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Welcome

Dear friends,

I am so happy to welcome you to the third annual Myisrael Quiz Evening and to see so many new faces among you as well as lots of familiar ones!



As you take your seat, I'm delighted to tell you that this evening has already raised more than $\pounds10,000$ for Myisrael projects and that we're hoping to beat our total of $\pounds22,000$ raised for projects at this event last year.

Myisrael is currently supporting fifteen innovative projects across Israel with another three to be added before the end of the year.

We invest a lot of time in vetting new projects and monitoring those that are already being supported. Through this process we help our projects to increase efficiency, look at new ways to measure success and advise them on budgeting and fundraising strategies. It's part of our mentoring programme and we get a lot of feedback and thanks for this element of the Myisrael offering.

Of course, the funds we raise come from so many different sources and we thank all of you and the wider community who have supported Myisrael projects.

Please be in touch when you are next in Israel and let us show you first hand the profound impact that your generosity has on real people's lives.

Have a great evening,

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Danni Franks Founder of Myisrael



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How do we choose our projects?

This is one of the most frequently asked questions about Myisrael so I'm happy to take you through our process.

As soon as we are contacted by a project looking for support, we ask four basic questions:

- What does your organisation do?
- Who does it help?
- Where is it located?
- What is your annual spend (budget) per year?

The answers to these questions enable us to check that the project is 'small enough' for Myisrael to support, (annual budget of less then £500,000), to check that it is not political and to see that the area of work complements the other projects that we are already supporting.

Then we ask for detailed budget information so that we can understand how they operate, the cost of the programmes and the amount of money that is spent on administration or non-programme expenses. We also scrutinise their income streams to get a better understanding of their fundraising processes and abilities.

This second stage can take a number of weeks. We send a budget template and then there are usually a bunch of questions back and forth until we are satisfied with all the responses.

Finally, we conduct a project visit where we meet the team, see the premises and observe their activities whenever possible.

We talk to the staff at each project and when appropriate, talk to the people who benefit from the work of the organisation.

This visit lets us get a feel for how the organisation is run, to gain a better understanding of the impact of their work and to see if and how Myisrael could offer support.

A recommendation is then made to our board of trustees and, if a project is accepted, we set a fundraising target and add that project to our Website so that people can start donating to that cause directly.



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Our adopted projects

Bet Hayeled: A loving home for at-risk children.

Bet Shean Foodbank: Shabbat food parcels for struggling families.

Crossroads: A safe haven for teenagers in distress

Believe it or not, Crossroads is a life-saving organisation. Just last week, their director, Robbie Sassoon, had to deal with an urgent situation involving a suicidal teenager who threatened to jump off the top of a building. Robbie talked him down and the team at Crossroads are helping him work through his issues. This is an extreme case, but there are hundreds of examples of how having the safe and welcoming environment of the Crossroads Centre has given troubled teenagers the strength to embark on a journey of recovery.

Click: Innovative activity centres for elderly people.

Dental Volunteers for Israel:

Free dental treatment for Jerusalem's poorest children.



Family Nest: Support centre for at-risk women and children When you meet the women at the Family Nest, you realise quickly how important the sense of community, belonging and sharing is to their healing process. When I sat with three of the women who spent two years taking part in the Nest's programmes and were now volunteering with new members, they cried when they spoke of the friendships they had made.

One woman told me 'I was broken when I came to the Nest. I didn't know how to care for myself or my children. I felt totally alone. My husband left me with a ton of debt and no self-esteem. I literally didn't know what to do. The staff and volunteers at the Nest picked me up and slowly showed me a way to move forward. I will be indebted to them for the rest of my life'.



Forgotten People Fund: Vital support for the Ethiopian community of Netanya.

Gan Hayeled: Enrichment and life skills for children with special needs.

Girlfriends IDF: Emotional support for the partners of fallen soldiers.



INTRA: Therapeutic horse riding for adults and children with special needs.

Maslan: Rape crisis centre serving Southern Israel.

Misholim: Art, drama and music therapy for kids with communication disorders.

Musicians of Tomorrow: Orchestra of musically-gifted children in Northern Israel.

