



## **Annual Report - 2015**

### **Galila – The Northern Galilee Development Foundation**

At the culmination of what was a very busy year of activity for the Galila foundation, I am proud to present the following summary of our many activities aimed at promoting and developing this corner of northern Israel. The projects have helped to enhance the fields of education, vocational training, building renovation and construction, promotion and assistance to varying populations, providing welfare assistance and community development.

Galila couldn't have achieved all of this without the support and trust of our donors and supporters from all over the world. We are so grateful for your confidence in our ability and support of our vision for the region. We are truly blessed to have you and do not take it for granted at any time.

  
Yael Barlev – Director



## Education and Empowerment programs

### ♥ Vocational training for single mothers, Shlomi (HOT)

The Municipality of Shlomi Municipality's Social Welfare Department, in collaboration with the Galila Foundation has established a dedicated training course for single-mothers in the profession of personal beauty & makeup, which was held at the local Erez College. The courses included professional training in make-up, computer classes, vocational guidance and training to establish a licensed cosmetics distribution agency and business management.

The program was conducted by the 'Sigal Tadmor Beauty School', who herself visited the participants and shared with them her personal story as a successful female entrepreneur. Together with the Diploma, the graduates also received a professional make-up kit so that they can begin working immediately. The course was very successful and many of the graduates have since found employment in the area.



### ♥ Vocational training course in hairstyling, Kiryat Bialik

The Director of Youth Advancement at the Kiryat Bialik Municipality initiated a professional training course for 15 youths who have dropped out from school. The course was held once a week in the hairdressing school of Iris and Shai Elbaz located in the Tsur Shalom neighborhood of Kiryat Bialik. The course is designed to enable young people from families with low socioeconomic and social welfare backgrounds, to develop the capacity for economic independence.



### ♥ Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company scholarships

The Galila foundation is delighted to provide scholarships for the students participating in the 2 year program of dance training for the younger troupe of the Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company. This scholarship was donated by the Galila foundation thanks to the personal contribution of Esther Beren from Wichita, Kansas in order to support the company's young dance students at KCDC, located in Kibbutz Ga'aton in the Galilee.



### ♥ Girls contribute to the community—a vocational training course

The Galila Foundation funded a beauticians' vocational training course for teenage girls run by the 'Sigal Tadmor Beauty School'. The course was held at the Erez College in Shlomi. The purpose of this program was to enable these teen at-risk girls to become economically independent by gaining a profession through their participation in the 'Girls contribute to the community' initiative, a special project of the Ma'ale Yosef Regional Council's Social Welfare Department that has been operating for the past 10 years with the support of the Galila Foundation.



### ♥ Ecological studies at the gifted science center in Shlomi

The Ecological studies program for gifted school children from the entire northern Galilee region includes specialized study groups, workshops and field-trips in the field of environmental protection and ecological studies. This program is a partnership between the School for Gifted Children in Shlomi, the Galila Foundation and a prominent European foundation.



### ♥ Summer activities for Ethiopian-Israeli youths - Kiryat Bialik

The 'Hiyot' organization in cooperation with the ENP, (the Ethiopians National project) has operated this summer an enrichment program for Ethiopian-Israeli youths in the town of Kiryat Bialik. In addition to the activities taking place at the local youth club, during the summer months, additional enrichment programs including nature trips, visiting museums and heritage sites, fun days, water parks and more. The program also provided a supervised social enrichment framework for youths returning to the town from boarding schools for the summer vacation. The Galila Foundation participated in financing of the activities, thanks to a special gift provided by a US-based family foundation that appreciate the importance of this program and has supported this initiative for several years.



### ♥ CATS delegation, for teenager leadership

The 'CATS - Children as Actors for Transforming Society', is a program designed for young and old to change society through voluntary work. The program was founded in 2013 initiated by several European NGOs working on behalf of children around the world. The thought in establishing this program was to create a leeway shared between young and old on the basis of equality between them to increase their involvement in the community and building common tools for community activities. The program took place in Switzerland, and the Galila Foundation funded the participation of a youth delegation from Kfar Veradim. This is the first year that Israel is participating in the pilot project and we hope to expand this project over the coming years for more youths living in our region.



### ♥ The Sigalit club enrichment program (HOT)

Kiryat Bialik is the only city in the north of the country which has absorbed over 200 Ethiopian immigrant families, who arrived in Israel since the beginning of 2011. Most families are poverty-stricken and many of their children are defined as 'at-risk' according to the Social Welfare Services. To help the absorption of these children, the Kiryat Bialik Municipality has opened two after-school club houses for these kids, where they can spend time every afternoon after school and receive full attention, warmth and help with their schoolwork.



These clubs include non-immigrant kids defined as 'at-risk' according to the authorities, which helps immigrants integrate and make new friends with the veteran Israeli children. The club-house operates throughout the year, including the long summer holiday, where the children enjoy various enrichment activities and personal care.

The Galila Foundation is proud to be a partner in this important project in affiliation with the funding "HOT" organization, who appreciate our devotion to helping the weaker sectors in the community and, especially, for the young impoverished children in the community.

