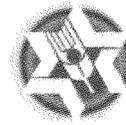


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Editorial



Well, it looks like its time again, time to try and sum up a whole year of Habo into one small Iton. When I took on this job I thought it would be easy, all you have to do is summarise the year, how hard can it be! Boy was I wrong!

Making an iton isn't as easy as getting photos and write ups and throwing them together. It is tracing back through a year of Habo and trying to put to words the ruach, laughter, learning, adventures and everything else that is Habo. How is that possible? Habo is so much more than meets the eye. Making this Iton gave me a chance to take and step back and reflect on an incredible year.

This year I returned from Israel after a year away and was blown away as to exactly what Habo really is. What I aimed to do in this year's Iton is shed some light onto what Habo actually is. To show the wider community the multitude of things that Habo really is. At the same time hopefully this iton is a wonderful souvenir for all of you who were part of what made Habo so amazing in 2007.

Happy reading!
Alana Bernstein
Editor



Federal Mazkira Report

Habonim Dror Australia has experienced a highly exciting and eventful year all round with successes in weekly meetings and camps, the development of a more challenging and exhilarating Shnat program, the involvement of two wonderful and hard-working shlichot and the continued attendance of your enthusiastic children.

The Shnat process started with 34 Barak chanichim set-off on their journey to Israel. Shnat Hachshara has thus far been an enlightening and fun-filled experience for all involved. Together with a small group of New Zealanders and South Africans, our shnatties have embraced an intensive educational and experiential adventure, focussing in depth on Hebrew, Jewish and Israeli History, Politics and society as well as analysis of Zionism, Socialism and the role of Habonim Dror in the contemporary world. In 4 months our soon-to-return shnatties will begin their involvement in the Australian movement as fully-fledged madrichim whilst we simultaneously send off another group of 30 chanichim to continue the Habonim Dror cycle.

Habonim Dror is located in four centres around Australia – Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. Each ken is unique in its own right providing the respective Jewish communities with a means to educate, empower and impassion the youth. It is our vision to ensure each ken has the manpower and financial ability to continue to do so through weekly-meetings, tri-annual camps, chaggim events and various other activities. We have endeavoured to ensure this is the case for 2007 and beyond by introducing a federal fundraising program. This issue is particularly prevalent in Adelaide, where Habo is the only avenue of Jewish education for high school students, yet there are no madrichim to run the movement. A major aim this year has been to send over a group of madrichim to assist in sustaining the Adelaide Jewish community and Habo community in dire need of support.

Despite a few hiccups along the way, Habonim Dror is persevering. We are a strong and dynamic movement, with a thirst to educate, be educated and better our respective communities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the years. We would struggle to endure without the constant flow of passionate chanichim and parental involvement.

Looking forward to continued involvement with you and your children,
Aleh V'Hagshem,

Nomi Blum
Federal Mazkira 2007

Mazkira Report

Perth Habo!

With the biggest group of madrichim Perth Habo has ever seen, 2007 was destined for spectacular things. The first semester began with a bang, with camp reunions, integration seminar and a massive Habo Purim Carnival which fund-raised over \$3000.

Alongside weekly meetings, Perth Habo has run many excursions and sleepovers, which have had fantastic turnouts (80 senior chanichim came to the senior sleepover) and muchos fun was had by all. To our juniors, our wonderful 'habo hardcores', thank you all for bringing so much ruach and energy. Thank you to our seniors who have flocked in numbers this year and have given the movement so much strength and power.

Habo has always been heavily involved in Carmel school, and this year we have only seen those connections strengthen, thanks to Gabe and all the madrichim who have canvassed and participated in school programs. We have been involved in running Jewish and Hebrew camps, programs for Chaggim, leadership training and the Rabin commemoration, tkasim for Yom Hazikaron, Yom Hashoah and Yom Haatzmaut, and making presentations at school assemblies.

Winter camp! Machane Meuleh, was as usual the biggest highlight of the year. Asher and Liron worked very hard to put together a camp of in total of about 120 chanichim. Highlights of camp were welcoming Melbournian visitors Nomi and Alon and newcomer Densham, having Anne and Shoshi cooking hot-Anne-soup in the Mitbach, quality chanichim, unbelievable ruach (especially on Shabbat) and the Teva tzevet's skit night song. Well done to Asher, Liron and all the madrichim for their tireless efforts in creating such a memorable camp!

Tarbut has been amazing this year- starting off with Purim, inter-movement Pesach programs, the all new and hugely successful Mimunah, a Yom Hazikaron tekes, Rosh Hashana dinner for seniors, and a Succot picnic! Alana and Danni have done a fantastic job as Roshei Tarbut and set a really high standard for Tarbut in the years to come, kol hakavod! Other highlights of the year include Had Sem, Zohar's program run for the Hanhallah regarding local issues

and social action and the Habo fundraiser movie night "A Mighty Heart".



Unfortunately, in July we said goodbye to Hanan, arguably the best

Shaliach ever. It was a huge loss to see the Steinfelds return home, but we're coping and looking forward to the arrival of our next Shaliach. We wish you luck settling back into Israel Hanan!

