



HABONIM DROR
AUSTRALIA:
in the 90's and beyond.

A Letter From the Mazkir

Shalom,

Welcome to this publication titled "Habonim Dror Australia: in the 90's and beyond." This is the first time the movement has produced such a booklet and we hope that you will take the opportunity to read the information and statistics about our activities over the last two years.

Habonim Dror has changed a great deal since we started in 1940, but what has not changed is our undying commitment to the Jewish people, to Israel and our desire to create an egalitarian society based on collective responsibility. It is this commitment that keeps us strong and active.

Living in Australia, Jewish Youth are exposed to a number of influences, be it from school or the mass media. Habonim Dror gives Jewish Youth a framework to identify with their people, but we are not just providing an environment for Jewish youth to meet and have a good time. Being in Habonim Dror is about working with other Jewish people for a common goal. The dedication involved in being part of the movement means that our members are concerned with more than the current trends and temptations of the society around us.

We are truly a movement run by the youth for the youth. Where else do you find 16 year olds and 20 year olds volunteering so much of their time to work with children just 4 - 6 years younger than them? Yet this is exactly what Habonim Dror achieves. What is also unusual is that those children respect and identify with authority figures who are so close to them in age. It is a unique relationship that is positive and would not be successful if Madrichim were adults.

People have questioned the role of Habonim Dror in the 1990's, but I believe after you read through these pages you will see that we are vibrant, dynamic and relevant. Our methods and ideology inspire all our members to think and act upon their beliefs as humans, Jews and Zionists.

Aleh Vehagshem

Guy Spigelman

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Introduction

In 1993 Habonim Dror Australia is entering its 54th year. We operate in four cities: Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. This makes us a truly federal movement and the largest Zionist Youth movement in the country.

A bit of History

In 1928 Habonim started in England and in 1940 the movement set up in Australia. The word Habonim means 'The Builders' in Hebrew and our name reflects the role the movement played in building Kibbutzim in Israel. In the 40's and the 50's Habonim in Australia ran a farm, which prepared people for Aliyah to Kibbutz.

For many years we were known as Ichud Habonim, but 10 years ago we merged with the youth movement 'Dror' which means liberty and freedom, to become Habonim Dror. Today we do not run farms but we do have a variety of activities such as meetings, camps, leadership training and year programmes in Israel.

The Ideology

Habonim Dror officially calls itself a Labour Zionist Youth Movement. We have four platforms:

Judaism - Habonim Dror is pluralistic encouraging respect for each individual's expression of Judaism. Jewish values influence all our ideology.

Zionism - Aliyah, immigration to Israel, is the aim of our movement.

Socialism - Kibbutz Aliyah is culmination of all our ideals, building a society based on communal responsibility and equality of opportunity.

Self Realisation - Calls on each member of the movement to act on their own ideology.



The Habonim Dror
Symbol



Adelaide: Adelaide is the smallest Habonim Dror centre in Australia. The Jewish community has just 2000 people and Habonim Dror is the only source of Zionist Education. This year there are 7 junior madrichim who will help to ensure the future of Zionist activity in Adelaide. Meetings attract 30% of Jewish youth available.

Melbourne: Melbourne has the largest and most active Jewish community in Australia. Habonim Dror has a large Moadon, club house, located in the centre of the community. In 1992 Habonim Dror set up a second centre in Doncaster, where there is a burgeoning Jewish population. Habonim Dror plays a central role in the functioning of the Zionist Youth Council.

Sydney: Sydney has the second largest Jewish community in Australia. Habonim Dror has two Moadonim, club houses, one in the Eastern Suburbs and one on the North Shore. The movement also runs meetings in the smaller South community. Sydney Habonim Dror attracts most of its members from people who do not attend Jewish Day Schools, thereby playing a vital role in the community.

Perth: The Perth Jewish community has 6000 people. The movement holds its weekly meetings in rooms at the Jewish centre attracting up to 25% of the available youth in Perth. The role that Perth Habonim Dror plays in its community is significant and should be a model for other communities.

How the movement Runs

State Structure - All things in the movement are run voluntarily by the Madrichim (youth leaders). There are a number of coordinating roles, who are elected at the yearly *Asepha* or Annual General Meeting.

