

Habonim Dror 1992 Yearbook

*The End of an Era
Our Shlichah Leaves*



הבונים דרור

EDITOR'S NOTE

Every year for the past five years the Editorial Note starts off the same way -

"When I took on the task of co-ordinating the yearbook, I didn't realise how much work actually went into it".

Well this year, I refuse to open my Editorial Note with these words. I would, however, like to thank everyone for the great effort they put in.

Thank you also to all our advertisers, because without you there just wouldn't be a yearbook; to my moral support Sarah Carver (Rosh articles); and to my Noch Schlepper Simon Snader. Without their help I would have been condemned to co-ordinating the 1992 yearbook for the rest of my life!

Wishing you all Shana Tova Umtookka and well over the Yom Kippur fast.

A'leh V'hagshem,
Zoe Kaye



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A Fresh Beginning

As a chanicha in Habonim learning about Labour Zionism always seemed a bit anachronistic. Growing up in a decade when Likud held the balance of power meant we yearned even more for the halcyon days of the states earlier years, romanticized Zionist thinkers and continued to hope for miracles. How were we to respond to the debacle in Lebanon or the Intifada? How dare we criticize the Israeli Government from the relative comfort of the diaspora?

As a Madricha, spending time in Israel I was exposed to the reality of the situation: The unquestionable legitimacy of the State; the importance of security; and the desperate need to consider alternative solutions to the present situation. Just as we in Habonim questioned and adapted our ideology to remain relevant to our ever changing era, so to has the Kibbutz movement. Perhaps most important of all, the Israeli Labour Party has met the challenges head on.

Their success in the recent elections, illustrates that they are a dynamic party, ready to deal with the most urgent issues of the state: Peaceful Co-existence with the Palestinians; and successful absorption and intergration of the recent olim. There success also reflects the desire of the Israeli people to seek viable solutions and constantly evaluate the society in which they live. A process which the Chaverim of Habonim are overjoyed to share in, be it in Israel or the Galut.

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 - (d) Zionism - Israel is the homeland for the Jewish people, we foster love for Israel. We aim to give a knowledge of Israeli culture and society.
 - (c) Self-realisation - learning to achieve either a personal or group goal helps to become stronger and more confident as a person and as a group.
3. What can we offer your child? Habonim creates a fun group atmosphere in which Jewish youth join together to enjoy different cultural activities and build on their Jewish education.

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Mazkirs Report

Responsibility - The state of fact of being answerable or accountable for something within ones power, control or management.

Did I really consider the responsibility involved when I took on this position? Could I be answerable for the actions of the other Madrichim, fifteen strong willed Idealogues! Or worse, be accountable for over fifty energetic kids running around the Habo rooms on a Sunday. What had I done? Were these people within my power, and able to be managed?

If I were to be completely honest, total control is never a reality, any parent would recognise that Chanichim only listen to so much. However, in Habonim responsibility is conveyed in various guises to all age groups and this has contributed in making my Tafkid much less daunting.

The age of the Madrichim ranges from 18 to 21, yet despite the relatively young foundation we take on an enormous responsibility, such as Yearbook and various communal activities, be they in the school, the Jewish community and even the wider community. Madrichim spend an average of 15 to 20 hrs a week at Habonim not because we have to but because we believe in what we are doing - The importance of educating Jewish youth so that they have a strong identity, the ability to question and challenge and of course have fun. All support from the community is therefore greatly appreciated to help succeed in such an endeavor.

.....Chagit Ziv our resident shlichah has been a constant source of support to Habonim, her advice from the perspective of an Israeli an adult and as a mother has been invaluable. The Ziv's finish shlichut at the end of September and I would like to thank them on behalf of myself and all the Madrichim. We wish them B'hatzlacha for the future and hopefully we will see them again in Israel. I take this opportunity to urge the community to support the proposal for new shlichim in the future, whether it be by offering financial or moral support.

Finally I would like to say what an excellent year I have had as Mazkir and thank all the Madrichim for working together so patiently and tirelessly to make Habonim Dror a fun environment to participate in.

Aleh V'hagshem

Simon Snader

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Rosh Chinuch - Head of Education

Late one afternoon I sat staring at the walls of Habonim (and my fellow Madrichim). We were waiting for a nomination for the position of Rosh Chinuch for 1992. Several thoughts raced through my head - What is a Rosh Chinuch? - Where do they come from? - Do they have tails and horns? and does anyone really care about chinuch anyway? To cut a long story short I took the position, I soon learnt what the job entailed

"Stevie - What exactly happened in the Six Day War?"

"Where can I get some information about the Ozone Layer?"

"How do I get hold of a speaker about racism?"

"What sort of program should I run on Jewish Identity?"

"What does Shavuot have to do with charity?"

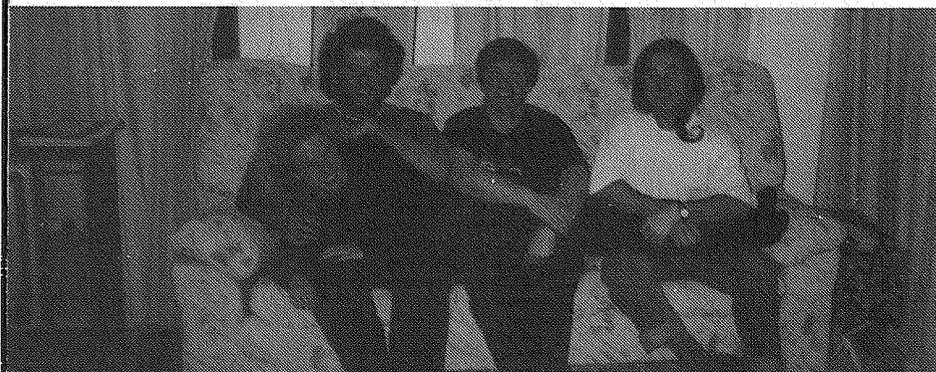
Our educational system is based upon our platforms of Zionism, Socialism, Judaism and Self-realisation. Within these platforms we address a variety of issues related to the changing world we live in.

Each week we (the Madrichim) meet to plan the following weeks meeting. The meetings' aims are based on a federally co-ordinated curriculum. With these ideas and some innovative thinking, we try to create programs that educate in an exciting, fun and informal atmosphere. I'd say we do pretty well.

Aside from our Sunday meetings we also ran a Weekly Zionist Club at Carmel School as well as the usual seminars and camps. Finally, I'd like to thank the leaders for all the work they do to ensure the success of all our educational endeavours. Maybe if the community was more aware of the time and effort put in by our Madrichim, they would be a little more supportive.

Aleh Vehagshem

Stevie Halperin, Rosh Chinuch



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A MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERAL MAZKIR

There is no way to measure the worth of Habonim to the Jewish community. By teaching the important values of Jewish History and heritage and relating an identity with the Jewish homeland, we in Habonim hope to take an important role in the Jewish education of your children.

In Australia we have the largest spread of active Habonim branches in the world. Perth Habonim has played a vital role in leading Habonim to a better and brighter future, through extensive fundraising for national projects, active leadership on the Federal Executive, and strong contingents participating in National camps, seminars and Year Programs. Perth has proven itself an invaluable part of the Australian Habonim Family.

Habonim's commitment to the Jewish People is evidenced not only by their work in helping to educate young leaders of the future, but by actively supporting the State of Israel. Members of Perth Habonim have been instrumental in the formation of a Garin (a group of people going to leave in Israel) that has already seen some young members of our community settle in Israel, with others to follow shortly.

