

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOUNDATION Vrienden van Tzofim
2013

Annual report 2013 - Stichting Vrienden van de Tzofim

The foundation "Vrienden van de Tzofim" was established in the Netherlands in March 2012 with the goal of locally supporting the activities of "Tzofim Tzabar" – in the Netherlands (hereunder referred to as the Tzofim). The foundation has been recognized by the tax authorities as ANBI (public benefit organization) and from that moment on it assumed the responsibility for all of the financial administration of the Tzofim from the London Chapter. The attached financial report refers therefore to the period January-December 2013.

Background: Tzofim

The Tzofim (scouts) is a well-known international youth movement with active chapters worldwide.

Establishment

Founded in March 2011 the first chapter (In Hebrew – Shevet) of the Tzofim Tzabar (Israeli Scouts) in the Netherlands, first under the auspices of the London Chapter and later on as an independent non-profit organization.

The first and only Hebrew-speaking youth movement in the country.

The chapter named *Shavshevet* (*Weather Vane* in English) is the second one established in Western Europe, after our London chapter – *Halutz* (*Pioneer* in English).

Goals

- Encourage young people to be active in the local Jewish/Israeli community.
- Provide equal opportunity for all children.
- Develop and maintain the Jewish and Zionist identity, emphasizing the values of Democracy, Pluralism and Tolerance - according to the Israeli vision of the Declaration of Independence.
- Empower young leaders and develop their capabilities.

Development

Since the opening of the chapter we have observed a steady increase in awareness to our activities, awareness that is reflected in the creation of a communal core of Hebrew-speaking families. The activities of the Chapter are carried out by a coordinator & a team of instructors. The chapter obtains its funds mainly from activity fees & subsidies from our head-office in London.

Activities in 2013

Regular Activities

In 2013 we had 32 regular one day weekly activities, taking place during two hours on Sunday afternoons. These activities were held in the Regional Scouting Center in Amstelveen (Scouting Kantankye). Conducting our activities at the same place as other Scouting groups (e.g. Japanese Scouts, French Scouts and the Dutch Scouts) gives us an opportunity to communicate with different cultures, while at the same time enjoying the similarities we all share as scouts, and of course use facilities which were designated for scouting activities to begin with.

These activities contain the universal context of Scouting around the world (field-craft, camping, protection of nature, team-work, accepting the different and

more) infused with the special contents of the Israeli Scouts (Judaism & Zionism).

For many chapter members, these activities are the only opportunity to practice Hebrew language outside their home (only two schools in the Netherlands teach Hebrew) as well as experiencing and understanding Israeli/ Jewish culture.

Special Events in 2013

- Within the Tzofim activities we regularly celebrate the **Jewish & Israeli holidays**. This year we paid extra attention to the following holidays: Rosh Ha'Shana, Sukkot, Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Day, Chanukah, Tu Bi'Shvat, Purim, Passover, Israeli Independence Day, Holocaust Memorial Day, Shavuot and more.
- The "UK-NL" **young leadership seminar** took place in November 2013. It was a joint seminar for our leader teams of the Tzofim of UK & Netherlands. This seminar was a great success not only in professionally helping both teams with instructing and leadership methods but also in creating contacts between the two Jewish/Israeli communities in both countries.
- The **Ha'Apala** (Exsodus) event took place in November 2013. It was the first ever event in a Dutch youth group in the Netherlands of approaching the subject of the Jewish immigrants who tried to come to Israel before, during and after WWII.
The event was open for the public and built for the whole family. Each family had to go through a "Voyage" from Europe to the promised land, going on the way through immigration camps, sea voyage, escaping from British troops, working in a kibbutz, building the land and more...
The event was a huge success and we are planning it as a regular feature.
- The **winter Camp** is an annual highlight event. This year it took place over 2 days in December at our home scouting camp in Amstelveen. It involved motifs from the "Feast of Lights" (Chanukah).
Following the success of the Winter Camp, we have decided to open more camps during the year and from 2014 onwards, we are planning to have Spring, Summer & Winter Camps.
- The **Lag Ba'Omer Feest**: At 2013 we have planned & executed the biggest Lag Ba'Omer (Jewish holiday with campfire) event in the country!
The event came to be as cooperation with all the other Israeli/Jewish youth movements in the Netherlands. We have all decided to make the activity in the Tzofim's area (it was decided as the best location).
The event was a huge success, more than 400 people came at that day and we have decided to make it a regular tradition every year.