Mazkir/a - Secretary or Chairperson. *Rosh Chinuch* - Education Coordinator
Gizberet/Gizbar - Treasurer. Each age group has a coordinator, who sits on the major decision making body called the *Va'ad Chinuch* or Education Committee. A committee called a *Hanhagah* deals with all the technical matters of the movement. Besides these positions a number of committees deal with the Buildings, Cultural events, Fundraising and Publications, each committee has a coordinator. Shlichim, emissaries from Israel, are involved in all activities of the movement (see below). All the activities that are mentioned on the following pages are run by the above structure.

Federal Structure - The federal movement coordinates all the state movements. There are a number of federal office bearers elected by senior members of the movement. The positions are similar to those of the states, that is *Mazkir/a*, *Rosh Chinuch* & *Gizberet/Gizbar*. Decisions are made at *Federal Mazkirut* or Federal executive. Federal office bearers and the *Mazkir* and *Rosh Chinuch* of each state sit on this body.

The federal movement is responsible for writing a federal education programme, communication between the states, coordinating the year programme in Israel, representing Australian Habonim Dror nationally and internationally, coordinating federal Camp and a number of major projects. An example is a national paper called *Kishkushim* or scribblings, this serves as the ideological voice of the movement.

Shlichim: A Vital

Shlichim are people sent from Israel to help the movement in Australia. They are involved with all aspects of the movement, advising all madrichim. Every Habonim Dror shaliach/shlichah comes from a Kibbutz, due to our affiliation with the United Kibbutz Movement, the largest Kibbutz movement in Israel. This means that the movement has a brilliant resource for all our educational activities. In every way Shlichim add a touch of Israel to the whole movement.

Shlichim also serve as parental figures for the movement. Madrichim and people in coordinating roles are aged between 19 - 21. Shlichim provide valuable support and have experience in dealing with the many

Number of Madrichim

City	Junior/Senior	1991	1992	1993
Adelaide	Junior	1	0	7
Adelaide	Senior	4	2	3
Melbourne	Junior	6	14	13
Melbourne	Senior	20	14	10
Perth	Junior	5	4	3
Perth	Senior	12	11	20
Sydney	Junior	17	11	25
Sydney	Senior	24	15	22

The Madrich/a

The Madrichim are the people who coordinate all activities. **Senior Madrichim** have returned from a year programme in Israel and give 30 hours a week to the movement despite their university commitments. **Junior Madrichim** are 16 and are at school. They spend much of their free time at Habonim Dror gaining the invaluable experience that being a youth leader provides by working with Senior Madrichim and Shlichim.

Israel Connection.

of the everyday problems that arise when running the movement. Parents feel a lot more confident sending their children to camps and meetings, knowing that a mature figure is involved with the coordination of all activities. Shlichim also play an important role in promoting Habonim Dror in the Jewish Community.

The movement is run by young, committed but at times inexperienced people and Shlichim provide the essential motivation, education, maturity and guidance for the movement. The quality and presence of Shlichim will greatly effect the strength and dedication of the movement. Good Shlichim always ensure a vibrant and growing movement!

Weekly

Amelim is the name of the group in Habonim Dror for children aged 9 - 11

Planners will be sent to the Chanichim every 6-7 weeks to inform them about the meetings

CHINUCH or education is the top priority of Habonim Dror, topics for each week are coordinated federally

New Amelim Planner	
May 24th to July 5th	
May 24th	Lag Ba'Omer! East - Habo house 2-4pm, North - Habo House 2-4pm
May 31th	Israel And Me! North and East Separate (7pm till 4pm) Yom Yehelalayim (at Habo Houses)
June 7th	No Meeting Shavuot (Yom Tov)
June 14th	OUTING! Wait for details by phone! An exciting and adventurous meeting!
June 21st	Realisation Separate North 2-4pm and East 2-4pm at respective Habo Houses
June 28th	MOVIE MAGIC Details to be advised, so keep your ears and eyes open!
July 5th	Pre Camp Reception A Great Day - Bring drawings of what you want your camp photos to be all Meet people that are going to camp! Don't Miss It! Details to be advised.

Festivals are always celebrated at Habonim Dror in fun and creative ways

Outings are planned once or twice every 6 weeks. It provides an opportunity for attracting new members



Meetings

38 weeks a year, across Australia, Habonim Dror members meet at the *Moadonim*, club houses in each city. As the opposite page shows, each week there is something new for *Chanichim*, or members to learn and do. The movement divides up into the following age groups:

- Amelim:** (The Workers) For School years 4-6, ages 9 - 11.
- Chotrim:** (The Rowers) For School years 7-8, ages 12-13.
- Shomrim:** (The Guards) For School years 9-10, ages 14-15
- Bonim:** (The Builders) For School years 11-12, ages 16-17.