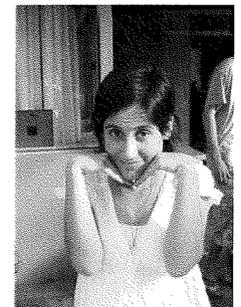
A few big (and I mean really big) thankyou's: To Hanan and the Steinfelds, who have been so helpful and supportive throughout their shlichut over the last 3 years. To our P&F for their fundraising and constant support. To all of you Habo chanichim out there, who have come and made such an impression on Habo. And the biggest thank you of all, to the 30 madrichim (Nikki, Stan, Ashley, Jess, Jordan, Liron, Buto, Lara, Densham, Shayna, Gabe, Jenny, Danni, Dani, Dani [not a typo], Spanky, Judah, Kim, Kane, Nidorf, Lori, Anna, Alana, Ryan, Mica, Tim, Asher, Ben and Lisa) who dedicate so much to making Habo a special place for our chanichim, ourselves and the community. You should all give yourselves a good pat on the back.

There are still so many things to look forward to for the rest of 2007; Machane Tzion (summer camp) being roshed by Elene, Fed Camp, welcoming home our favourite and only shnattie Bec Nidorf, and putting our 6 Maayan shnatties on the plane (well technically that will be next year, but you catch my drift).

With what we have achieved this year and with the direction that Perth Habo is moving in, I have no doubt that next year will continue to be a success and to quote the Mazkirah from 2006, Anna Levitt, "I can only hope that as many people as possible jump on the habo train, and share this wonderful ride".

Aleh V'Hagshem

Michal Levitt
Mazkirah
Habonim Dror Perth



Rosh Chinuch Report

Hey everyone,

This has been an awesome year as Rosh Chinuch (head of education). It has been great to work as a part of the mazkirut and part of the hanhallah and help bring new things to Habo Perth.



The year has been a big one and we started it off with a crazy Integration seminar to plan the year, with our 22 bogrim, down south in woop woop somewhere. Then it was straight into the year with our Purim Carnival for the community, the Pesach program with Bnei, the tikkun leil for Shavuot, a Cultural Shabbat, a senior program and tekes for Yom Hazikaron, the Rosh Hashana dinner, Sukkot in the park, weekly chinuch specializations for the hanhallah, the Rabin Tekes and of course Winter Camp.

Thanks to the federal va'ad chinuch, this year we had 'Missing in Action' programs about MIA soldiers, which were run on junior and senior camps all around Australia and were highly successful.

And for the first time in Perth habo (well, that we can remember), we had an Ideology Seminar for bogrim. This was a time to re-evaluate what Habo is, where we are going and a time to educate ourselves about Judaism, Zionism, social issues around the world and of course have a bit of fun.

All up, this year has been great, and I can't believe we managed to do it all and more! Thanks so much to all the bogrim and madatzim, it has been so much fun in this years hanhallah and we have done so much!

Thanks
Liron



The Bernstein family want to congratulate Habo for all its amazing work

Meta'em Report

My tafkid in Habo this year was that of Metaem. My main role has been to liaise with Carmel School and to help foster a mutually beneficial relationship. I am happy to say that at the moment Habonim Dror Perth has the best relationship that it has had with the school in as long as I have been a member of the movement.

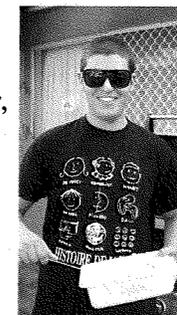


We have worked together on a number of very successful events so far this year including Hebrew camps, tkasim for Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Yom HaZikaron, Lag Ba'Omer peula for year 9s, Jewish Studies Zionist seminars and the Year 11 leadership conference. These were all extremely successful thanks to an abundance of willing, highly motivated, creative madrichim and positive channels for communication between the school and Habo.

Those involved with both Habo and Carmel School often underestimate the importance of a positive relationship. For us the benefits are many. The centrality of Carmel in the Perth Jewish Community means that it often acts as a medium for community involvement. This means that a good relationship with Carmel often translates into a good cohesive relationship with other external community groups.

The majority of our chanichim are enrolled at the school. The closer we are able to work with Carmel the easier it is for us to go in and speak to them and other potential chanichim at lunchtime and after school. The more the school recognises the vital role that we play in the lives of their students, the happier they are to see blue chultzot on Carmel soil.

This year has been hard work but I am happy to say that all the meetings, schmoozing and ab-with most things, rewarding. Looking back I can say that 2007 was the first more productive future for Habonim Dror Perth and Carmel School.



Aleh V'hagshem

Gabe Freund

Gizbarit

Hi everyone,

This year I have been in charge of the financial side of Habo. It has been a great challenge for me to learn all the skills that go along with this job and so for anyone that has helped me along the way I am very grateful.

