

A. NEW YORK - JERUSALEM JCC- MATNAS PROJECTS

The current projects are the fruit of a joint seminar sponsored by the NY Federation and JCC Association in March 2001. 11 partnerships were formed and currently 9 joint projects are currently in progress:

- . Gilo - Sephardic Community center parallel choirs formed and learning same material with emphasis on Sephardi and Ladino music. Joint rehearsals and eventually joint performances are planned. SCC beginning to discuss possibility of “mission” type visit of board and staff
- . Pisgat Zeev - Staten Island joint project based on leadership groups, youth and adults; exchange of work by ECE groups. Pisgat Zeev prepared video of youth
- . Talpiot Mizrach - Riverdale and Mid Island joint project based on ECE groups curriculum
- . Baka - Central Queens joint project based on Jewish art with youth including exchange visits
- . Kiryat Menachem - Bensonhurst joint project based on youth from FSU. Israeli youth visited in Dec 2001. Ongoing project.. Neve Yaacov - Kings Bay - teen project for Russian immigrants based on theater - and planned exchange visits
- . Kiryat Yovel Sid Jacobson youth program based on using TV as media
- . Rova (Jewish Quarter) - Educational Alliance program based on special needs Matnas in the Jewish Quarter of the Old city developed a program to train tour guides to work with special need groups. Ed alliance supposed to recruit groups, but due to security situation it is too hard to bring such groups to Israel
- . Ginot Ha'ir with Mid Westchester and JCC on the Hudson - based on development of joint/parallel cultural programs
- . French Hill with Suffolk Y – this is a partnership that has been going on for a number of years and through the initiative and support of the matnas has expanded beyond the community center to include local schools – it has included staff exchange visits and joint learning programs,

B. Participation of Jerusalem youth from the above matnasim in the JCC MACCABI GAMES under the sister city arrangement (a spin-off from the above partnerships):

Going to the Games in Springfield: (18-23 August) - 9 athletes

1. Baka (Central Queens) sending three swimmers
2. Ginot Ha'ir (Mercaz Tarbut) (Mid Westchester) – sending two swimmers and basketball player
3. Kiryat Menachem (Bensonhurst) sending swimmer, basketball and table tennis player

Going to the Games in Montreal: (18-23 August) - 7 athletes

1. Gilo: (Sephardic Community Center) sending two swimmers
2. Kiryat Yovel: (Sid Jacobson , Long Island) sending two soccer players and basketball player
3. Pisgat Ze'ev: (Staten Island) Omer Cohen – sending two basketball players

Going to the Games in Baltimore: (11-16 August) - 5 athletes

1. Givah Tsarfatit [French Hill] (Suffolk Y) sending Nadav Banay (table tennis), Aron Aviram (table tennis) Yitschak Yonisi (table tennis) Lior Cohen (table tennis) Eliav Gil (table tennis)

B. ATLANTA JCC ECE PROJECT

1-2 year shlichut in Atlanta JCC ECE Department. Last year we were involved in sending two shlichot (interviewing, preparation) together with JAFI Early Childhood Division (Shira Simchovitch). This year, one of the shlichot will continue in Atlanta and they asked us to recruit more staff; we are involved in interview, preparation process together with Shlichim Dept., Early Childhood Division.