When chanichim turn 18 they go to Israel on Shnat Hachshara, Habonim Dror's one year programme in Israel. Upon their return they join a group called *Ma'apelim* (Illegal immigrants). Formal meetings occur irregularly, because members of this group are senior madrichim.

On Wednesday nights all the Madrichim get together and have a chance to hear what is happening throughout the movement, plan the following weeks meeting and the Shaliach/Shlichah will run a short programme and give an Israel update. Madrichim are constantly going through a process of self education in order to teach chanichim the importance of Zionism and Jewish Heritage.

"Nothing teaches more than having to teach."

At an average weekly meeting, chanichim will play a few games, have a programme about a particular theme and discussion about that theme. Habonim Dror's methods can be described as Informal Education. Each week there will also be time to do some other activities like arts and crafts, video production or Israeli dancing. The themes for each week are usually part of a bloc of meetings. These are determined federally by the Federal Rosh Chinuch and the Rosh Chinuch from each state.

Average Weekly Attendance

City	Amelim		Chotrim		Shomrim		Bonim		Total	
	91	92	91	92	91	92	91	92	91	92
Adelaide	5	4	8	7	11	7	5	9	29	27
Melbourne	23	45	16	30	30	35	35	35	104	145
Perth	15	10	16	12	10	8	15	15	56	45
Sydney	25	18	20	17	65	45	45	50	155	130

camps

Camps are the highlight of the Habonim Dror year. The movement holds two main camps in the year, one in winter and one in Summer. In winter each state has its own camp, except Adelaide that joins with Melbourne camp. In the Summer, junior camps, for ages 9 - 13, are also held on a state level.

Federal camp provides a chance for all the senior members of the movement, 14 and up, to get together and have a fun and educational time. Over 300 people attend and each year it is held in a different state. Perth and Adelaide fly to camp due to the vast distance between cities. At the end of camp there is social week planned, which allows for participants to stay with their friends from other states. Life long bonds are formed at every camp.

Every age group has a separate *tochnit* or programme planned for them by their madrichim. There is a theme chosen and various activities are planned based on this theme. Combined with this there are over night hikes, arts and crafts, sports, Israeli dancing and singing and quite a few other activities planned to give participants an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. In Summer we sleep in tents, but in winter it is too cold so cabins will have to do.

F E D E R A L		'91	Machaneh Magniv - Sydney - for the first time camp is held with New Zealand Chanichim. Themes: Kibbutz today. Numbers: 350
		'92	Machaneh Kadima - Melbourne - a very well run camp. Themes: Youth Confronting a new world, Zionist thinkers. Numbers: 320
		'93	Machaneh Artzeinu - Sydney - the camp or "our" Land. Theme: Next Year in Jerusalem, Kibbutz lifestyles. Numbers: 320