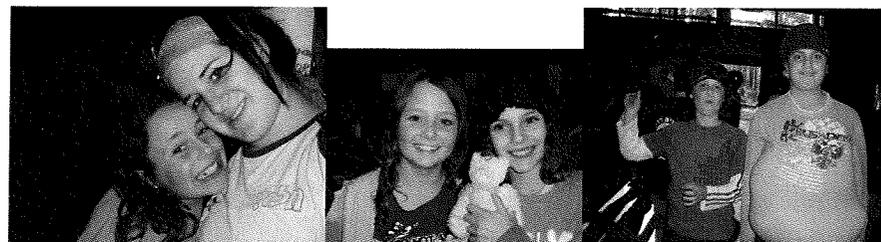


One aspect of my job has been to collect funds for our youth movement. As you all may be aware, Habo is a non-profit organisation and runs on a volunteer basis, so there are a lot of expenses, and not as many sources of income. Through my position I have witnessed a valuable aspect of the Perth Jewish community as the support we have received both expressively and financially has been very rewarding for us as volunteer leaders. We donate our time and energy into Habo as it is something that we feel strongly benefits the community and is something that we connect with ourselves. There are a number of people who have donated money this year, and in past years, we need your support to ensure that this is possible, and I would like to thank you for helping us to continue what we are doing.

Thank you,
Nicole Rudaizky
Gizbarit (Treasurer)

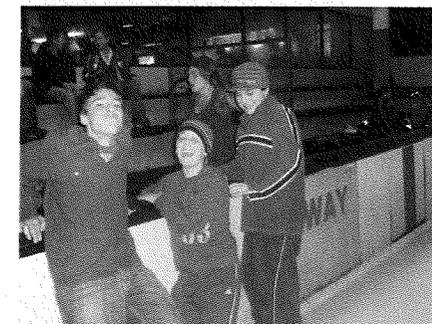
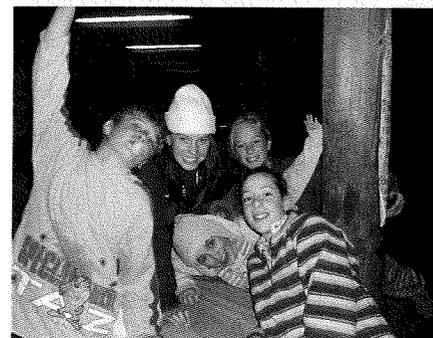
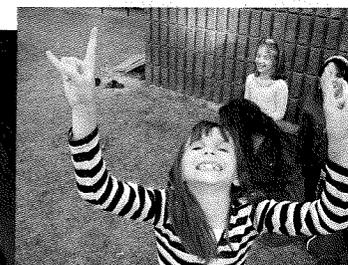
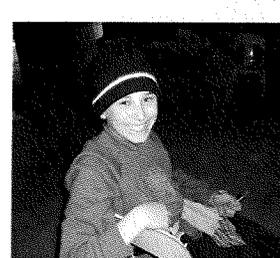
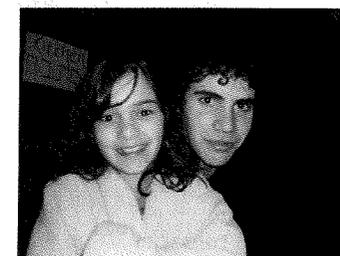


The Rudaizky family wants to congratulate Habo



JUNIOR

MOVEMENT



A word about Hanan

In 1987, the year I was born, Hanan Steinfeld, came to Australia to meet with various shlichim to see what this position entailed. At the time more shlichim were needed in Australia, and although Hanan didn't even know this role existed, he came to see what it was all about. Perth was not really a part of the plan and the shlichim of Melbourne and Sydney at that time told him not to worry about Perth. He was told 'its small and no-one actually goes there'. They only wanted shlichim for Melbourne, Sydney and New Zealand (NZ! What were they thinking?).

Hanan returned home and declared (its how I imagine it) to his wife Shoshi, that one day they will be shlichim. And from then on, it was always in the back of his mind.

Hanan's first taste of Perth was meeting Judah, Laitt and Anna, who were on shnat at the time ('04). Melbourne people were cracking jokes and snide remarks so he was secretly thankful he was not going there... and let's face it, he was not wrong! Hanan came to Perth in 2004. It was Perth and not another city in Australia, purely because of timing.

When he arrived in Perth, there was a huge (by Perth standards) delegation at the airport of blue and white chultzot and he was surprised to see what a nice house they would be living in. He was shown his office in the Jewish Centre for the first time and he then thought he would like to walk home, but at first attempt he got lost and had to call Shoshi. J

Even though Hanan was officially meant to be a community shaliach, he wanted habo to be a core element of his shlichoot. He told me secretly, that he liked the habo part the best and it was the most satisfying (although he didn't really like winter camps; cold and long) (and he was adamant that he wasn't just saying that because this was for the habo iton joke) His work with the various mazkiriut he found interesting. He chose to work mainly with the mazkirut as this would then affect the hanhallah, and then the chanichim and the community.