### ♥ Vocational training scholarships for medical secretaries at Erez College

The Galila Foundation awarded scholarships to the students who participated in the medical secretaries training course. The scholarships were designated for northern residents who have chosen to combine family, work and study in order to improve their life-quality and gain professional advancement. The local



Erez College that provides a variety of evening classes dedicated to enabling the graduates find employment in the region. The Galila Foundation chose to award these grants to student's taking the medical secretary program as this is a much needed occupation in the hospitals and medical centers in the north.

## Social Entrepreneurship programs - Beren Fellows

### ♥ Tennis Center in Kiryat Shmona

This year we opened the tennis program in three different locations across the northern Galilee region. This is our fourth year of cooperation with the tennis center in Kiryat Shmona, which is a home to dozens of children and teens who come there several times a week for training and social enrichment.

The Galila foundation, together with the director of the tennis center in Kiryat Shmona, Shaul Zohar and tennis coach Moshe Azoulay, has developed a model in which Galila subsidizes the activities of the center, enabling children to participate in the different programs, paying a reduced tuition rate, without which many of these kids would have been prevented from participating. In addition, Gallia's support enables the center to increase the volume of the activities.



### ♥ Embrace

The "Embrace" project includes 75 teenagers who come three times a week to the tennis center in Kiryat Shmona. They come from the most impoverished and destitute homes in the town. The boys and girls benefit from a number of activities which are run by a professional staff member together with students from the nearby Tel Hai College and other volunteers. Activities include helping children with their schoolwork, strengthening their self-confidence and quality enrichment programs. In addition, they practice tennis and get to travel around the country on educational field trips. The program is accompanied by a social worker from the local municipality social welfare department.

The most significant change in the project is that the Israel Tennis Center in Kiryat Shmona has become a second home for most of the teens. Beyond learning how to play tennis, they learn about their community and expand their circle of friends. This year, beyond the tennis training center, we place an emphasis on environmental consciousness and incorporate the teens in the regional activities of the Society for the Protection of Nature. In addition, parental involvement and school partnerships are an essential component in the success of this project. As a result, we are seeing a significant improvement in the school work and in social friendships among the participants.



### ♥ Tennis program in Shlomi

During 2015 we has completed the fourth year of a tennis training program, in collaboration with the Shlomi Community Center management, Michel Ben Sheet it and Avi Hajaj the sports programs director. The tennis coach Moshe Azulai, who does an amazing job with the kids, is highly regarded both children and parents alike and is the primary reason for the steady expansion of participants in the programs over the years..





### ♥ Tennis program in Merom Hagalil

As a natural expansion of the successful tennis program Galila initiated in both Kiryat Shmona and Shlomi, the program opened additional tennis activities for the children from the Merom Hagalil Regional Council communities. The activity takes place in two locations within two schools – ‘Hemed’ and ‘Rechania’.



### ♥ Renovation at the tennis center, Kiryat Shmona

We initiated and implemented the renovation of the instructor's and coaching staff room at the Tennis Center in Kiryat Shmona. The center hosts many international competitions this year and has increased its diverse activities, so the need for this renovated and expanded facility was of primary importance to the Center.



### ♥ Shlomi Science & Knowledge Center - Alumni program

The main idea of the project was to enable the graduates of the gifted school children's center to benefit from informal education, social and enrichment activities during the 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, without negatively impacting their regular high school studies. The Science and Knowledge centers for gifted school children only operate from 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Over the years, this cohesive group of children, who are accustomed to meeting every week at the center to learn, but also enjoy the company of gifted teens like themselves from diverse backgrounds and ethnic communities. The purpose of this alumni program is to preserve the social contact between the school kids who interact through joint study and enrichment activities provided by the program at the school in the town of Shlomi.



### ♥ Shlomi Science & Knowledge Center – excellence program

A total of 70 children from diverse communities across the northern Galilee and studying at the Gifted Children's Science and Knowledge Center in Shlomi have begun a special excellence program this year, whereby they experience an enhanced education track at the school. The teens learn a number of advanced courses in a group setting including Ecology, Science Fiction, Economics, Logic, Entrepreneurship, Law and the Arts. The activities at the center take place once a week. The children all benefit from the high standards of knowledge they acquire through this program helping them to achieve higher goals in their high school studies.



### ♥ Shlomi Science & Knowledge Center - NASA Project

As part of a special curriculum developed at this school, they run a program in astronomy and space research in cooperation with GFTSE (an international initiative connecting school kids through astronomy, based in the space camp in Izmir, Turkey) and under the academic sponsorship of the American space agency NASA, which brings together groups of school kids from across the globe.

The learning process in this project includes the comprehensive joint studies of themes by 2-3 partner schools from Israel, US and/or Turkey, including joint video-conference sessions taught by space experts from the Johnson Space Center in Texas. At the end of the school year, the youths from both countries all meet up at the NASA camp in Turkey, which includes a week of experiential learning with aerospace equipment, simulation systems for astronauts and, of course, socializing with students from partner



schools in the project. Ten students from grades 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> from the school in Shlomi took part in this unique project. A week of training at the camp was held in early July, and the teen's group was joined by two school teachers and two parents who assisted with the administration and operation throughout the trip.