Machaneh Galil - Winter '91

Numbers: 140

Themes: Israeli Society

Religion

The Power of Youth

Machaneh Shel Zahav - Winter '92

Numbers: 180

Themes: Big trouble in little

Israel

The Road to Peace

Judaism

Machaneh Kadima

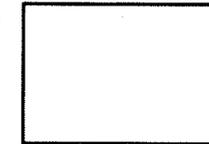
Junior Camp - Summer '91

Numbers: 55

Themes: Universal Peace

Protest

MELBOURNE



& ADELAIDE

Machaneh Artzeinu

Junior Camp - Summer '92

Numbers: 90

Themes: May 1948

Israeli Youth

Machaneh Gizi - Winter '91

Numbers: 75

Themes: Israeli Society

Social Issues

Judaism Today

Machaneh Libi - Winter '92

Numbers: 55

Themes: Jerusalem

Kibbutz

Arab-Israeli Conflict

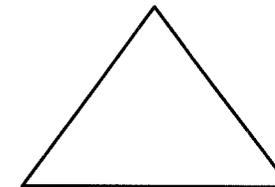
Machaneh Kadima

Junior Camp - Summer '91

Numbers: 45

Themes: Jewish Identity

Jewish Heroes



PERTH

Machaneh Artzeinu

Junior Camp - Summer '92

Numbers: 50

Themes: Jews around the

World

Machaneh Meroo - Winter '91

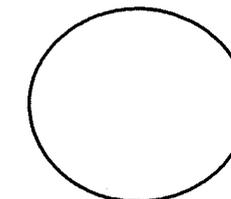
Numbers: 180

Themes: Jerusalem

Diaspora

Arab-Israeli Conflict

SYDNEY



Machaneh Yehuda - Winter '92

Numbers: 200

Themes: Judaism

Social Issue

Kibbutz

Machaneh Shigaon

Junior Camp - Summer '91

Numbers: 75

Themes: Heroes and Values

Machaneh Artzeinu

Junior Camp - Summer '92

Numbers: 115

Themes: World Jewry

Seminars

Throughout the year Habonim Dror runs various seminars. The seminar is a useful tool for education, group building and organisation. Yearly seminars include Planning seminar in each state, Hadracha seminar, Shnat seminar and Ma'apelim Seminar. Other seminars are planned by Madrichim on certain topics.

Planning Seminar

At the beginning of each year the madrichim of the movement go away to plan the rest of the years' activities. This is a very important seminar as it sets the tone for the whole year. The table shows the number of participants at each seminar over the last two years.

City	'91	'92
Adelaide	9	6
Melbourne	35	30
Perth	17	15
Sydney	36	28

Shnat Seminar

This is a seminar to prepare chanichim for Habonim Dror's year programme in Israel, called Shnat Hachshara. The seminar takes place in the winter break and is run twice, once for Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide and a second time for Perth. The seminar goes for 2 nights and is very important for group building and gaining information about the programme. The location alternates between Sydney and Melbourne.

City	'91	'92
Adelaide,	18	13
Melbourne & Sydney		
Perth	11	4

Chinuch Seminars - At various stages of the year different groups have seminars based on educational theme. Below is a list of seminars run over the last two years.

- Melbourne - Bonim Hasbara Seminar April '91 - 45 people - A seminar about Propaganda and the Arab Israeli Conflict
- Perth - Bonim (Year 12) Values Seminar April '91 - 20 people
- Melbourne - Bonim Jamboree September '91 - 25 people from Habonim Dror, run with the other movements
- Sydney - Hadracha seminar September '91 - 40 people from Habonim Dror, run with other movements
- Sydney - Shomrim & Bonim Seminar April '92 - 80 people. Theme: Early Zionism, Arab Israeli Conflict
- Perth - Bonim Values Seminar - April '92 - 9 people
- Adelaide - Hadracha seminar - September '92 - 8 people
- Melbourne - Bonim Holocaust Seminar - October '92 - 40 people.

Ma'apelim Seminar/Veida:

Ma'apelim refers to the group which senior madrichim are members of. During the year there are regular meetings that serve to 'give' to the madrichim, who are usually the 'givers.' These meetings are run by older members and Shlichim. Every year there is a Federal Ma'apelim seminar and each state runs local seminars as well. Ma'apelim also attend 'Bogrim Seminar' a seminar for all Zionist youth movements.

Federal Ma'apelim Seminar is followed by *Veida* which translates as conference. Here the movement gets a chance to debate various ideological and structural issues. The conference usually goes on till the early hours of the mourning.

1991 - Guest Speaker, Yoel Magid World Mazkir Habonim Dror - 50 People

The seminar focused on Judaism in the movement and ways of improving our Jewish practice. There were also programmes on the future of Kibbutz.

1992 - Guest Speaker, David Steingold Kibbutz Kadarim - 30 People.

This seminar was devoted to Socialism. We started a process of redefining our Socialism platform. There was also much discussion on Aliyah and Kibbutz.

Hadracha-Leadership training

When members reach the age of 15 they undertake an intensive leadership training course. Participants learn various skills concerning Youth Leadership, such as how to lead games and discussions or how to teach a dance and so on. This is only part of the course, values such as *Doogma Ishit* or leading by example, and group dynamics are discussed. Participants also learn and confront the ideology of Habonim Dror. At the end of the course there is a graduation ceremony (See picture below) and then participants go on to become Junior Madrichim. The table shows the number of people who completed the course over the last two years.

City	'91	'92
Adelaide	0	7
Melbourne	14	15
Perth	5	6
Sydney	14	29



A Year in Israel

Habonim Dror offers two 1 year programmes in Israel, Shnat and Machon. Both programmes offer participants a chance to experience Israel and to live the ideology of Habonim Dror. The year has two main aims that come under the title Hachshara, which means preparation. Firstly, participants are trained in all areas of youth leadership to be senior Madrichim in the movement upon their return to Australia. The second aim is to 'prepare' the individual, to help them discover who they are and gain knowledge so they can make a choice on how to lead Jewish and Zionist life. The whole programme is orientated towards the group and group dynamics. Individuals participate in a group structure and make decision democratically about various matters that arise.