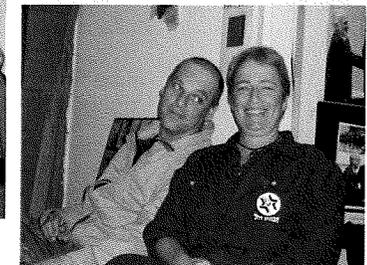
Now for the really good stuff: Hanans thoughts on Perth Habo: Unlike

Israeli youth movements, we don't focus on scout activities (ie fires, bush bogs, camping in tents, which I don't hear anyone complaining about), all our activities are chinuch based. Habo camps are amazing, if you forget about the English and the Aussie accent, it's exactly like Israel. The music, the dancing, the programs, the atmosphere.....Singing Hatikvah, in a forest somewhere in Western Australia is a very moving experience. He was also amazed by the way we organise fed camp, with just the bogrim and no outside help. The flights, the chinuch, the food etc etc, this proved to him how mature and responsible habo madrichim can be.

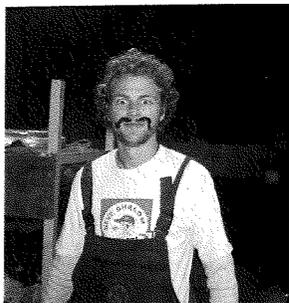
Hanan also mentioned that habo was the best experience for Yuval and Nitzan, his two girls. He said this was the very best part of his shlichoot. In Israel he continually tried to get them to go to a youth movement, with no success. So he had to travel to the other side of the world for them to finally go to a movement and they loved it! (Don't we feel awesome!!)

Hanan left us with these exact parting words; 'Perth habo should give a pat on their shoulder, you are doing well. Many people appreciate your work; it's important for the community and for yourself.'

We miss you Hanan!!!!



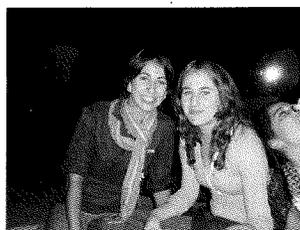
The Levitt family wish Habo all the best for the future



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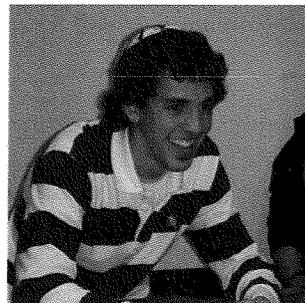


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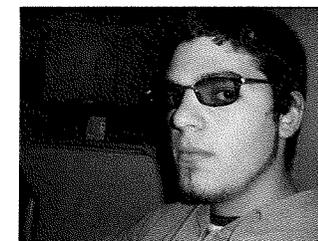
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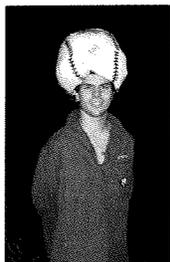
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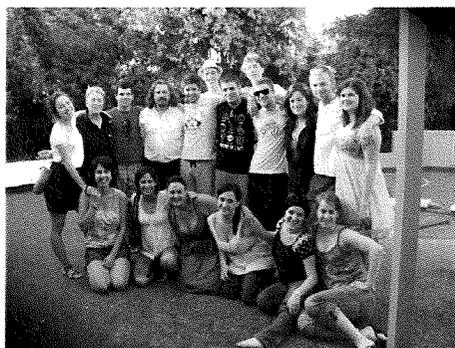
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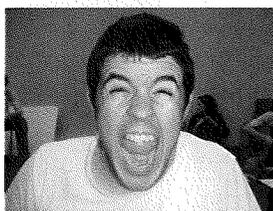
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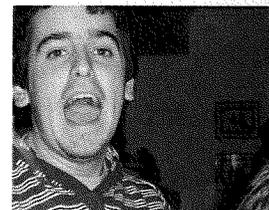
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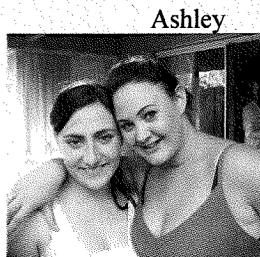


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Michal



Ashley

Nicki

Anna



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Lara



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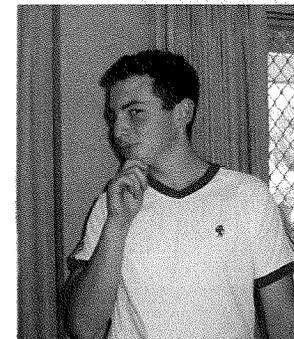
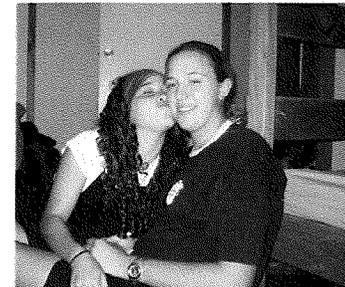
MADATAZIM

Smashing Ice Motion

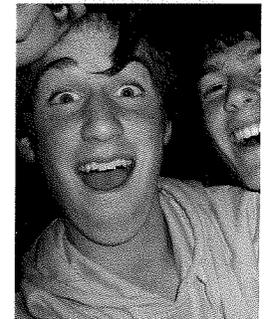
Now that the ice is broken, let's get down to business, to defeat the Hun, write the Madatzim contribution to the 2007 Iton. Due of the new Labor Government, interest rates have gone way too high and the song we originally wrote became to expensive to put in the Iton...so we decided just to write the following instead.