Anna Rosnovsky, a retired first violinist from the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra left her Tel Aviv home five years ago to dedicate her life and her talents to teaching

musically gifted children from poor and secluded areas of northern Israel. I once asked Anna if her dream was for each of 'her' children to reach the level of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra. Anna replied 'Not all of these children will reach that level, for a variety of reasons. But I tell you this. By being part of this programme, this community, their lives are forever changed. They know they have



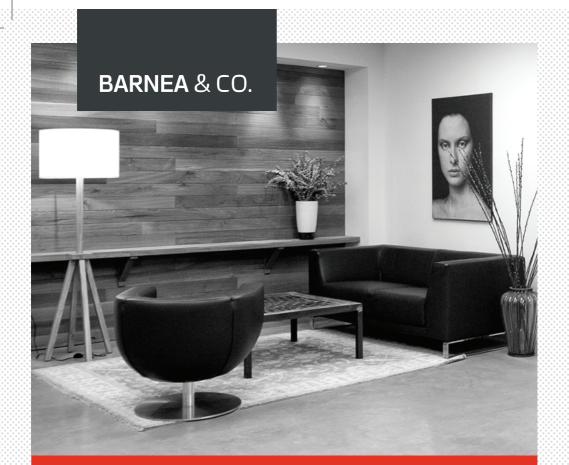
possibilities. They know they can achieve what they set out to do. They know they can inspire those around them. And that is what makes my work even more important'.

Respecs: Providing high quality recycled glasses and low cost lenses for people from low-income households.

Shikum Acher: Skills training and employment support for adults with mental illness.

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We were so proud to have launched Young Myisrael this year eagerly led by our Chair, Simon Walton. We were delighted to hold our first event this summer, a reception kindly hosted and sponsored by Bank Leumi (UK) Ltd, with (now Lord!) Daniel Finkelstein, Executive Editor of The Times in conversation with Stephen Pollard, Editor of The JC. It was an entertaining evening as the two had known each other and worked together for many years and so it was the perfect platform to showcase what Young Myisrael will be doing.

It raised over £1,000 for Myisrael projects! We're looking forward to what's coming next!

For more information about what's coming up or to tell us you'd like to get involved please contact Simon on 07500 553 340



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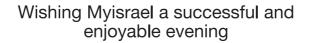
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Henry Fox wishes Myisrael a very successful evening

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2013 was a special year for Myisrael as we celebrated our fifth birthday. We'd like to thank the following people who supported Myisrael as part of their big day:

Dov Green for doing a sponsored swim to celebrate his Bar Mitvah and raise money for the Forgotten People Fund.

Ollie Adler for donating part of his Bar Mitzvah gift money to support Misholim

Thanks also to:

Avi Riegler – 60th birthday

Judianne Jayson – 40th birthday

Diana Sandler - 70th birthday

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David Franks – celebrated his two "new knees" by doing a 5k walk for Gan Hayeled and the Dental Volunteers for Israel.



To support Myisrael projects as part of your celebration, contact us through our website or call Hayley on 07951 724 590.



Wishing Myisrael Quiz Evening every success



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Meet Avi Talala

Avi was born in Ethiopia at the end of 1979. His father was a strong Zionist and at the beginning of 1984 the family began the trek through Sudan to Israel. His parents began the arduous trip by foot with Avi, who had just turned 4 and his two younger brothers, but his mum didn't make it and died in Sudan. His father continued with the three small boys and eventually made it to Israel and Netanya. Avi's father never remarried but devoted himself to raising his sons and instilling in them a love of Israel and the duty to contribute to the State. After completing high school Avi obtained a BA in Education, Anthropology, and Sociology from Haifa University. He then joined the IDF where he served in the elite Duvdevan anti-terror unit.



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Avi's father died while all three sons were in the army. Avi became the head of the family and struggled to support himself and his brothers.

After his discharge from the army in 2005, Avi began the typical search for employment. His personal goal, which he ascribes to his fathers influence, was to contribute to the State of Israel and the community. He eventually found a job with at-risk youth and was later recruited to be the spokesman and manager of Ethiopian Legal Aid. In 2008 Avi became director of the Heftzibah Community Center which he has developed into a dynamic focus for the community. The Forgotten People Fund has been working closely with Avi over the past several years and has been hugely impressed with his achievements.

The Netanya Municipal Department of Education is grooming Avi to become the first Ethiopian headmaster of an Israeli school. This is an incredible possibility and will inspire so many from his community, who struggle enormously to make ends meet.

To qualify for the position, Avi must complete a Masters Degree in Educational Administration and part of the proceeds from tonight's event will fund the £5,000 shortfall in paying for his course.

Avi still lives with his wife and toddler son as well as his middle brother in the flat they shared with his father.

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