The Programme

February till June

When the participants arrive in Israel they go to Kibbutz. For the first four months they do an *Ulpan* which is an intensive Hebrew language course. Participants learn Hebrew for half a day and the other half of the day they work in the various work branches on the Kibbutz. This gives participants a chance to practise the Hebrew that they learned with Israelis at work. During this time participant explore the various aspects of Kibbutz life, especially the Kibbutz work ethic. Besides learning and working the group will have weekly programmes, a few seminars and *tiyulim* or tours/hikes. At the end of June the group splits into Shnat and Machon.

Shnat

1992 saw the introduction of a new Shnat programme. The past two federal executives worked very hard with the world office of Habonim Dror to establish this programme. The major change came through the introduction of a seminar period that takes place from July till mid September. The details are listed on the next page. After this period there is a 3 month period on Kibbutz, where participants work and have programmes in the evening. Every week Madrichim from Kadarim, who have made Aliyah from Australia, come and run activities for the participants.

Machon

Machon is the Hebrew word for institute and is short for the Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad. It is located in Jerusalem. Participants partake in a four month programme of intensive classroom lectures and seminars concentrating on Youth Leadership, Informal Education and the following subjects: Jewish History, Israeli Politics and Society, Judaism, the Holocaust and Zionism.

Shnat Seminar Period

Options Period	Participants choose out of a large list two 2 week options. The first will involve education, the second involves giving service to the country, like helping new Russian immigrants.
Seminar Tuval	Three topics are covered, Arab Israeli Conflict & Coexistence, Kibbutz and the history of settlement and Hadracha.
Holocaust Seminar	This takes place at Kibbutz Lochamei Haghetaot ('Kibbutz of the Ghetto Fighters'). Holocaust survivors run this seminar and special emphasis is given to the role of youth movements in the resistance movement and the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.
Jerusalem Seminar	A 2 week seminar about Jerusalem. There is also a seminar on countering anti-Israel propaganda and one about Israeli politics where participants meet members of Knesset.
Nitsana	A 10 day desert experience. Camel, Donkey and Jeep rides feature in this exploration of the Negev, its history and environment. To many this is the highlight of the year.
Judaism Seminar	A seminar which exposes and challenges participants into discovering their own Jewish Identity.
Gadna*	A 5 day army experience. Tiring but fun, participants get a taste of what it is like to be in the Israeli Army.

* Denotes done together with Machon

Number of Participants on Shnat Hachshara

City	'90	'91*	'92	'93
Adelaide	0	1	1	0
Melbourne	14	0	6	6
Perth	6	5	10	4
Sydney	11	5	11	6
Total	31	11	27	16

* Participants left during Gulf War

Aliyah

Over the last 54 years Habonim Dror has seen many members make a home for themselves in Israel. This is continuing today. The movement encourages everyone to go and live in Israel and sees as its highest ideal Kibbutz Aliyah. The success can be seen on Kibbutz Kadarim where many people from the Australian movement have made Aliyah (See opposite page).

Aliyah during the last two years

13 people have made Aliyah over the last two years from Australian Habonim Dror. 5 from Melbourne, 6 from Perth and 2 from Sydney. This represents an increase from the previous two years and the prospects for the next two years are even better. It is not easy to pack up your bags leave your home, relatives and friends, but these people have shown that it is possible and are a good example to the whole movement.

Garin

The Hebrew word Garin means seed. In the movement it means a group of people who have decided to make Aliyah to kibbutz together. At the moment there is a Garin called *Garin Ma'ayan*. It was set up in 1991 and has 18 members, 4 from Melbourne, 3 from Perth, 8 from Sydney and 3 from New Zealand. Two members have made Aliyah already. The Garin is going through changes and has not chosen a destination Kibbutz, although some members have decided to make Kadarim their home. The guidelines of the Garin calls for people to make Aliyah by Yom Ha'atzmaut 1997 to a young Kibbutz. The Garin is trying to organise for people arrive in Israel together in small groups so that the absorption process is less traumatic.