In Late 2006, 16 enthusiastic, energetic, go getters set off for a seminar that would change their life, what were kids would soon become adults, those lucky few left..... and we remained in Perth to embark on a journey that would surely alter the way we think, live, eat and breath. Our Hadracha leaders; Atlas, Butow and the ever faithful Nicki, have been with us every step o the journey, dragging us though the mud (sometimes having pushed us into it) but have been there never the less. Thrown into the lions den of camp, we quickly gained our balance... but lost it falling asleep during shmira. Who could predict what the future would hold for us nine Madatzim, dreams of passionate programs, perhaps even changing the world that was, until we met our kids. After testing the waters for six months by dedicating our Wednesdays and Sundays every week to educating and entertaining the future of the Perth Jewish community, running Purim carnivals, keeping watch at sleepovers, winter camp finally arrived with a bang. At last a time to prove our acquired skills, culminating with what could be the best skit night the world has ever seen. After surviving the plague, bumps, bruises and Ashley's cooking amongst other things, we all came out alive and with a refreshed hunger for Habo. Our second semester brought with it, its own set of trials and tribulations, balancing school and Habo but finding the deepest reward when kids came to meetings. Overall it's been an inspiring year, with many ups and down, but today we say a bittersweet goodbye. Knowing that we end this contribution to a worthwhile cause, but leaving with the thought that we move on to allow room for others to do the very same.

-- your pals, the madatzim of 2007



KANE
KJM
JESS
LORI
TIM
JORDAN
RYAN
BEN
SHAYNA



Cultural timeline of the year!

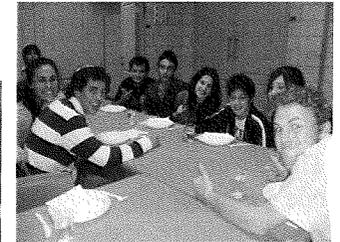
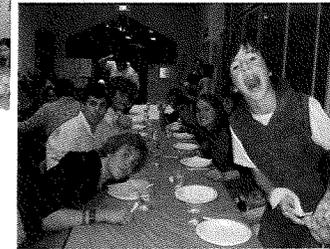
PURIM

Purim was the first official cultural event that Habo held for the year, and boy did it start the year with a bang! We could not have asked for a better day. There were games, prizes, entertainment, costumes, face painting, a bright shining sun, and happy families all round! Hope you all enjoyed it and are already counting down the days till next year's carnival!



ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah saw Habo invading Noranda shule and having a cultural evening full of discussion, learning and once again good food! Thank you to Noranda shule for letting us in!



PESACH

When Pesach came knocking Habo decided to do something a little different. We embraced a Moroccan tradition and held a Mimona to mark the end of the 8 days. The night was full of amazing food and wonderful company. A special thank you to the Laitt family for the use of their house!



SUKKOT

We decided to spice things up with Sukkot and had a joint function with Netzer and Bnei. What a wonderful day it ended up being. Hopefully it'll be a tradition to continue for many years to come!



Jonathan Butow wants to show his appreciation for Habo's contribution to the Jewish community

Winter Camp

Machaneh Meuleh certainly lived up to its name; it was an "awesome" camp!!

Getting over 65 juniors and over 45 seniors it was one of the biggest camps we've ever had in Perth. We managed to survive in Nanga's harsh climate of freezing cold nights and rainy days with nothing but wooden cabins and our wits. With topics like Jewish history, world issues, discrimination and many more, there was never a dull moment on camp. Army programs on the low ropes course, manoeuvres, bracelet making, uprisings, games shows, it seems impossible for so much to have happened in such a short time.

There were some new faces, like Anne Levit in the kitchen delighting everyone with her "hot-Anne-soup", and there were some old faces like Pinni (Paul Sander) and JT (Jonathan Toby) who were our medics as well as Shmoo (Samuel Bernie) in the kitchen. It was also a sad camp as it was a goodbye to the Steinfeld family, who were on their last Habo camp in Australia. It was great having Shoshi in the kitchen and Channan help out everywhere he could.

So thanks to everyone who came down and make it awesome!

Asher Gunzburg
Rosh Machane



The Laitt family support all of Habo's work.

Summer camp 07!

Around this time we all ask ourselves the big question... what are we going to do with ourselves for 8 weeks of school holidays?! There's a limit to how much playstation and computer games you can play so why not come on ...

MACHANE TZION!!

Machane Tzion is Habo's summer camp for 2007 and it will be amazing!! Five days of fulfilled programs, learning, sports, chilling... and when the kids are off on such an exciting camp, it's even a holiday for the parents!!

This year camp promises to be incredible! The campsite features a beach volleyball court, outdoor stadium, and a massive lake for swimming...truly perfect for a great summer camp! The atmosphere and environment adds to what will surely be the best camp yet!