*Brendon Eisner
Federal Mazkir*

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A New Garin Is Formed - Garin Ma'ayan

After an inspiring Ma'apelim Seminar last year a group of Habonim Dror members got together to express their individual desires to make Aliyah and attempt life on Kibbutz. This meeting resulted in the formation of Garin Ma'ayan. With members from Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Wellington, we numbered 16.

A garin literally means "Seed" and is the term used by youth movements around the world to represent a group of people committed to making Aliyah together, within a time a time frame and usually to the same place in Israel. As yet we have not chosen a common destination but we are looking at several young Kibbutzim. The Garin acts as a framework of support, education, understanding and encouragement, for its members both here and once in Israel. It also expresses our belief that more can be achieved collectively than one person ever could.

Garin Ma'ayan is open to new members as long as they are committed to being in Israel by Yom Ha'Atzmaut 1997 and hold similar ideas to the members of Garin Ma'ayan. Hopefully by making Aliyah together and doing ulpan and army service in small groups we will overcome some of the difficulties of Aliyah. This in turn will help each of us fulfill our ideals, to become one of the builders (Habonim) of the State of Israel.

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Israel Information supplies information on Israel in the form of videos, pamphlets, posters, slides and texts to the general public, church groups, youth groups and schools. For tourists, assistance in co-ordinating tours and visits within Israel is available.

Aliya Department arranges both "year" programmes and shorter study programmes in Israel for Perth youth. For singles and families making aliya, the State Zionist Council organises the paperwork and liaises with the Israeli Aliya Office helping to smooth their way through the paperwork so as to assist their integration into Israeli society.

Kibbutz Desk arranges places for Jewish and non-Jewish volunteers on kibbutz and kibbutz ulpan.

Australia/Israel Chamber of Commerce in Perth acts as a guide between Perth businesses, the Australia/Israel Chamber of Commerce in Sydney and Israeli firms.

Israeli Consulate. The State Zionist Council receives daily facsimiles of news headlines from the Israeli newspapers. Passports, visas and assistance of a consular nature can be directed to the Sydney consulate through the Perth office.

Holocaust Institution. The State Zionist Council serves as secretary to the Institute. This involves co-ordinating visits from schools for seminars conducted by guides and survivors of the Holocaust.

Council of WA Jewry. The office of the State Zionist Council also acts as secretary to CWAJ, disseminating information to the media, politicians and the general public.

The West Australian Zionist Association is the instrument which supports the continuing work of the Zionist Movement. The work of Zionism today is to consolidate Jewish culture, religion and Jewish continuity here in Perth and in Israel. We want to avoid any future Holocaust or Inquisition by strengthening Israel.

The State Zionist Council of WA is the umbrella body for all Zionist organisations in Perth. The dominant function of the SZC is to serve as an informative source on matters concerning Israel.

The major event in the Zionist calendar is Yom Ha'atzmaut - **The State of Israel's Celebration of Independence.**

Tarbut

I guess there is an element of surprise when you take on a position of responsibility in Habonim, especially when you are creating and providing a cultural emphasis for the movement. The surprise stems from the dynamism of our Jewish heritage and what it offers, rather than disorganisation of any kind.

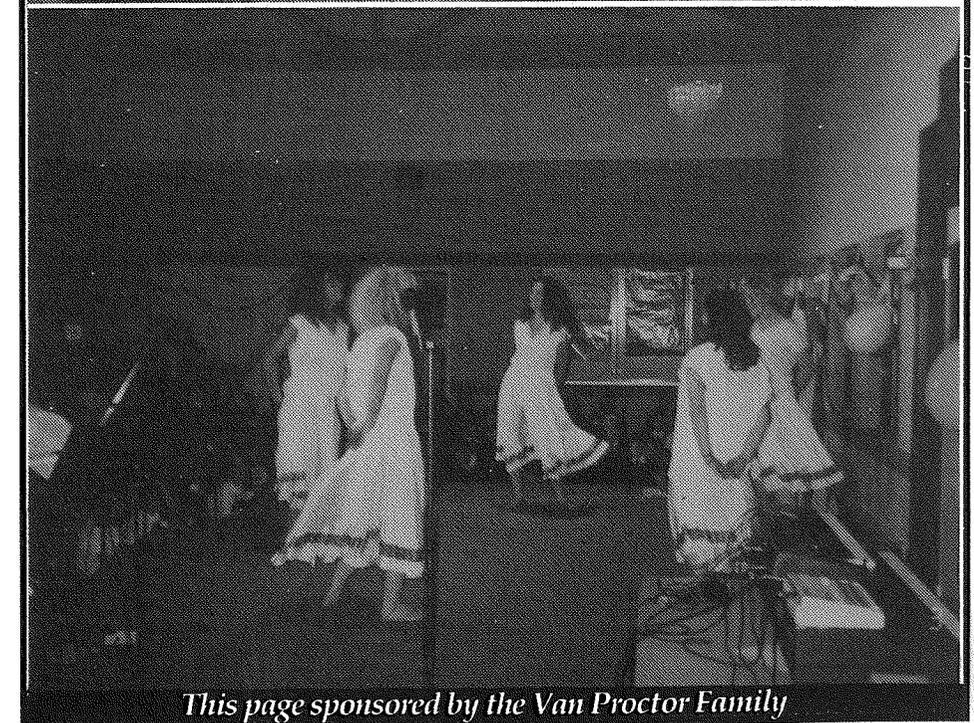
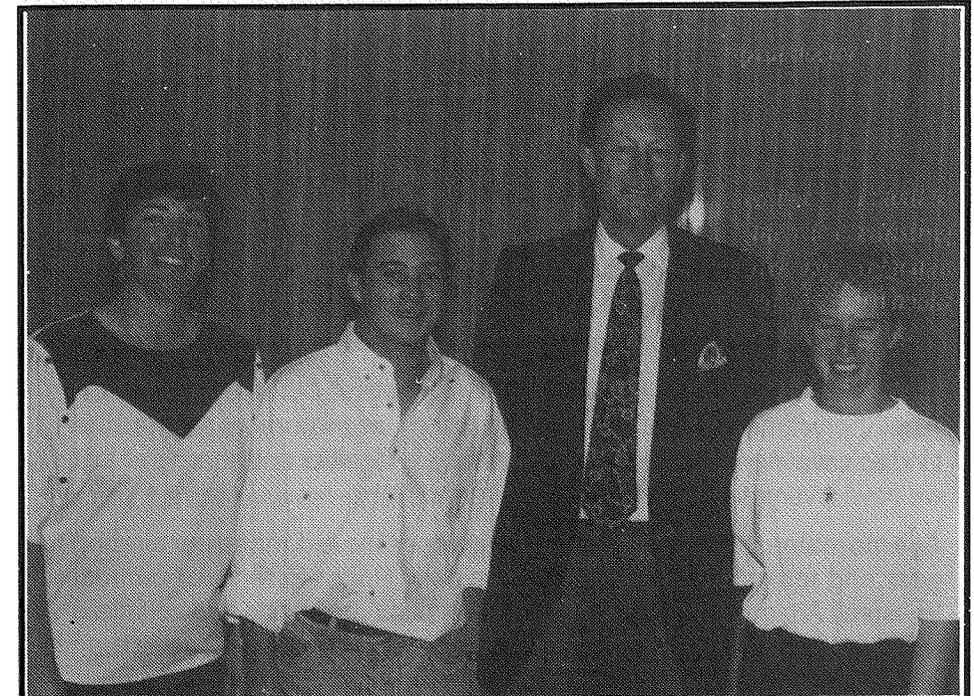
Movement days, the inevitable outcome of 'Tarbut' have progressed from the dreaded Schickleboosh to a diverse range of activities. From Stevie in a tutu (he made a beautiful Queen Esther) and the rest of Habonim entertaining the residents of the Maurice Zeffert Home for Purim, to our annual 'let your hair down' Roller Skating Extravaganza.

