

A tree planting event in honor of the Chairman of Friends of ILAN Foundation in the United States

The ILAN Haifa Rehabilitation and Sports Center held a moving ceremony in June in honor of Mr. Krasnow Jesse, Chairman of Friends of ILAN Foundation in the United States, his wife Maris, and in honor of our friends – members of Friends of ILAN Foundation in the United States.

The ceremony was moderated by the Paralympic Medallion, Inbal Pezaro.

During the ceremony, ILAN General Director Mr. Shimon Zurieli and ILAN Haifa Chairwoman Mrs. Sara Levenstein thanked and congratulated Jesse and members of Friends of ILAN on their activities and the blessed work on behalf of the patients.

Idan Zessler, a seventh-grader at the Tefen School, performed during the ceremony in two exciting segments of poetry.

A representative of the residents of Beit Kessler, Golan Hamburger spoke about his life at Beit Kessler and about his work at the Center in repair, maintain and

support the computers of the residents of the Center.

Golan thanked Jesse for his support over the years in ILAN's activities in general and the Haifa Branch in particular, and noted that thanks to the amazing infrastructure of the Beit Kessler Center, the Beit Miriam Center and the Rehabilitation and Sport Center, hundreds of disabled people enjoy rehabilitative treatments at a high professional level and various social activities which take place at the compound. This was all thanks to the generous support of Friends of ILAN Foundation in the United States and its leading members.

Inbal Pesaro told the participants about the tremendous contribution of the Haifa Sports and Rehabilitation Center to her success and achievements.

Later, the tree planting ceremony took place on the Avenue of Friends of ILAN

at the Haifa Sports Center and Jesse was presented with a gift from the residents of Beit Miriam as well as a certificate of appreciation for his extensive work.

ILAN Foundation thanks the members of its Friends Foundation in the United States for their support of the Foundation and their blessed activities for the benefit of the patients.



An extraordinary cooperation between ILAN and KCSJ a pro-Israel South Korean organization

In June, an extraordinary cooperation was held between ILAN and the South Korean KCSJ, which supports the existence of the State of Israel and the Jewish people and opposes anti-Semitism.

The cooperation was initiated by ILAN chairman CPA Ehud Rassabi following the meetings he held during his visit to Seoul, at an exhibition of children's drawings held under the auspices of the Israeli embassy in South Korea.

KCSJ arrived in Israel from South Korea for a folkloric performance titled 'Shalom Yerushalayim', which was shown in several locations around the country.

As part of the visit to Haifa, a delegation of traditional Taekwondo artists, drum artists and traditional Korean dancers held a spectacular performance at the Rehabilitation and Sports Center, attended by the residents of Beit Kessler and members of Beit Miriam and the Sports Center.

The delegation stunned the audience

by singing Hebrew songs and won loud applause from the audience. At the end of the show, an exciting and



special interaction was formed when the members of the South Korean delegation approached the patients, embraced them, sang and danced together and spread much love around them.

The highlight of the performance: a joint dance of all the participants to the beat of Hava Nagila.

At the end of the performance, the delegation joined the residents of Beit



Kessler and members of Beit Miriam for a joint activity that included traditional singing and games, as the head of KCSJ donated to ILAN.

No doubt that the meeting opened the door for wonderful friendship and cooperation in the future.

Photos: Nahum Segal

ILAN Children Honorary Ambassadors in Korea!

In May, an exhibition of drawings by ILAN children, sponsored by the Israeli Embassy in Seoul, opened in Seoul, South Korea, in continuation of the joint initiative of ILAN and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as part of "Children of ILAN, Honorary Ambassadors".

In January, the exhibition was launched at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with Sodexo Israel, which operates catering services in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the aim of empowering the children of the Foundation and their work. In the framework of the exhibition and the visit to Seoul, ILAN Chairman, CPA Ehud Rassabi met with the Korean Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare and heads of local organizations operating in South Korea on behalf of disabled people.

The opening ceremony of the exhibition in South Korea included an impressive performance by musicians with disabilities in a traditional Korean music segment and a speech by ILAN's chairman.

In his speech, ILAN's chairman presented the Foundation's vision: "To enable the physically disabled in Israel, from birth and throughout their lives, to live their life to its fullest by meeting their unique needs and

striving to integrate them into society".

The chairman briefly reviewed the rehabilitation and welfare activities of the Foundation in various fields and stressed the importance we attach to nurturing the artistic talent of the patients and the possibility of expressing themselves through art: Art is an important tool for self-expression, for strengthening their sense of self-worth and capabilities.