All the madrichim (leaders) are pumped and excited, so make sure not to miss out on what is gonna be the best summer camp Habonim Dror has ever created!!

Machane Tzion
December 16th- 20th
Camp Logue Brook in Harvey
Years 3-8

For more information or if you have any questions please call
Rosh Machane Elene Binder on
0421 996 812

Hope to see you all on camp,
Elene Binder



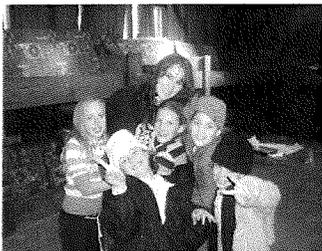
Shorashim

HEY, HEY SHORASHIM WE'RE THE BEST SHICHVAH,
WE HAVE, WE HAVE ALL THE TIKVAH!!

This certainly proved true this year with Shorashim being, not only the quantity, but also the quality of the junior movement, with chick habo in full force!!

Although there have been many changes in the madrichim tzevet, we were guaranteed that our awesome chanichim were consistently there, rain, hail or shine, ready have good times and learn about habo and the world, on our super fun picnics and group bonding adventures. We even learnt to walk like Egyptians and what it would be like if we lived on a kibbutz.

These programs were just a preview to the supercalifradgilisticexpi-alidocious fun that was to be had on winter camp. With the camp theme being identity, we learnt a lot about different identities around the world, superheroes, and potatoes and how important it is to coexist.



In the up coming months, we look forward to more AMAZING times with our precious chanichim!!

Aleh Ve'hagshem,
Love from all your favourite madrichim,

Mica, Dani, Butow, Spanky, Jess, Tim, Shayna and Ryan.

Amelim

Kane, Ben , Kimmy, Asher ,Lisa and Lara.. The Super Amelim Tzevet of 2007

It has been a challenging year for Amelim in 2007, but that didn't dampen the Amelim Tzevets spirits with their firm belief in Quality versus quantity.

The energy , enthusiasm and active attitudes from our regular girl group had our hands full from week to week with the girls favourite games being played such as British Bulldogs, Red rover , Bang and WAH.

Weekly meetings consisted of Kef, Kef and more Kef with first semester running programmes that were linked to the cycle of life, Israeli and Palestinian topics as well as a lot of Beyachad programmes with the Shorashim and Chotrim chanichim.

Winter camp welcomed Elene and Densham to the Tzevet with our topic being centred around the power of the youth and we sure were impressed by Amelim's proactive attitudes in making a difference in the world. They learnt about other Jewish youth movements in Australia, participated in the Youth Olympics and bonded over Hot chocolate and fairy bread in their Café Dilemma programme.

With second semester underway we became world cup soccer players in the park during succot and the week after became olympic rock climbers and so much more! WOW! Counting the days till summer camp is Amelim 2007 is QUALITY AND QAUNTITY

Cant wait to see you there
Love your madrchim
Kane, Benji, Lara, Asher, Kimmy, Lisa



The Levitt family want to congratulate Habo for an amazing year

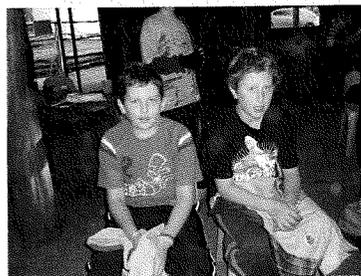
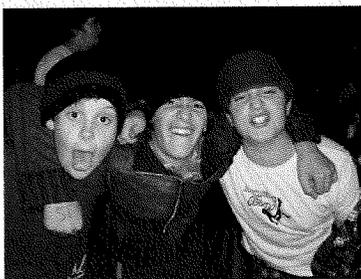
Chotrim

Leading Chotrim this year has been a non-stop roller coaster of fun and excitement. We had a group of 6 or 7 incredibly dedicated chanichim who never let Bat-Mitzvahs, year 7 get-togethers or even global warming get in the way of coming to Sunday programs.

We focussed a lot this year on the importance of respect; for other groups in society, different cultures, the environment and between genders. The tsvet this year was lead for the first 6 months by myself, Liron, Nidorf and our three fantastic madatzim: Tim, Lori and Jordan. For the second semester Hotzi and Ryan replaced Liron and Tim respectively. It is safe to say that this year could not have been a success without all the amazing madatzim who never failed to impress with enviable hadracha skills and prove their devotion by planning and running programs week-in, week-out.

To the seven boys who reminded me why I am in Habo, thank you. This movement is what it is today because of you.

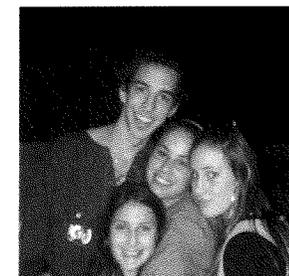
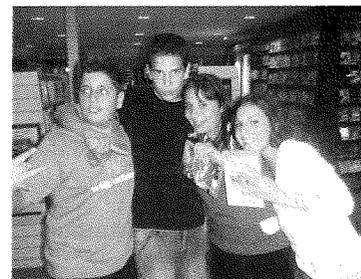
Love your mads from the whole year!
Gabe, Liron, Nidorf, Tim, Lori, Jordan, Hotzi and Ryan



Teva

HEY HEY TEVA!