Beyond movement days, the year has been jam-packed with activities. Our communal Third Seder with its' theme of freedom and hope dealt with the Holocaust, the Arab-Israeli Conflict, Oppressed Jewry and the inner conflict of the State of Israel. The talent of our Chanichim and Madrichim was enormous, as was their enthusiasm; wich was also illustrated in communal activities such as Yom Ha'atzmaut , where we danced, sang and entertained old and young alike with our ruach. Our ability to promote a vibrant Jewish awareness was tapped by Carmel School whom we assisted for Purim, Lag B'omer and Yom Ha'atzmaut. Tarbut has also incorporated Parents into our programme and we are looking forward to our second annual Parent day under the Sukkah in the following weeks.

A special mention must be made of our resident cultural expert, who will soon be returning to Regba. Hagit has enriched the movement with her creativity and experience and her input will be sorely missed, when she leaves. Nevertheless Va'ad Tarbut will ensure that the movement and the community continue to experience a vibrant expression of our Jewish and Zionist culture.

Rosh Tarbut
Sarah Carver

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AMELIM

Come board the Habo bus for the secret Amelim adventure! We've come a long way since the beginning of the year: We worked as a team, formulated a plan, synchronised our watches.... then SWOOPED into action conquering all in our path, liberating Jerusalem, securing our future and the future for the Jews everywhere.

Then! Just as the dreaded Quazis were threatening to take over the world.... there was Amelim ready to save the day with the deadly mission to prove that love conquers all.

A call then came to travel back to prehistoric times where we roamed the land as cave men. We learned that by working together and sharing all that we have, everyone can live happily in harmony.

Aye me mates! Remember the time we once more donned our pirating gear and took to the high seas in the Jolly Roger to recover our lost treasure! Ahaaaaa! Those were the days and Amelim has had countless other thrilling adventures. And if you think that sounds exciting.... then watch out!

BECAUSE THE FUN'S ONLY JUST BEGUN!!!

Come and join the Habo bus and see for yourself!

Amelim Madrichim



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You go on camps . . . You go on manoeuvres

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CHOTRIM

Chotrim this year has been a great deal of fun and excitement constantly changing as the weeks continue. We commenced the year learning about the environment and all the practical things we could do towards helping it. We discussed what it meant to be Jewish and ended off this topic with a fabulous sleepover that took us everyone days to catch up on sleep. Winter camp was a blast and we all became illegal immigrants who escaped to Israel. We spent the rest of the week looking at Israeli culture and how we were going to live our lives in our new land. The rest of the year should prove to be even more exciting, so make sure you don't miss out.

Chotrim has gone through times of change with our leaders so lots of thanks to Rebecca, Grant and Joel and welcome to our new leaders Carmen and Michael. Of course Zoe's smiling face will always be around.

See you all around

Love

Arabella

Rosh Chotrim.

I like having fun at Habo and I even manage to last all the hikes on Camp.

Gilli Menouchin

Habo means to me a place where you have fun and meet new friends, I really enjoy coming to Habo.

Karen Selwyn

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I Hope that the world is safe in the future and I hope to become a great doctor.

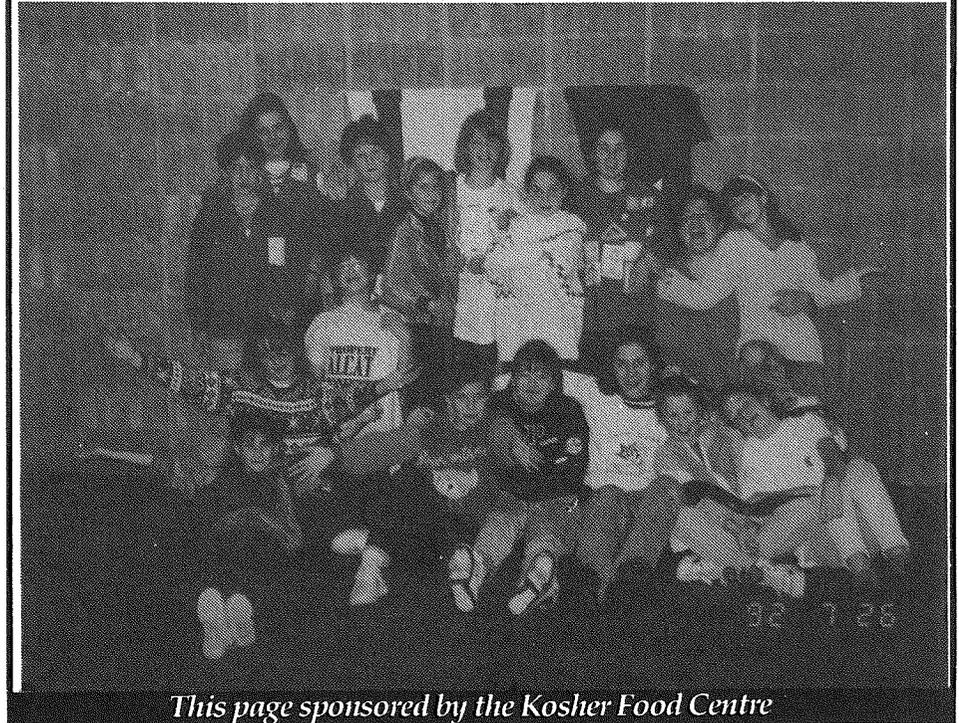
Adam Leedman

In the future I hope that my life will be successful, but I am scared that there will be no future. I hope that Habo keeps on going and going and that there is everlasting peace. I come to Habo because it is lots of fun and I like the Madrichim. If I was a leader I would do lots of fun things that were interesting and help you learn about important things.

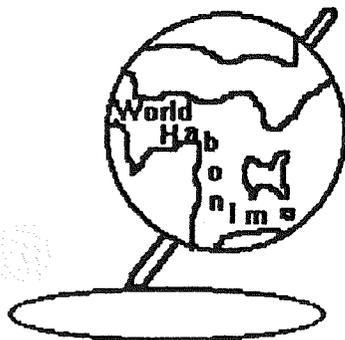
Michael Stein

I like Habo because it is a time where you can have fun in a whole group. I especially like the Camps. If I was a leader I would try to make it fun for everybody else.