Management

The coordinator of the Tzofim activities in the Netherlands is Mr. Amit Rabin. Mr. Rabin conducts the daily financial administration of the foundation and together with a team of 8-10 young leaders/instructors (Madrachim), he plans and executes all the Tzofim activities in the Netherlands. The children and their families are very closely involved in the activities and many activities rely on the active contribution of the families.

The members of the foundation's Board of Directors are: Mrs. Hilit Schot-Shani (chairperson), Mr. Tal Berlinski (secretary), Mr. Micha Levy (treasurer) and Mrs. Or Brener (board member).

The following annual financial statement has been put together by Mr. Amit Rabin and reviewed by the board and by an independent committee (Mr. Tamir Epstein & Mrs. Ayelet Price-Givony).

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Bank Account Balance

Petty Cash Balance*

Income	2012**	2013**	Income	2012	2013
Activity & Enrollment Fees	9,482.40	15,203.33	Activity & Enrollment Fees	5,066.50	1,812.26
London Subsidy	5,277.89	10,109.90	London Subsidy	4,875.99	3,119.36
Savings Account***		1,335.46			

<u>Total</u>	<u>14,760.29</u>	<u>26,648.69</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>9,942.49</u>	<u>4,931.62</u>
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Expenses	2012	2013	Expenses	2012	2013
Accounting	45.88		Advertising	37.53	
Seminars/Camps	821.93	438.94	Seminars/Camps	1,180.69	
Food	42.13	33.67	Food	64.64	97.70
Special Events****		864.39	Special Events****	193.54	38.07
Refund		2,283.00	Refund		46.27
Scouting Equipment		110.93	Scouting Equipment		61.95
Office Equipment & Supply		823.81	Office Equipment & Supply	108.73	22.13
Communication		30.00	Communication	103.80	121.90
Insurance		458.42	Insurance	400.00	
Travel Expenses		154.79	Travel Expenses	103.90	446.50
Volunteers Compensation		300.00	Volunteers Compensation	6,435.00	4,060.00
Uniforms	99.00		Uniforms	5.90	
Coordinator Salary	9,632.79	18,092.35	Coordinator Salary	1,000.00	
Rent	1,814.25	2,560.00	Staff Training	42.97	31.92
Bank Commissions	14.48	81.09	Post	124.79	
Savings Account	1,330.00				
Legal Aid	546.50				

<u>Total</u>	<u>14,346.96</u>	<u>26,231.39</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>9,801.49</u>	<u>4,926.44</u>
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Start Balance	0.00	1748.79***	Start Balance	174.65	141.00
End Balance	413.33	417.30	End Balance	141.00	5.18

Remarks

* Petty Cash Balance – When we sent our first financial report (2012) we published both of our Bank & Petty Cash balances. We have been minimizing the use of the petty cash, in order to have only the bank balance in our reports.

This process takes time, but as you can see in the 2013 report, we are progressing.

** There is some inconsistency between the 2012 and 2013 balances (e.g. Seminar/Camps costs in 2012 are much higher than in 2013, some categories – like equipment – appear in one but not in the other etc.).

There are 3 main reasons for that:

- The financial report for 2012 has begun at April and did not encompass an entire year of activity (which affects categories like equipment, rent, salary etc.).
- At 2012 we have founded the organization, hence some of the costs (like legal aid to register the organization) will not appear in future reports.
- At 2013 we have cancelled the Summer Camp for technical reasons, hence the difference between the high Seminar/Camps costs in 2012 relative to 2013).

*** At the end of 2012 we have put a sum of 1330 Euro into a Savings Account, we have used it during 2013 (together with an accumulated interest of 5.46 Euro). This is the reason why there is a sum of 1748.79 Euro in the beginning of 2013 (the sum of $413.33 + 1330 + 5.46$ Euro). All the data is in the bank reports.

**** We have combined 2 categories from 2012 (“Educational Programs” and “Farewell/Starting Activities”) into a single one at 2013 – it is titled “Special Events”.