What an exciting year Teva has had. After being thrown right into the senior movement at the beginning of this year proved to be no easy task. We had to overcome the fact that they were all taller, bigger and hairier than us, but we prevailed. The first half of the year was great fun, with some programs on Israel and current events like the conflict in Darfur. Then camp came. 5 days of nothing but some good old habo fun in Nanga. With around 15 kids we had an awesome time that will not be forgotten. And then back to meetings. There was a drop of numbers for a while, but it just meant that those that came to the meeting had even more fun.



The most important thing that Teva has learnt this year is the idea of sharing and communal money (kuppah). We learnt this through getting our almost weekly snack of hot chips.

Junior camp is coming up, but we're not upset that we're missing out on fed camp; it just means that we're the oldest and coolest on junior camp!

It's been a great year and we can't wait until camp and then to be a fully fledged senior next year.

All our love

The Teva Crew : Asher Gunzberg, Eleen, Nicki, Jenny

Zohar

The Oxford dictionary defines Zohar as:

An awesome group of kids with endless amounts of ruach.

An environment where it is impossible not to laugh

A Peruvian tree frog that captures its prey by attracting it through special glow in the dark glands.

As your madrichim we understand how the first two definitions were created.

We have had the most amazing time leading you guys this year and we wish it could have lasted longer. The memories are endless and will be cherished forever.

Thankyou to those who showed up to pretty much every meeting (girls), and thanks to those who got our hopes up by saying they were coming and than enlightening us with amazing, extremely coincidental excuses as to why they weren't there (boys). However when you did show up you really had an impact on the program.

As Optimus Prime (or artimus to some) said "you are more than meets than eye." We can not wait to lead you guys on FED camp and we know you will bring the ruach and the coach and humour.

In conclusion we would like to explain how we have had a reality check – Kanye West isn't the best we're afraid to say – Zohar is the best!!!! Love your talented, good looking, humorous, entertaining, intelligent, totally awesome madrichim.

PS – we are looking forward to next year when you guys rock up to Habo and say, "last year was so awesome."



The Schneider family wishes Habo all the best for the future

Nitzan

Nitzan's 07 has been a crazy, empowering, and very Swedish experience with plenty of massive highlights along the way! We started the year with around 10 awesome Year 10's who weren't 'waiting on the world to change'. After the ghetto uprising, the tribe of Ach traveled to the land of Ru, and then made everyone's dreams come true in 2 hours! First semester wasn't without seriousness though, we talked about the Second Lebanon War, Israeli history and Yom Hazikaron, about media bias and complacency, the role of the youth movements in the Holocaust and then got stuck into some Habo ideology (at your very inspirational request).

It wasn't long before we were passing the parcel into Winter Camp '07 with our guest star Alon from Melbourne. Nitzan was small in numbers but tight as ever, enjoying breakfast on the deck, a memorable night of dares, seeing Habo in its world-wide context and getting some Israeli culture into us. After talking about world problems and leadership we were inspired all the way into Hadracha.

Second semester has been a real turning point. Delving into religion and then starting the Hadracha course, Nitzan has grown in more than just numbers! We are right on top of writing programs, down with Habo's structure and after an awesome Hadracha Seminar we are ready for anything that lies ahead.

Nitzan: We have no doubt that you will continue to inspire all those around you as Madatzim and beyond. We can't wait to lead with you on Summer camp and next year, and to see you all on Fed '08!

Thanks for an amazing year,

Danni and Densham



Shachar

Shachar!! Definitely the most amazing shichva known to Habo!

This year Shachar proved to the world that they can take on anyone and anything. From cultural Judaism, to Israeli society, we tackled it all. We learnt about the dynamics of the Knesset in Israel and the problems minority groups face within society. All that learning mixed with quite a substantial amount of kef formed the perfect ingredients for an amazing year.

Year 11 is often a difficult level for a group because of the extra commitment that some chanachim take on with being madatzim in the junior movement. We were a little worried at the start of the year, as the year 11 madrachim are every year, that it would be too much for them and they would struggle to maintain enthusiasm. But, not surprisingly, Shachar came through with flying colours. Not only did they jump over this hurdle, they also managed to form a united group with all those who weren't madatzim.

This year Shachar learnt the value of respect and working together. Winter Camp was a big stepping stone in the process of understanding what it means to be in a group. Second semester saw this process continue and friendships flourish!

Thanks Shachar for making this year so fulfilling!
Lots of love,
Larni, Gabe and Liron



Mayan

To everyone that wishes they were

in ma'ayan
finished school
going on shnat next year!!

Leading year 12's is always a privilege AND a challenge. As our five lovelies ventured into a year of big decisions, stress and T.E.E we managed to see each other when we could, and do our token habo shnat prep (including an exciting shnat seminar in July)!
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AZZI

It's really exciting sending off 5 quality chanichim who are going to come back and be 5 even more quality Madrichim. So to the 5 of you, have the most phenomenal time in the holy land representing this wonderful movement of ours – and to those of you reading this, hopefully you will be as lucky to be going away on shnat some time soon!