Leor Karp



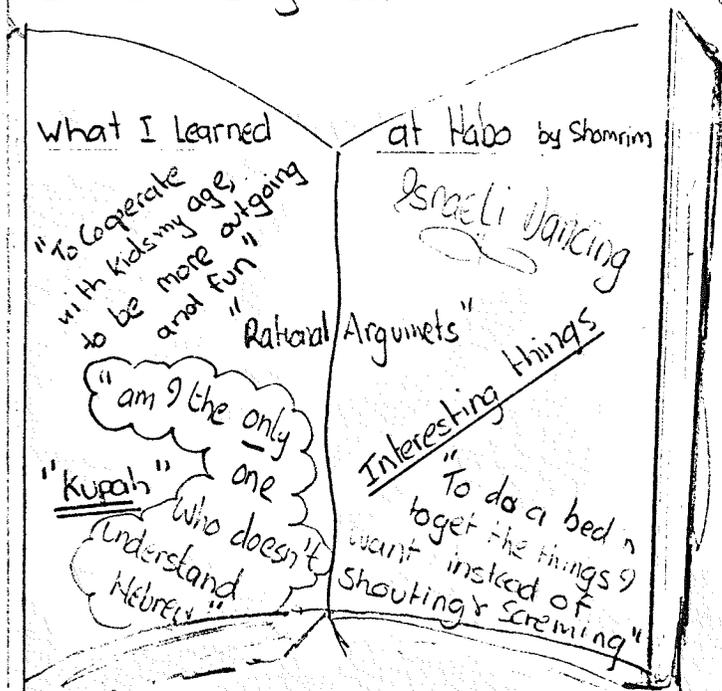
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Dear World Habo,
 I am 12 and in Shomrim.
 I like watching T.V., eating,
 horseriding, eating.....
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 bomb fights. We have programmes,
 parties, videos and sports.
 Tell me about you and your
 Youth Movement

Love Shomrim
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Stas * Kelly * Cara * Jodie * Caryn *



SHOMRIM

Shomrim, Habo & Hot Chips.

Do these words belong together? Shomrim, peace protests, fun thinking, hanging out, environment, catamaraning, being "Cool", Lost Boys, learning, camp, hippies, Shomrim & Habo - Yeah these words belong together! Shomrim Sarah + Sarah - the combination is dynamite. Welcome to our newest members, & see you all soon. Shomrim is a happening group - Sunday afternoon never looked better.

Love, your Roshae Shikavot

Sarah

Chagit's Memoirs

Dear Friends

This is it. The time has come to say goodbye, but how does one say it? Farewells are always difficult especially for a sentimentalist like myself. How does one say goodbye to friends you have learnt to respect, admire and love, friends who you spent days and nights with (Oh Yes, many many nights)?

When I look back I must admit that it was not love at first sight. I was accepted with great enthusiasm into a movement that needed all support possible, however, it was also made clear to me that the movement is "ours and ours only." There were differences in expectations, culture and language that were not easy to bridge. How does one develop a relationship when on the one hand I represent the adult the parent and the authority but on the other hand I'm a friend among equals? How does one accept the fact that those young men and women of 18, 19, & 20 can play and behave like children, but at the same time organise camps and functions that will impress the most professional experts. How do I explain to my young friends that I also have a family and other commitments? With a lot of goodwill, understanding, patience and experience we overcame all the difficulties together and succeeded in forming a deep bond of friendship; and now when the time has come to say farewell, it is not all that easy.

For two years I have witnessed many ups and downs, struggled to ensure recognition for our movement in the community, contemplated the question of balancing education and fun and questioned whether it is possible to bring a large amount of kids to the movement with our ideology & values. Sometimes the load seemed to be too heavy, but we always found the mutual strength to continue. Personal crises weren't missing, some Madrichim left, but those that remained, always received support and assistance. Habonim Dror is not only a Youth Movement, it is also a support group and a second home for many leaders and Chanichim.

I can not avoid using the well known phrase, "more than I gave - I received; more than I taught - I have learnt." I learned to know a Zionist movement in the diaspora - that is struggling to maintain and strengthen the Keshet with Israel in a Jewish world where Zionism is no longer a commodity in great demand. I was privileged to know Jewish youngsters who stick to their Zionist activities even if it means 'failing a course at Uni' or temporary social isolation. I don't delude myself that they will all make Aliyah, but their genuine love of Israel is unquestionable.

I do hope that during my two years with the movement I have succeeded in making a modest contribution and even in Israel I will always be there for you, if you need advice or help. I truly hope that this farewell is temporary and I will meet you all on visits to Israel or even better when you go up, realize and make Aliyah.

Shalom v'lihraot

Hagit Ziv, Community & Habonim Schlichah, August 1992



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Habonim

by Caren Kawalsky

Habonim stands for the builders of Israel. It teaches Jews all over the world about Israel and what this country means to us. Since I've joined this Zionistic movement, I've been educated in many ways about Israel, as well as learned and discussed other topics too. We've discussed Environmental Pollution and ways in which the individual can contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment. We've discussed the Arab/Israeli conflict, the media, the army, the importance of Israel to the Jews and what Israelis face, eg.... during wars.

I love every minute of Habo, and the Madrichim are terrific. We have fun when we are learning and when we're not. Sometimes we go to the movies or go bowling, and other times we climb the roof and all of us squash into a telephone booth. Believe it or not, everything brings a message. We learn to co-operate and trust one another. Besides the fun and learning we also meet many new & exciting people. Habo is a unique youth movement. The leaders, the kids are all unique and very friendly.



Parents and friends of Habonim would like to congratulate Habonim on another successful year.

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Hadracha Report

Well having been involved with this group for the better part of 2 years, I have seen great change in both the Chanichim individually and the group collectively. The greatest change came about with the beginning of the Hadracha (leadership) program. The group began to develop a greater understanding of Habonim Ideology and more importantly a sense of responsibility especially towards leadership. We've had many great meetings and a wonderful seminar and camp.

Due to the multi-talented nature of our group, meetings have been a little harder to co-ordinate this year. We have a member of the state debating team, a top level rower, two leading actresses and several great netballers and basketballers, as well as many other emerging talents. Despite their desire to achieve, combined with the demands of year eleven the group have remained enthusiastic.

Hopefully the second half of the year will be as successful as the first and Sarah and I hope to see many of you joining the Hanhalah this semester and fully integrating into the senior movement. I would also like to thank Vivienne for her time and effort last semester and the various guest Madrichim who ensured that Hadracha remained fun and exciting.

Stevie Halperin
Rosh Hadracha



Why I Come to Habo

During the first half of the year we have had seminars, outings, wild meetings and one amazing winter camp. Our group is small but rather mighty in strength. The main aim of our group at the moment is Hadracha, becoming leaders and having an impact on the world around us. It is strange after being a chanicha for 9 years that I now see the other side and realise the responsibility and commitment needed to fulfill the role of a good leader. Leading is hard work but you can see the results when you sit back and watch your group grow as one, many special friendships are formed and you can't help but love the challenge ahead. Being a big part of Habo has not only increased my Jewish awareness but strengthened the group I am in and made us all a lot more aware of each others feelings and emotions. In Bonim 11 we have created a strong foundation for generations of Habo kids to come.

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Sollelim Report

Each year Habonim Dror sends representatives to Israel for a year on either Shnat Hachshara or Machon. These programmes incorporate spending time on Kibbutz, Jerusalem and travelling to all corners of the country, for seminars and tiyulim. Participants are given the chance to gain from all these experiences, broaden their leadership skills and learn how to live in a group environment

This year we have five potential participants, who have been preparing themselves in weekly meetings and seminars. Brendon Eisner, Habonim's federal Mazkir came and conducted an intense and stimulating seminar, dealing with their expectations for the coming year in Eretz Israel.

Although small in size, these Chanichim have shown themselves to be dedicated, enthusiastic and serious about their involvement and commitment to Habonim. Sarah Meddin, Arabella Posner and myself would like to wish shnat 1993 the best of luck for the year away.