An Article in
Jewish News
May 8th '92

Aliya options

SIXTEEN Habonim members who formed the *Garin Ma'ayan* group — a support group of people who plan to go on aliya together — attended a seminar in Sydney recently to discuss their plans.

The group is made up of members from Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Wellington and have planned to move to Israel by Yom Ha'atzmaut 1997.

The group is kibbutz-oriented, one of the members Guy Spigelman said.

Although a specific kibbutz has not been selected, Mr Spigelman said they are considering Kibbutz Kadarim, where many Australian Habonim members have settled.

The two-day seminar provided the group with the opportunity to come up with guidelines of where and when they are going and to hold discussions about ulpan programs.

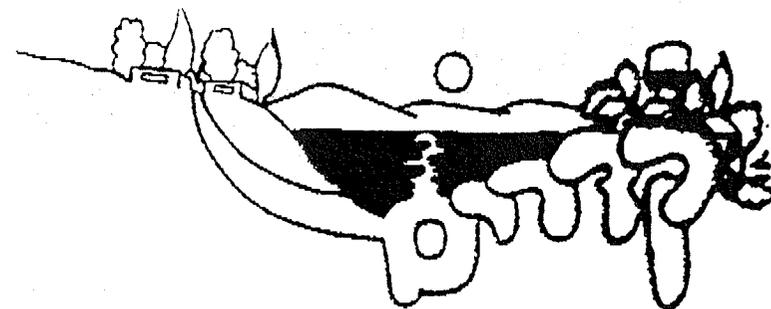
"Now that we have come together, we can feel more confident dealing with specifics," Mr Spigelman said.

Future meetings will include guest speakers on topics such as army and absorption.

The establishment of the group has created a positive feeling within the Habonim youth movement "because aliya is our highest priority", Mr Spigelman said.

"The *chanichim* can see that the *madrachim*, who teach them about Zionism and Israel are doing something."

Kibbutz



Kadarim

Kibbutz Kadarim is Australian Habonim Dror's *Meshek Ya'ad*. This translates as destination Kibbutz. There are 30 Australians who live on Kadarim out of a population of 80, at the moment. Most young Kibbutzim that have been set up over the last 5 - 15 years have collapsed, but Kadarim has survived and this is as a direct result of the success of Habonim Dror Australia and New Zealand. It is something that the movement can be very proud.

The movement has a lot of *Kesher* or contact with the Kibbutz. When people go on Shnat Hachshara, they have a few weekend seminars on Kadarim and spend a week working there. Every second year a representative from the Kibbutz comes to Australia to speak to the *Madrachim* and the whole movement about the Kibbutz. When anyone from the movement is in Israel they are always welcome on the Kibbutz.

Kadarim is also used by the movement to educate members about the changes that are occurring on Kibbutzim. Kadarim has made some of the most radical changes of all the Kibbutzim in Israel. It is important that the movement is kept updated about these changes, to provoke thought and to inform people who are considering making a home for themselves on the Kibbutz.

Members of *Garin Ofek*, the Garin that finished last year, have settled down well on the Kibbutz. As mentioned before some members of the current Garin are planning to make Aliyah to Kadarim in the next few years. The Australian influence on Kadarim helps new Olim with their absorption into Israel.

At our last *Veida* (conference), it was unanimously decided to reaffirm Kadarim as Habonim Dror Australia's *Meshek Ya'ad*.

Chagim and Special

Jewish festivals are always celebrated in a special way at Habonim Dror. Each festival has its own story, traditions, costumes, songs and morals to learn and participate in. Below is list of the festivals that Habonim Dror celebrated together over the last 2 years.

Purim '91

Sydney - Dress up Harbour Cruise/Disco (230)
Melbourne - Party for whole movement (180)
Adelaide - Party for whole movement (40)
Perth - Helped activities at Carmel School

Purim '92

Function at Habo with New Shaliach (140)
Purim Carnival with Parents (190)
Party with Parents (60)
Sang for Jewish Old Age Home

Pesach '91

Sydney - Pesach Picnic held with Parents (200)
Melbourne - Third Seder for movement (100)
Adelaide - Third Seder with Parents (40)
Perth - Ran a Community Third Seder (90)

Pesach '92

Pesach Picnic held with Parents (170)
Matza Hike and Third Seder (140)
Special meeting held on Sunday (30)
Ran a Community Third Seder (80)

Yom Hashoah '91 & '92

Federal - Attended local community services
Have special meetings at Moadon
Perth - Madricha gives Official Youth Address

Yom Hazikaron '91 & '92

Help run local community services
Have special meetings at Moadon

Yom Ha'atzmaut '91 & '92

Federal - All cities help co-ordinate and perform in local community functions. As well Madrichim spend the whole day at Jewish Schools running programmes on Israel.
Sydney - A function for the South Community (100) Melbourne - Madrichim Party (80)

Yom Yerushalayim, Lag B'omer, Shavuot '91 & '92

Federal - These festivals were celebrated at Sunday meetings. On Yom Yerushalayim community functions are held which Habonim Dror members help coordinate.

