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EBBM Club Newsletter March 2016

ETHIOPIAN AND BRITISH JEWS – SHARING AND CELEBRATING TOGETHER

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Let's get crafty at EBBM

Hello from everyone at EBBM. We hope you are enjoying hearing and seeing what is going on at the other clubs around the country.

In Clubs this month

This month many of our clubs have been getting crafty! Our focus has been on experiencing activities that are also enjoyed by our twins from the Ethiopian community in Kiriyat Bialik.

Some of our London Clubs have been looking at Ethiopian Art and creating beautiful Challah covers based on what they have learnt. We invited parents in to join with this activity which made it all the more special. The boys and their fathers also had a chance to enjoy a special workshop all about Tefillin which is also a vital part of the programme in Israel.

A key objective in Israel is to help bridge the communication and cultural barrier that often develops between the Ethiopian children and their parents. Activities using art can help with this as traditional art and craft skills were a defining feature of the life they left behind in Ethiopia.



Here are Olivia and her mother Alexa at the South Hampstead and St John's Wood Club, obviously enjoying the opportunity to do something together.

At the Leeds Bat Mitzvah Club they have the privilege of using the amazing facilities at the Leeds Jewish Free School for their sessions; so they had a go at making Injera, the traditional bread of all Ethiopian meals.

One of the participants Hannah Fletcher wrote to us and said:

"We learnt that the Injera bread is what Ethiopian people eat all their food with. It's like their cutlery. I really enjoyed making Injera because it was something different that I wouldn't really do unless I was part of the programme. I love being part because I get to learn about different cultures and how different types of people live. I also love getting to know different people especially when I do it with my friends."



Here is Hannah (in the centre), with Anouska and Katie enjoying the cooking.

Letter Writing

Most clubs have now sent their first letters and some have even sent their photo collages. This is totally amazing and we are really enjoying seeing what you have produced. If you haven't sent yours through yet please do so as soon as you can. Letters are starting to trickle through from Kiriyat Bialik, so as soon as we've translated them we'll distribute them through your club meetings.

Let's Get Crafty



What has been happening in our EBBM clubs this month? What have we learnt and what have we achieved.

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Fundraising Rolling in!



Have a look at our fundraising graph. Have your efforts appeared yet?

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Some Amazing Initiatives.



Read about some of the amazing fundraising projects that club members are doing.

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This month's Ethiopian Facts.

What do you know about Ethiopia? Each month we have some new facts and information. Do you remember what we learnt last month?

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Fundraising News...

Fundraising has really started to move forward this month. Many of you have accepted the challenge and are doing some amazing things.

You will see from the graph opposite that our totals are growing with several clubs appearing for the first time.

Don't worry if you haven't started yet, there's still plenty of time! Though please let us know if there's anything we can do to help.

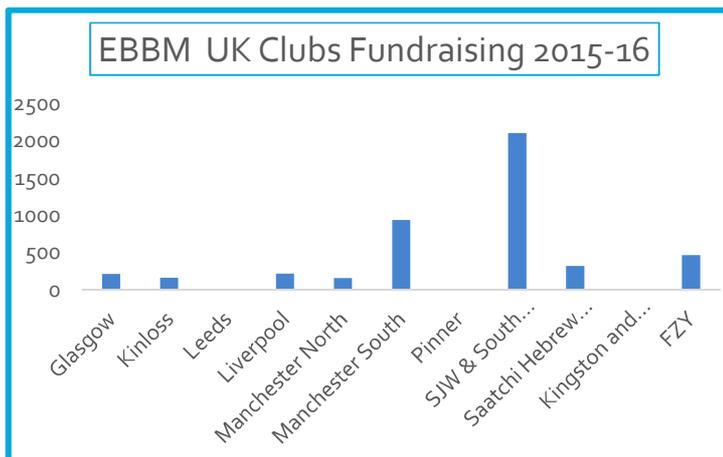
There are a couple of amazing initiatives that we thought we'd tell you about in the hope that it will inspire you...



Our Liverpool club sold popcorn and homemade cupcakes to raise money. Not only did they look yummy, but it was a really lucrative day with £120 raised.



Noah Howard of our South Hampstead and St John's Wood Club presently has an amazing head of hair. He's offering to have it all cut short in aid of EBBM. So far he's raised over £2,000, which is phenomenal! Well done Noah 😊



On Sunday 20th March, twelve of our club members from Kinloss and South Hampstead volunteered to pack the bags of shoppers at Marks and Spencer in Temple Fortune, London. They worked hard all day and managed to raise nearly £500 which has been spread across the two clubs. It was a wonderfully fun day and the children had a great opportunity to share with the public what they have learnt as part of this programme and explain the important work we're doing.



Remember that each club has their own fundraising page through Every Day Hero. You can donate through your page, or send the money to us at the UJIA. Alternatively you can set up your own page using UJIA as your nominated charity. If you specify that you're raising for EBBM we'll make sure the money goes exactly there!

Ethiopian Fact!

The reception centres for new olim (immigrants) in Ethiopia are about to reopen. The Israeli government has announced that they will reopen the centres to reunite families, some who have already made Aliyah and those that were left behind. What wonderful news!

This month's Amharic phrase is: 'Melkam ledet' which means 'Happy Birthday'