Simon Snader
Rosh Sollelim



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No Habo

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Parent Meeting 3-5pm (4, 11, 18, 25)
 No Habo (18, 25)
 Habo (25)
 Smechat Torah (27, 28)

OCTOBER '92
 Erev Succot 11th
 Succot 12th-17th
 Smechat Torah 20th

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1st Junior Habo meet (14, 21, 28)
 School starts (3, 10, 17, 24)
 Uni Starts (26)
 1st Senior Habo Meeting (27)

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Purim at Habo (7, 14, 21, 28)

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HABO (1, 8, 15, 22, 29)
 Swap meet (21)

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Lost HABO NYRE (6, 13, 20, 27)
 Carmel ends (11)
 Chanukah 21-28th
 Habo Camp 20th-23rd

DECEMBER '92
 CHANUKAH 21-28TH
 HABO CAMP 20th-23rd

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1st Secker (4, 5, 6, 7)
 2nd Secker (11, 12, 13, 14)
 Habo's 3rd secker (18, 19, 20, 21)
 No regular Habo (25, 26)
 Yom Ha'atzmaut (27, 28, 29, 30)

APRIL '93
 Habo Adventure Days!! 15th-18th
 Values Seminar 21st-23rd

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HABO (8, 15, 22, 29)

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HABO (5, 12, 19, 26)
 Rosh Ha'Shanah (27, 28, 29)

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JANUARY '93

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Schnatzi's Return (1, 2, 3)
 Federal Camp 3rd-11th (11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21)
 Social Days (24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31)
 Farewell (21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31)

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HABO (2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
 Habo movie night (5)
 Shavuot (26)

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HABO (16, 20, 27)

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HABO (4, 11, 18, 25)
 Tisha B'AV (27)
 Winter Camp Hoopay! 12th-16th

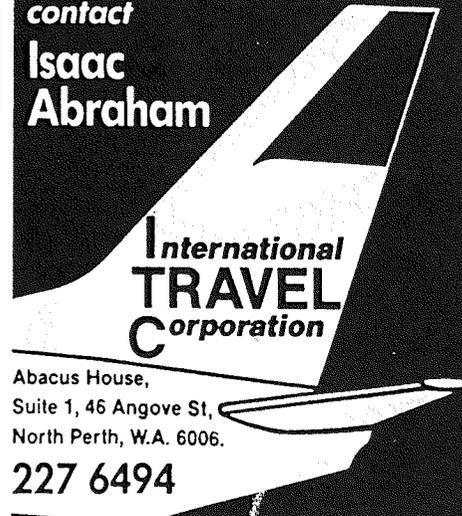
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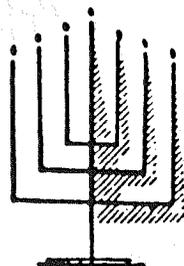
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What Habo Means to Me

When I think of Habo & what it means to me, many words come to my mind. "Zionism, Judaism, Socialism and Self Realisation." The most obvious but perhaps not the first words that come to mind. I know of many more words describing Habo that fit well around these words, but maybe not neatly within them.

Dynamism, education, change, children, playing, laughing, learning, teaching, community, together, going up.

I can't put my ideas together as well as other poets, so I'd like to quote one to express what Habo means to me.

The Road Not Taken By Robert Frost

..... Two roads diverged in a wood, and I

took the one less travelled by,

And that has made all the difference"...

By Sarah Meddin

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An Ode To Chagit

Often it is not until a person leaves that we appreciate their impact and influence on us. However, Perth Habo knew that the Ziv's (Hagit, David Inbal, Omer & Ido) would be remembered, well before they set foot in Australia. The months of uncertainty and confusion prior to their arrival only reinforced the need and importance of Shlichim in Perth. Thus it was with much celebration and sighs of relief that we welcomed the Zivs to Perth two years ago.

It is no mean feat to intergrate yourself, your husband and your family into a small community like Perth after a very different lifestyle, not only as Israelis but as Moshavniks too (Moshav Shitufi, that is!); whilst simultaneously becoming a community representative, and perhaps the biggest task of all - working out how to relate to a bunch of excited, enthusiastic Madrichim with loud voices, strange ideas and foreign habits!

Under normal circumstances one could say its' been done before, however, trying to do all of the above whilst your home is being threatened by Scud missiles and you're 2000 miles away, helplessly watching CNN, adds a whole new dimension. Nevertheless Hagit faced the challenges head on and two years down the track, the community reaps the benefits of her time, experience, dedication and integrity.

Hagit (along with David) have not simply been figureheads for the Zionist Movement. The length of Hagits reports at CWAJ meetings indicates the depth of her involvement in Jewish and wider Communal affairs. Ulpan classes, public speaking, involvement with Carmel School and the outstanding communal functions which have unified an otherwise diverse community, are all reasons why the Zivs shall be missed and gratefully remembered.

However it is within Haborim. I think that Chagits presence will be

most sorely missed. Despite her complete involvement in communal activities, she always made time for Haborim. She didn't simply watch the movement grow from strength to strength, she worked hard along side us to ensure that we have a vibrant future. The Dynamism and Cohesion of the madrichim owe more than a little to Hagits ability to mediate, to listen and to advise when she thought it was appropriate. Her faith in our ability has also given us the motivation to continue to provide a vital service to the youth of Perth.

The Ziv household was always open for coffee and a chat; whether it was to discuss Israel, relax or be force-fed chocolate cake - the offer was always there. All the Madrichim thank you for giving of yourselves so selflessly, especially to Inbal, Omer, and Ido who must have sometimes wondered if we didn't have parents of our own somewhere.

We have all been left with very precious memories of your time in Perth, so until we meet you again in Israel, I bid you L'hitraot, Shalom & B'hatzlacha from all those you have affected during your Schlichut in Perth.

Aleh V'hagshem

Sarah Carver



ISRAEL OUR HOME

Freedom, we want to be free,
To be what we want to be.
Why can't we say what we really mean,
And live in a world where we all fit in?

To stay in a prison stopped
Children to smile and play,
Their faces light up
When such little food turns up.

When police come
They get very scared and hide away,
Their parents are not so lucky,
And get dragged away.

We think of Israel and hope to be there some day.
A place where Jews can come and go!
We are in Syria now and we are locked in,
We see our lives so badly damaged.

We want to go home,
We want to be safe in Israel.

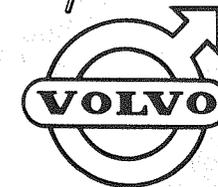
By Chotrim



Chagits Rap

- 1) When we came to Perth
We were full of fear
But in two months and a half
We are out of here.
- 2) We met Kangaroos, Koalas and more
But the most amazing creatures
were Habonim Dror.
- 3) Habo is fine
On the line
And we love it, we love it
All the time
- 4) Madrichim, Chanichim and camps
Are all great
But Israel is calling
So see you mates.
- 5) Remember you promised
Alo Na'aleh
So we hope to see you
In Israel one day.
- 6) We ran out of words
Ma La'asot
So Shalom everyone
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Machane Libi Camp Report

Machane Libi was held at the fantastic campsite Pt Peron; and what an experience we had! For five days we lived as a unique family, packing an incredible amount into such a short space of time. Activities ranged from bowling to boating and learning about Jewish identity, Jewish history and about being a member of a group, whilst having a strong individual identity.