Sukkot '91

Sydney - A huge Sukkah is built for function (160)
Perth - Parents day at Habo's Sukkah (65)
Melbourne & Adelaide - Sunday meetings

Sukkot '92

A function for parents (100)
Parents Day at Habo's Sukkah (70)
Adelaide - organized communal Picnic (30)

Chanukah '91

Sydney - Chanukah Cafe at Moadon (120)
Perth - Chanukah function with Maccabi (60)

Chanukah '92

Chanukah Cafe and Habo Band (140)
Federal - Chanukah at Junior Camps

Events!

Every year Habonim Dror runs a number of special events. They range from big events for the whole community to smaller fundraising ventures. It takes a lot of work to put on an event, but the movement pulls together to ensure that each one is a success.

The **Aboriginal Art Exhibition** that Sydney Habonim Dror organised proved to be an important event for Aboriginal Jewish relations. The leader of the labor Party in NSW, Bob Carr, opened the exhibition with a speech that praised the movements efforts.

Habonim Dror invites you to the opening of an Aboriginal art exhibition featuring renowned Koori painter

MR. KEITH STEWART

The exhibition will be officially opened by

The Hon. Mr. Bob Carr, MP

Leader of the NSW Labor Party

on

Monday 30th November

at

Shalom College

at 5.30pm

RSVP 360 6300

Shalom College — Barker St, Randwick

Tues 1st Dec — Fri 4th Dec 11.00h — 17.00h

The Jerusalem Spectacular!!

In 1992 Melbourne adopted a theme for the year "25 years of Reunification" and in September they staged a theatrical review about Jerusalem. There were over 100 people involved with the production and about 350 came to watch brilliant acting, singing and dancing. It was a tremendous success that the movement worked very hard for.

Other Events

Perth - 91&92 Quiz night with 100 parents and friends, raised money for the movement

Melbourne - 1991 Lip Sync competition for end of year party - 150 people
A Palestinian speaker addressed Madrichim - 35 people
1992 Movie night "Europa Europa" raised money, 400 people
Quiz Night to raise money for tents, 125 people.

Sydney - 1991 Quiz night for 200 people, raised money for Sydney Moadon.
Movie Night "Cup Final" - 100 people
Mr Habo Sexy Legs, disco at Moadon - 110 people
Information evening "Prognosis for Peace" 120 people
1992 Africa Dance Party, raised money for Somalia - 150 people

Community Action

While the main emphasis in the movement is with education, another important component is taking action on our beliefs.

Rallies and Demonstrations

- During the Gulf war 2 members went to volunteer in Israel, those remaining in Australia rallied outside the Iraqi Embassy.
- In Sydney a Vigil was held for the plight of Syrian Jews, local politicians attended.
- Demonstrations were held against the rise of Neo-Nazism in Germany. Habonim Dror members organized and spoke at the rally, which was covered by national press and

The General Community

- Combined with activism within the Jewish Community, Habonim Dror also is active on issues which concern everyone.
- Melbourne - Walkathon for the Smith Family, for children in poverty.
 - Sydney - Raised money for Somalia at 'Africa Night'
 - Went on 'Walk for Wilderness.'
 - Clean up Australia Day

The Crisis in Bosnia - A Jewish Response!

The article below was published in the Sydney Morning Herald on August 25, 1992.

Active campaign

SIR: It was with disgust I read Emanuel Klein's letter (August 22). As a Zionist youth group we have been actively campaigning about Bosnia for weeks. We have written letters to the press. We have highlighted the similarities between Bosnia and the Holocaust to the younger Jewish community. In Israel a government member of Israel's Knesset led a delegation to Zagreb to assess possible sites for a hospital and aid centre.