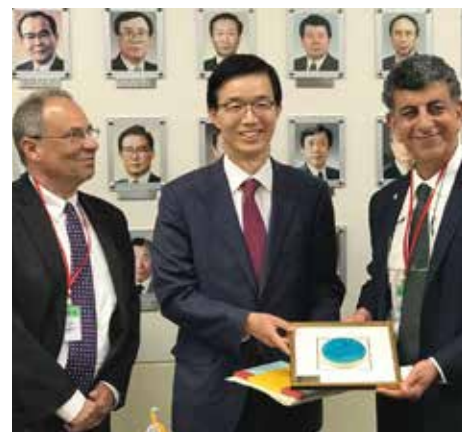
Holding exhibitions of ILAN patients' paintings enables us to expose the general public to their inner world and raise awareness of their needs.

The materials prepared for the exhibition

were translated into the Korean language, as was the chairman's lecture about ILAN, the various activities and services of the Foundation.

The exhibition and the visit to South Korea opened new doors for acquaintance with Korean figures and organizations and for future cooperation.

ILAN thanks the Ambassador of Israel in South Korea, Mr. Haim Hoshen, and the Embassy staff for their dedicated efforts to organize and plan the exhibition and to provide exposure to the Foundation's activities worldwide.



Scholarship Ceremony for Higher Education

ILAN held a festive ceremony in January, in which the organization, through the Paulina and Dr. Abraham Bergman Foundation, awarded 28 scholarships to students in cooperation with Mifal Hapayis and Bank Hapoalim at a value of more than NIS 170,000.

The students from all over the country attended the special ceremony and were excited to learn that the issue of education and culture was close to the heart of the Foundation's founders, Dr. Abraham and Paulina Bergman, whose goal was to assist the disabled in financing higher education in Israel.

Among the recipients of the scholarships was Ziv Alkobi, a graduate student at Bar-Ilan University. "For me, receiving the scholarship is accompanied by great excitement," said Alkobi, who is in a wheelchair.

"Despite the lack of physical independence, ILAN's support entitles

us to intellectual independence. I am thrilled to see so many students who regard education as their entry ticket to Israeli society. We thank ILAN, the Bergman Foundation and Bank Hapoalim for helping us."

ILAN's chairman, CPA Ehud Rassabi: "We thank Mifal Hapayis and Bank Hapoalim for their recognition of the importance of the scholarships and the support they provide. University degree is the entry ticket to the labor market in our time and a necessary element for integration into Israeli society. To ILAN students, I want to ensure that we will do everything in our power to help you finish your studies, and when you finish, we will be there to help you get through the process of finding a job."

Mrs. Danit Cohen Nitzan, Director of the Central Region of Bank Hapoalim, participated in the ceremony and presented the scholarships to the

students along with the chairman of the ILAN, CPA Ehud Rassabi, the head of the Tel Aviv branch Mrs. Hanna Laor and the head social worker of ILAN, Mr. Avner Okavi.

During the ceremony, we enjoyed the Ramat Gan Sports Center choir, 'Zemer Mitgalgel', along with the scholarships' recipients and their families.

Photos: Israel Hadari



The social groups of ILAN

The youth's group was established to serve as a youth movement for children and youth aging 10-21 who suffer from severe physical-motor disabilities. The group provides a meeting place for disabled youth and

non-disabled youth. Social ties are hence established between the participants to provide the much needed social support. The Alumni Club 'Other Matter' serves as a social framework for disabled people over

the age of 21, in which they expand their social circle, meet new peers of their age group, disabled and non-disabled alike, and are in a framework that provides them with social support.

A picnic on Tu B'Shvat in Hayarkon Park

A picnic with stations, creative works and games on Tu B'Shvat, and, finally, a luxurious barbeque meal!



'Other Matter' goes to Jerusalem



In the wake of the Passover holiday, about 60 graduates and volunteers went on a day trip in the Jerusalem area. We opened the day with a tour of the Knesset, from there we went to Mini Israel and played a game based on riddles. We ended the day with a dinner in Modi'in. It was an enriching day and of course full of fun and friends.

Chanukah Trip of the Alumni Circle 'Other Matter'

So what did we have on a Chanukah trip? 80 graduates and volunteers who spent two days of fun in the south of the country! We started our tour at the Bnei Akiva branch in northern Tel Aviv, where we first formed our regular groups: Makarena, Desert Dwarfs and Sweet Chili. We then participated in a partnership workshop by the Inbar association, which specializes in setting up couples relationship and matchmaking for people with disabilities.

Later we went south to Moshav Yoshiva and visited the olive press. We saw how oil is produced and we experienced it ourselves. We saw the making of candles and soaps based on olive oil. We ended the day at the Bnei Akiva yeshiva in Be'er Sheva, where we held a Chanukah party with festive candle lighting, ate donuts, played, and of course sang and danced.

We opened the second day of the trip at the Carasso Science Park. We learned about the five senses, and it was an enriching and interesting experience. Later on, we played Treasure Hunt in a shopping mall in Be'er Sheva - we split into teams, and each team had

to answer all the questions and hints in order to reach the big prize - a joint movie viewing.

The cooperation between the graduates and the volunteers was amazing and all the teams completed the game successfully! After we all watched the film, we returned to the Center and said good-bye.



Purim celebration in the social group