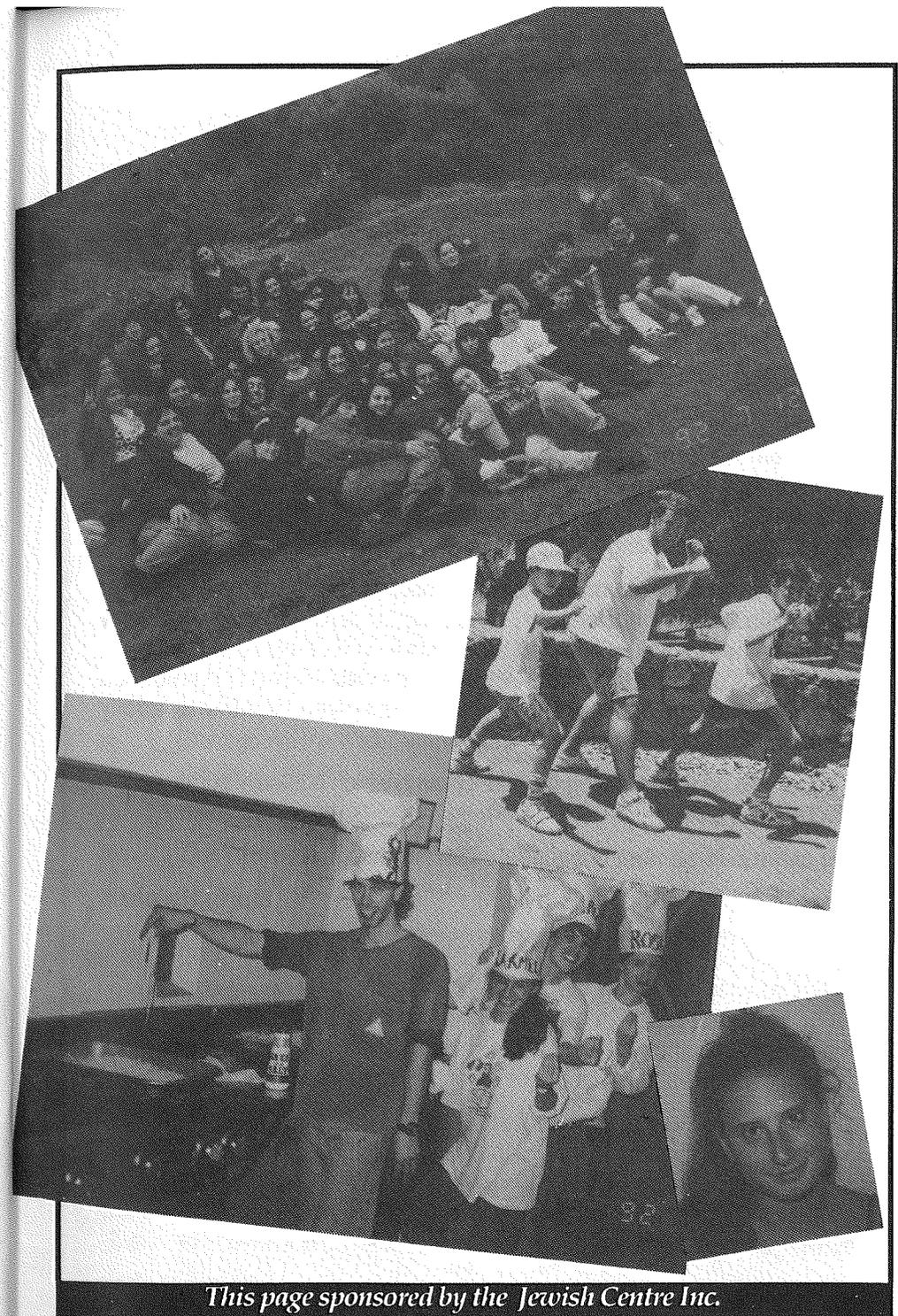
One of the highlights of Machane Libi was the hike. Under the expert supervision of their Madrichim, a superb group of Hadrachaniks lead us along the beach in the dead of night, through the bush and up many tracks until we reached Rosh Hanikra (well it was really a different cave with a beautiful view of the ocean).

Habo camp food lost its' reputation of being 'blah' as our creative chef David Wolfinger took tuna & cabbage to new heights of scrumptiousness. We were also delighted to have two guest Madrichim from Sydney Habo - Adam Siefman and our Federal Rosh Chinuch - David Pearlman, who added to the ruach and were able to discover the secret of Perth Habo's vibrancy.

Machane Libi was an example of commitment. Commitment of Madrichim, who offered their time, their skills and their mutual respect for one another. It was also the commitment of a special group of Chanichim who came and questioned; Chanichim who threw themselves into the spirit of camp. Libi allowed us to be ourselves, share our thoughts with others and help us shape the movement the way we would like it to run. We look back at Machane with warm memories. However, we look forward to Summer camp with excitement and anticipation. The best part of Habo Camp is that there is always another one on the horizon. See you there!

Rosh Machane

Rachel Meddin



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Poland

The following excerpts are from two of our Schnat/ Machoniks who are currently in Israel. They were privileged enough to confront their past by participating as Australian delegates in the "March Of The Living" earlier this year.

The editors would like to thank them for sharing their thoughts with us, acknowledging the difficulty in finding words to describe the reality of the Shoah and the pain that accompanies it.

Every year on Yom Hashoah we all attend some sort of ceremony in remembrance of those who died in the Holocaust. This year was different for Steve Cohen and myself - we spent Yom Hashoah of 1992 in Poland on the "March Of The Living".

'How was Poland?' everyone asks. For most participants of the march, this is very difficult question to answer. One thing for certain we all learnt many facts from the Holocaust and had an experience far beyond explanation. The process of coming to terms with what we saw, heard and smelt is a slow one. For many it takes weeks, maybe even months to totally comprehend the experience.

A group held up a sign during the silent march which basically sums up the March of The Living.

"We came to remember because we can't understand"

Marty Halperin

.... And you perhaps may ask. What of Poland? A grey country embedded in a heartland of economic and social upheaval. Auschwitz - Birkenau, Majdanek, Treblinka. The Ghettoes, the Shtetl's, the cemeteries. How I hated them for what they did. Took my family and never returned them.....

All week I felt content to subject my mind to the education. Then I returned to Kibbutz. Walked in solitary confinement for an hour. Heard the different attitudes, the opinions and voices and broke down. Cried not for the 6 million, but for the confusion of not knowing Why. Thanking whomever that I have a father, a mother, a home and a life where I do not have to be afraid.

Steve Cohen

Schnatties where what who & how

"I am so happy to be here, and I think the others are too, thanks so much for sending me"!!!!

"I am loving Israel, Kibbutz life, the people, the language, and knowing that I am contributing my efforts in the Homeland of our people"

"Jerusalem is really fantastic, incredible. We went to the Old City which was nothing short of mind blowing."

"Some of us indulged in some traditional middle eastern tea with a Palestinian in the back of his shop. We discussed the present political situation and the worthiness of occupation in the territories. It was both enlightening and interesting to hear another side of the story."

Handy Hints for the Prospective Machonik

- 1) Don't hitchhike - but it's cheap
- 2) Don't go and have coffee with strange Israelis - but it's culturally stimulating and interesting.
- 3) Don't leave bags lying around - but it's fun to see the bomb disposal unit at work.
- 4) Don't go into the West Bank or Gaza - But seeing the Intifada first hand can be educating.
- 5) Don't go through the Arab Shuk - But there are some great bargains there.
- 6) Don't sleep in - there is so much to see and do.

