebrew literature in the original!" Liza L.

CONSUMER RIGHTS WORKSHOP



COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP





ARGAMAN ISRAELI CULTURE PROJECT

The Argaman Israeli Cultural Project provides a forum for young Russian-speaking Olim to meet Israeli artists and experience high-quality Jewish Israeli art, music, dance, theater, film and literature, expanding their understanding of the trends and ideas that helped found and continue to build contemporary Israeli society.

This exciting initiative is in partnership with the Genesis Philanthropy Group, the Posen Foundation and Beit Avichai

CARLEBACH KLEZMER EVENING



HEBREW MUSIC MUSEUM



ISRAELI DANCING



ARGAMAN GROUP



"The Ballet was emotional and fascinating; it was awesome to enjoy the atmosphere of the theatre, and then to meet the dancers afterwards and learn about their lives!" Inna S.



JGALAXY JEWISH CIVILIZATION SERIES

In partnership with Genesis Philanthropy Group and the International Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization at Hebrew University, Shishi Shabbat Yisraeli created the JGalaxy Series, lectures and tours with experts from academia on relevant topics in Jewish thought, history, and identity.

MULTICULTURALISM IN THE MODERN JEWISH WORLD



JEWISH NATIONALISM IN EASTERN EUROPE



HISTORICAL ROOTS OF ZIONISM



ETHNIC TOUR OF JERUSALEM



"Thanks to Dr. Goldin's lecture, we had a chance to hear a scientific approach to how modernity and Judaism evolved together and that the issue is not as controversial as I thought." Gershon A.



ARTZEHUT (ART & IDENTITY)

Professional artists teach painting and drawing workshops to our members on Jewish and Israeli themes. Biblical and modern characters and landscapes come to life on the sketchpads of our new olim!

THE JEWISH WOMAN IN ACRYLIC



ARTZEHUT HAIFA



ARTZEHUT TEL AVIV



ARTZEHUT JERUSALEM



This was the first time I drew in many years and it was a most relaxing and informative evening! Drawing scenes and people made me think about Israel in a different light. Thank you for this opportunity to work on my creativity! Maria S.



THE ROMANTIC SIDE OF SHISHI SHABBAT YISRAELI!

We joyfully celebrate the engagements and weddings of our members, and the births of their "Sabra" babies. They remain connected and receive support from our community, as we build the next generation of rooted and knowledgeable young Israeli families.

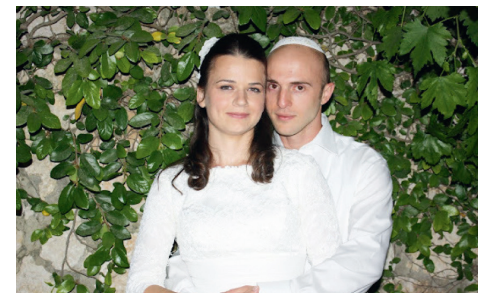
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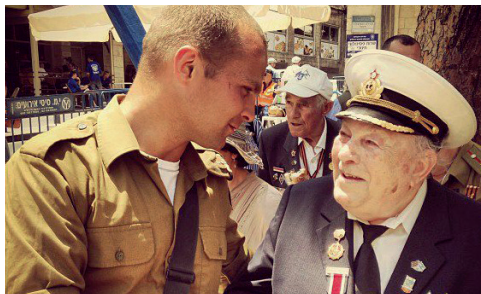


WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR PARTNERS

BUILDING OUR FUTURES TOGETHER!

In its first six years of activity, Shishi Shabbat Yisraeli has created a supportive social and educational network for thousands of Israel's talented, young Russian-speaking olim, most of whom moved to Israel without their families. We are an encouraging reality for many more Russian-speaking young people in Israel - and for Russian-speaking young Jews around the world who are considering aliyah. With the support of our generous partners, we will continue to expand the Shishi Shabbat Yisraeli community and empower our members to connect, contribute, succeed and lead!

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION



LEARNING AND LEADING



STRENGTHENING ISRAEL



CONTINUING OUR "ALIYAH!"





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