Mr Klein is right on the silence of many but wrong to include Jewish organisations and Israel. We, too, feel:

the chill wind of the Holocaust blowing down our necks. We scream from the rooftops of the tragedy of Bosnia. Who chooses to listen (or read, or see, or act) is beyond our control.

Simon Masnick,
Education officer,
Habonim Dror,
Waverley.

August 22

UIA, JNF, ZFA.....

- Perth - Helped at UIA function
- JNF Blue Box Collection
- Adelaide - JNF Box Collection
- Melbourne - Helped Phone-in for Makor Zionist Library
- Went JNF Blue box collecting
- Sydney - UIA Phone campaign
- JNF Box Collection
- Helped at JNF function
- Largest group at a Walk for Ethiopian Jewry
- Compared ZFA Bible Quiz

and involvement

Adding Zionism to Jewish Schools

Melbourne - Habonim Dror Madrichim help Israeli Madrichim run Zionist Seminars for the Jewish Schools. Every year on Yom Ha'atzmaut Madrichim help organise activities and programmes about Israel and Zionism.

Perth - At Carmel School, Madrichim help run a few events on Purim and Yom Ha'atzmaut. Every week Madrichim run an Israel club and attend Zionist seminars

Sydney - Madrichim and Shlichim ran an Israel activity every week at Masada High. On Yom Ha'atzmaut Madrichim run activities for the schools. They also participate in Zionist Seminars. In 1992 Madrichim helped Schools run a mock Israeli Election campaign.

Helping and Support

Melbourne - Habonim Dror helps raise money for Access, a Jewish organization which helps disabled children. The movement also has members who have disabilities. Habonim Dror is an example to the whole community on how to integrate people with physical and mental disabilities into Jewish organisations

Perth - Perth Habonim Dror perform regularly at the Jewish Old Age Home.
Sydney - Every year Habonim Dror helps the Chevre Kadisha in its clean up of the Jewish cemetery.

Habonim heads south

TO CELEBRATE Yom Ha'atzmaut, the entire Habonim movement will head south for a program of education and entertainment at Illawarra Synagogue.

The movement has been aiming to get the southern community involved and to show a commitment to them, *shaliach* Guy Beiner said.

About 100 people are expected to participate.

Illawarra president Fel Prentice said the synagogue has been endeavouring to get the youth in the area involved in Jewish life and "this is the best way to do it".

"Habonim is a well organised youth movement and it is my hope that we can hold similar functions at the synagogue on a regular basis."

The function will be held on May 10 between 1-3pm. The first half will be educational programs on Israel, followed by a party.

Article in the Jewish News May '92

Publications

Each year a number of publications are produced on a state and a federal level. Some are designed for the whole movement to contribute and enjoy, while others serve the purpose of updating the madrichim on certain topics.

Federal Publications

Kishkushim - This publication has four issues a year and it serves as the 'ideological voice' of the movement. In 1992 it was jam packed with a variety of articles and opinions from around the country and around the world.

Shabbat Booklet - In 1992 the Federal Rosh chinuch produced a Shabbat booklet with is used in the preparation of programmes for Shabbat. Recently we decided to change the way we celebrate Shabbat and this booklet provides an essential guide for Madrichim.

1993 - This year the movement is producing new publications. *Daf Keshet* - which translates as 'communication page' will be a monthly report about the activities of the state and federal movement. A number of Chinuch (education) publications have been started - one on the environment, the role of Zionist Youth Movements in the World War Two resistance movement and one about Aboriginal people (This year is the year of Indigenous people).

Sydney

Ma Nishma Minobah - This comes out 3 or 4 times a year and has a circulation of 175. All members of the movement from Amelim till Ma'apelim write articles for the magazine.

Ma Chadash - This translates as 'What's New.' It is produced for madrichim and contains articles from various magazines and Newspapers. It is mainly a current affairs publication.

Perth

The Perth Year Book - Every year this publication has articles about the activities of the movement for a particular year. It raises money via advertising that is used to support regular activities.

The Maccabean - This is the weekly paper of the Perth Jewish community and each issue Habonim Dror writes an article.

Melbourne

Parents Newsletter - A bimonthly publication to inform the parents about what is going on at Habonim Dror.

The Future

In the 90's Habonim Dror will continue to play the important role of affiliating Jewish Youth with Israel and the whole Jewish people. Meetings, Camps, Seminars and all the activities mentioned here will continue to attract more and more children.

If you would like any more information about Habonim Dror or if you would like to get involved please contact the people in your state, who are listed below.

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