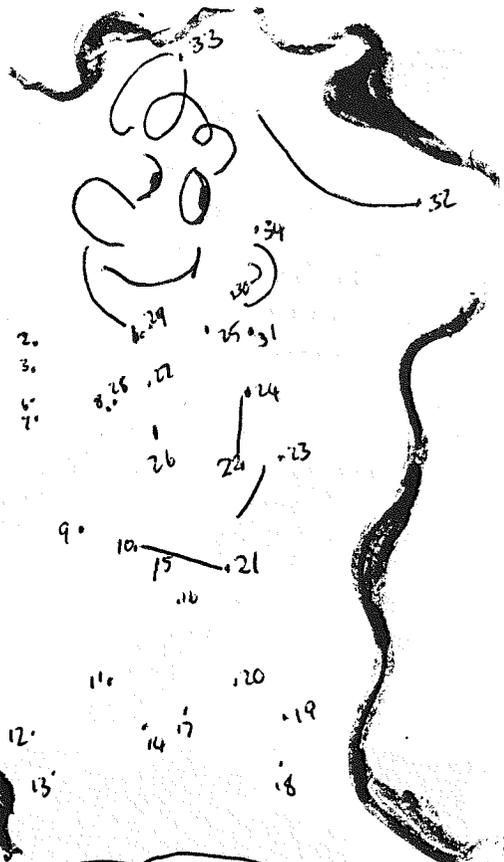
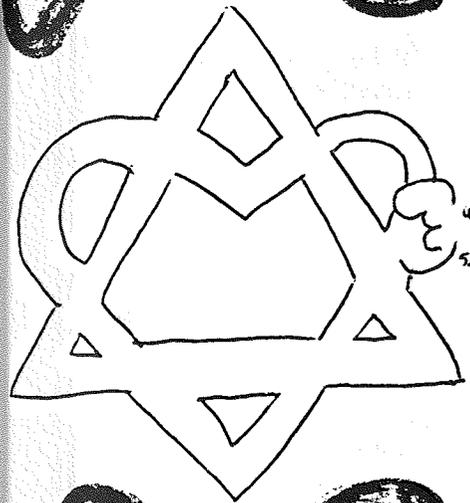
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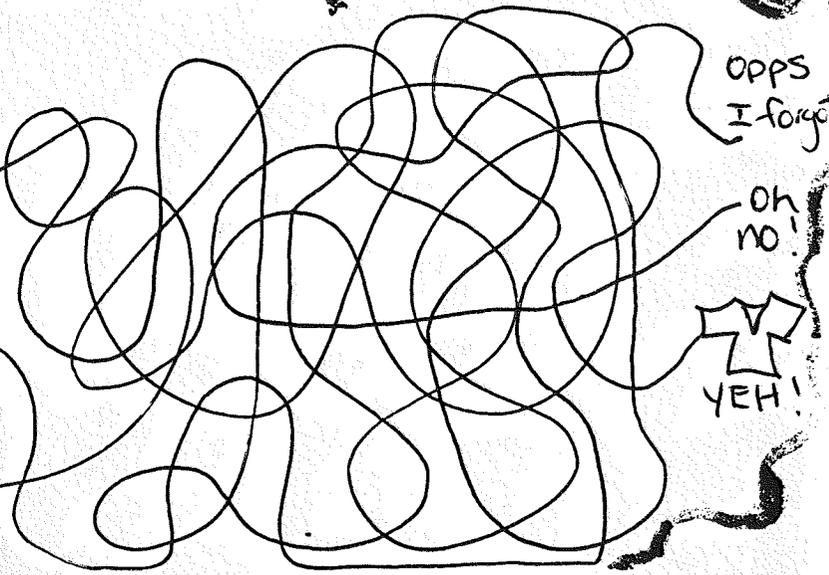
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FROM 5 TILL 4 BY 1

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With the left over letters
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Find who has brought their Habo shirt

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- Adi
- Meir



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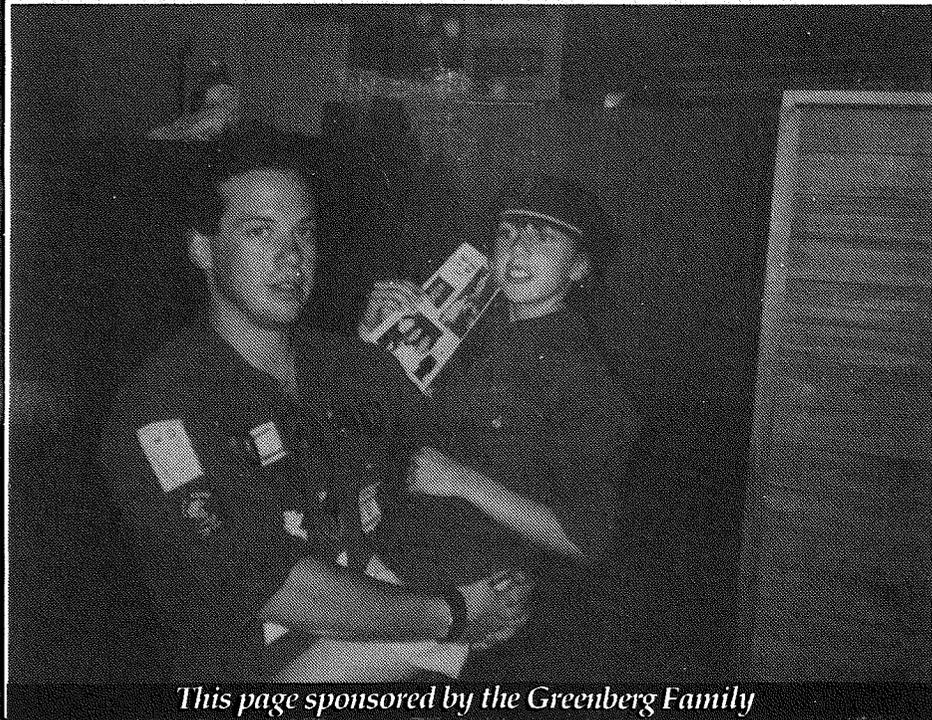


UPDATE ON MARCUS

When Marcus left us, 3 days after graduating at the end of last year, no one was quite sure what to do for a while. Although his Aliyah adventures had inspired us all, his presence was conspicuously absent from meetings and camps. In the Moadon his farewell message stayed on the board for six months! Gradually we accepted his absence, the Chanichim rubbed his name off the board and we continued as usual.

However, Marcus has had an eventful year and although making Aliyah alone is not easy, he has taken on the challenge and is determined to make it work. Marcus has spent a considerable amount of time attending Upanim on Kibbutz and in Jerusalem and has plans to find work and complete Ma'arva. Experiencing the change of Government, and being part of the absorption process with Russian and Ethiopian Olim, have left a great impression on Marcus and we all thank him for maintaining the Keshet and we promise to write soon.

S. Cafer



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The Ultimate Life Experience

Recently, two young adults took one more step to fulfilling their dream of sharing their skills and ideals with Israel.

Adi Gordon and Adam Levin reached the pinnacle of 5 years of hard work, planning and agonising, and left for the popular Australian Kibbutz Kadarim - north of the Galilee.

Both Adi and Adam are past Madrichim for Habonim Dror, having spent an eventful year at the Machon L'Madrechit Kiryat Moriah. This followed with 4 years hard work, love, dedication, fun and friendships with hundreds of Jewish youth spanning Australia/ New Zealand and South Africa.

Adam became Mazkir of W.A. and eventually of Australia and was influential in encouraging the movement to hold a federal camp in Western Australia.

Both have completed their professional education and although assured of excellent career paths, the call of Jerusalem was still strong in their hearts, the desire to give of themselves to Israel and ensure their part in its growth and continuity, won over.

Their conviction is such that they want to live unquestioned as Jews, bring up their future children in a Jewish society and rather than just send financial support - give of their many and varied skills.

Kadarim is basically a young Kibbutz, manufacturing - based as opposed to agricultural - and the opportunity for growth and development is great. One Perth Madrich who has already made his home there is David Samuel, and to all reports is enjoying his responsibilities. We can only be proud of this generation of youth and we wish Adi & Adam L'Hitraot - Shalom Chaverim.