It's been an honour,



ANNA & JUDAH
XXX

Shnat Report

Shalom all!

Just last night all of us shnatties were sitting down in our house in Karmiel eating dinner, when during the usual dinner discussions of who ate all of the bread this time, who will be cleaning the bathroom next, when will our fridge be fixed, and then, suddenly, the statement arose that we now have exactly five weeks of Shnat left.

This statement really struck me hard, and I started to think just how quickly my year had gone by. I began to ask myself questions such as; what do i want to do when I get back to Perth in terms of Habo?, What was the best part of my year?, Had I got out of Shnat what I wanted to? and more importantly, where exactly had my year gone? To me, it seems that it was only yesterday that i just got off the plane with the rest of my Shnat group, scared, yet eager to gain an incredible experience in Israel. And looking back on my year, I feel that that is exactly what I got.

For me, I started the year with Machon. I can still remember walking into the building thinking "Why am I here? I dont know anyone, and I miss home." But now, looking back, I can now easily say that Machon has given me some of my best memories as well as friends. I remember staying up so late during those nights on Machon, despite an early morning class the next day, to watch movies, chat about how oily dinner had been, wake up everyone who was sleeping by attempting Israeli dancing and playing card games in the hallways, playing soccer against the South Americans despite losing every time, as well as holding massive Risk tournaments until the first class had started the next day. I gained so much from this initial stage of the program and I was so upset to see it come to an end.

Kibbutz period was probably the most relaxed part of the year, as we were all constantly relaxing and throwing parties at the over-sized swimming pool, and only working in the mornings (which for me meant landscape and garden duties). It was the only part of the year, in which the whole of Barak (a total of 35 shnatties) was together, which was upset-

ting as it was also the shortest part of the year.

At the moment, I am in the final stage of Shnat, which is Kaveret. I'm currently living in Karmiel (a small town in the North of Israel) in a house with 18 other people from Australia. During the days I have Messima, (work) in Tamra, which is a small arab village between Haifa and Akko. i teach in both the junior school, the high school, as well as Hanoar Haoved (Habonim Drors' Israeli sister movement) ken, and also do private tutoring in Salamai, another small Arab town. I am enjoying my Messima so much and am gaining so much understanding and inspiration from it. Kaveret is definatley the most intense and most independant phase of them all. I have definatley gained so much understanding in terms of life, and it has definatley been an invaluble experience for me.

Although its sad for me to think about it, at the same time I am also so excited to come back to the movement in Perth and begin leading and changing things at home. I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Aleh Ve'hagsem,
Bec



Parents and Friends

The role of Parents and Friends is one of support – financially, morally and physically and probably in that order as well! I think we can say we fulfilled all our roles successfully this year.

Our major fundraising event is our annual quiz night and this year was extremely successful both financially and socially. With hotel accommodation, passes to the Royal Show, jewellery and a host of other exciting prizes the tension ran high as bids mounted to secure the auctioned bounty! Our wonderful quizmaster, Ken Holzman, as usual kept us on our toes with varied and challenging questions. A great time was had by all. The proceeds also enabled P&F to assist with expenses at Winter Camp.

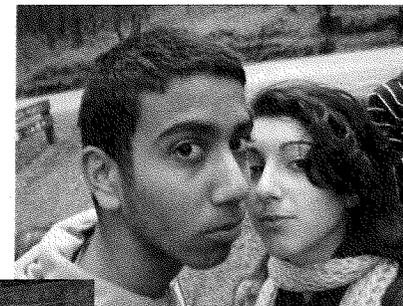
Physically we helped out selling food at the communal Channukah celebrations at the end of last year and Habo's Purim carnival this year. Thanks to our team of dedicated mums who come at all hours to chop up salad and prepare all the food.

Morally we have assisted and advised the bogrim with various issues and work closely with Chanan, our wonderful Shaliach, to resolve dilemmas facing our mazkirut and madrichim. Yishar Koach to Michal Levitt and her team who continue to develop a sense of belonging, as well as strong Jewish and Zionist identities within our youth. The madrichim do this while juggling studying and working and generally hectic lifestyles. Their commitment to our children ensures that we have a great legacy to pass down to future generations of Jewish youth.

It was very sad and traumatic to bid farewell at the end of July to the Steinfeld family who had reached the end of their extended shlichut and returned to Israel. Chanan and Shoshi, we appreciate your inspiration, energy, ideas, hard work and overall commitment to our Community. Todah Raba!

I would like to thank this year's P&F executive and committee for all your interest, input and support, especially the executive – Shirley Bernstein, treasurer and Jeanine Schneider, secretary. We welcome new parents and friends of Habo to join our little "family within a family" – our meetings are informal and fun, while still offering support and assistance to our bogrim to help them continue the fantastic work they do in our Movement.

Shirley Atlas
President Parents and Friends 2007



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I would also like to thank all the Madatzim and Bogrim for their tireless efforts and continuing enthusiasm.



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