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A Parent's Perspective

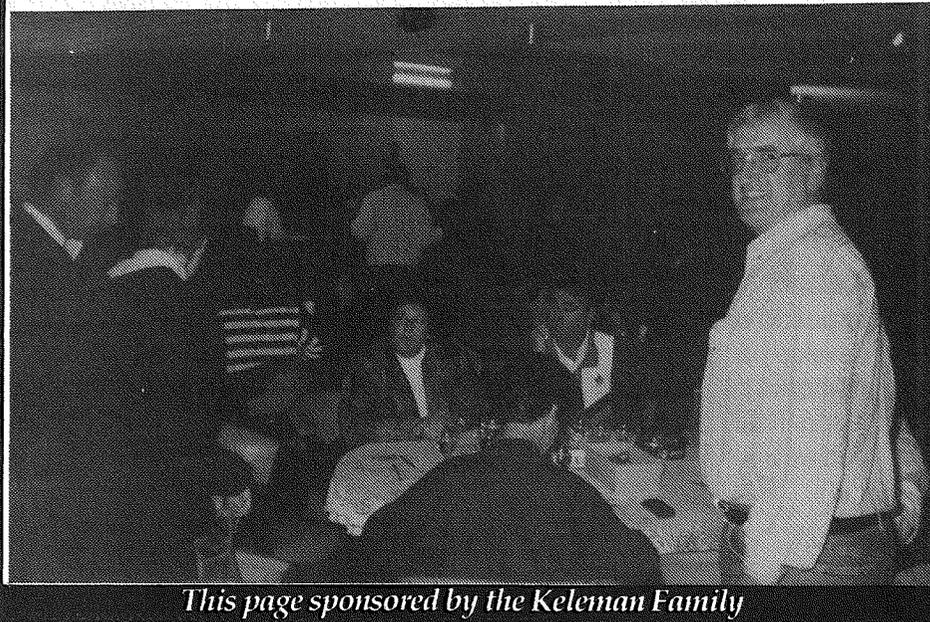
What has Habonim meant to me, to us as parents of an ardent Habonimnik? Habonim has certainly had an all pervasive and at times intrusive influence over our lives. It is a curious dichotomy and not always as evenly weighted as a parent would hope for. There are the obvious attributes one sees emerging: Strong leadership qualities; a staunch belief and commitment to the tenets of Zionism; practice of principles, culminating in 12 months in Eretz Israel and a life long commitment love and dedication to our land; respect and awareness of society and our fellow beings. Does this sound too good to be true? Then consider the downside, or the least pleasant aspects! Late nights, eternal meetings, high phonebills, lack of family time together, no petrol in the car, etc.....

And yet, underpinning this is the thought that these kids are the hope for the future of our Jewish community. They are good and decent young people, whose idealism whilst not new, is refreshing and should be respected. Who amongst us would want to crush this idealism, suppress these dreams? Not me certainly! I'll still be irked at times, whilst continuing to pay the phonebills, fill the car, spend late nights waiting to hear the car coming up the driveway and helping key in last minute articles for the Maccabean.

Sh'koach,

May they go from, strength to strength

Gwen Carver



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Zionism, Socialism, Judaism.....

When I joined the Habonim Family little under a year ago I had no idea that these words would become such a great part of my life, but they did and I'm going to tell you why.

The first thing I recall was sitting in front of a panel of strange people (The Mazkirut). After a short initiation I was accepted, and to coin a phrase I have never looked back. Coming from a religious family it did not seem like the ordinary thing for me to do, join a "Non-religious" group. Infact now that I look back I'm not quite sure what possessed me to do it. What I am sure of is this, that Habonim has for me been the best year of my life, and I say this in all honesty. I cannot say I didn't have my reservations, but with a little bit of hard work and encouragement I helped make Habonim camps and meetings a Kosher event and without any intrusion on my behalf programmes and functions all had a very sound Jewish base.

What makes Habonim so great I hear you ask. No matter what you look like, what you believe, how you dress, the way you talk, you will always be welcome in Habonim. It took me several years to find a place where I could feel comfortable with who I was and who I wanted to be and Habonim was that place. But this would not be so, if it were not for the friendly atmosphere created at all meetings, functions and camps. It is occasions like last camp when we were sitting in cave with Kabbalat candles burning and voices singing their praise of the Shabbat that make me very proud to be Jewish in Habonim.

If you have any doubts about the value in sending your children to Habonim for a sound Jewish education, then I hope this article has helped you change your mind. To my friends, who have always been so accepting, I cannot express how much it meant to feel accepted, to feel like I had a place in the Jewish Community. And to Chagit whose first words were "We are so excited to have someone religious in our movement," I cannot thank you enough for your support over the past year.

It was not easy for me to join Habonim, and I am still learning to combine my commitments to Torah and Socialism. But when I go to sleep at night, after reciting the Sh'ma the following words come to mind.

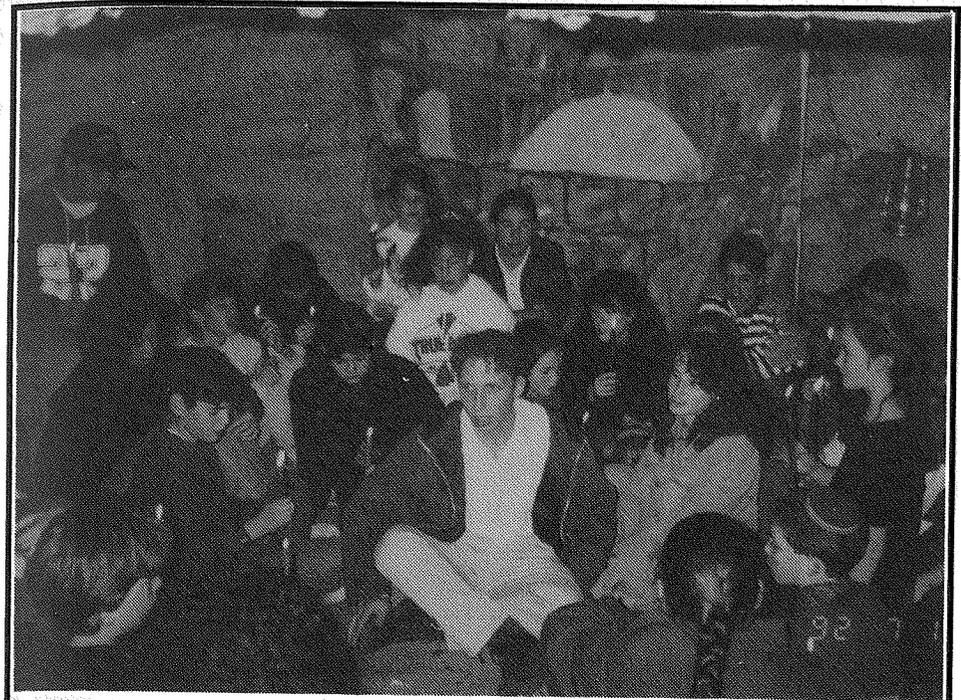
Techezaknah Y'dei Kol Acheinu Hamchon'nim.....

O Strengthen the hands of our brothers and sisters
Who though scattered far and wide
Cherish the soil of our homeland
Let not our spirits fall
But with joy and song
Come shoulder to shoulder to the aid of our people.

Shalom

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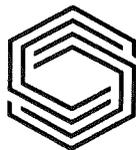
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