### ♥ **Aharai! (Follow me!) Support groups in the Western Galilee**

A total of three groups of Aharai operated during the year under the supervision of Beren fellow member - Rafi Buginim. Teens from Shlomi, Ma'alot and Kfar Veradim, together with youths from the Druze village of Yanuch worked together in social and educational activities in order to develop young leadership and to encourage social engagement and interaction. The program's finale this year was a hike at Nahal Amoud in the Galilee and ended with a picnic at the Sea of Galilee. In a moving ceremony, gifts were awarded to pre-army recruits and program graduates from the Galila Foundation who are proud to be part of this positive activity.



### ♥ **Docu-Leaders**

The Docu-leaders is a unique project in Israel and is an initiative of the multicultural center for documentaries "Docu-Village" operated within the framework of the Galila – Beren fellows Program. During the course of this project, a select group of youths from across the Galilee create short documentary films that reflect their world and exposes them to the field of filmmaking and documentary productions thereby enhancing their educational and cultural lifestyles in the Galilee.



### ♥ **Docu-Mail with the Hyman Academy Kansas, USA**

Docu-Mail is a project whereby school children from Israel and the US connect for joint meetings through electronic media. The use of a dedicated website enables informal friendships and comradery between students from both sides of the world, despite the geographical distance between them. The "Amirim" high school in Kfar Veradim is running this program for the third year and recently initiated a partnership between the "Amirim" school in Israel and the Hayman Brand Hebrew Academy in Kansas. The partners in the connection: 10<sup>th</sup> graders student's from both schools, English teachers from the Israeli school and education \counterparts from the US-based school. The purpose of the project is to enable students from Israel and the United States to get to know each other's world, learning about similarities and differences and find the points of common interests and connection between Israel and the Jewish community in Kansas, USA.



### ♥ **Enrichment program in Zionism, Judaism, and the Holocaust in "Amirim" School.**

"The fifth question" is an educational-values project which involves the field of Jewish identity and the connections between being Israeli with lessons from the Holocaust era. The project was initiated by Osnat Ur, as a member of the "Beren Fellows" initiative. During the program, the students undergo lectures, workshops, specialized classes and activities in various fields. They visited The Ghetto Fighters Museum in Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot, the Museum of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and met with Holocaust survivors. Within the framework of "the last descendant of" program component, the high school students were required to discuss complex questions such as 'who is a survivor?', the survivors contribution to



building the Israeli society in general and the Western Galilee in particular. The stories and interviews are documented for future generations.

Another component of this unique project is the personal commitment of students: the participating students will deliver educational sessions for all the students at the "Amirim" school and will prepare the communal Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony. In addition, participants will attend events organized by the Galila Foundation for Holocaust survivors in the Western Galilee that take place before the Passover festival. The program summary following the return of the Amirim school delegation from Poland, it became clear that "the fifth question" project contributed greatly to understanding and deeper meaning of the Holocaust among the young students. Testimonies of students and accompanying teachers show that the project component "the last descendant of" significantly increased and deepened the understanding of, and commitment to, and meaning of Jewish and Israeli identity among the Amirim school students.

### ♥ "The New Guardians" - renovation of Education Center in Ein Kamunim

The "New Guardians" (Hashomer HaHadash) Young Leadership group at the Ein Kamunim farm in the Galilee form an education center in which girls from across the country come for a year of pre-army national service. The girls work in the mornings on the farm in Ein Kamunim, study in the afternoon and guard the farm perimeter fence at night. Following their training period, these girls will be able to teach and mentor the hundreds and even thousands of young people and groups who volunteer at the Ein Kamunim farm as part of the "New Guardians" activities. The Ein Kamunim farm are part of the "New Guardians" activity where "love the land, work the soil and commitment to Zionist education for several years" is the focus of the organization's activities in the Galilee. The Galila Foundation partnered in this project together with the "New Guardians" and is delighted to provide a gift towards the renovation of the dormitories and classrooms at the farm. This contribution was made possible by a donation from the Beren Foundation.



## Special populations

### ♥ Avney Derech (Milestones)

A pilot project to integrate young adults with autism in the community was launched by the "Milestones for Life" Association, in conjunction with the Ministry of Social Affairs and the National Insurance Institute. During the program, a group of young autistic-impaired adults live in an apartment rented for them in the northern town of Kiryat Shmona, where they work and live a communal life under supervision of a dedicated professional team.

The success of this program will help break the stigma and human limitations that impact the autistic population and their ability to integrate into regular community life. The project is supported by the Galila Foundation through a contribution made by a US based foundation.



### ♥ Krembo Wings - Summer Activities

"Krembo Wings" is a special youth movement for children with special needs - the first and only one of its kind in the world! The youth movement operates approximately 50 branches across the country. The Galila Foundation sponsored children from



economically-challenged families coming from the Ashdod branch of "Krembo Wings" to a special summer program held in the northern town of Nahariya.

### ♥ **A Special Populations summer camp**

The Galila foundation has funded, for its second year, the Marom Hagalil community center the 'wings summer camp' for special needs populations. This is the second year that the community center is holding a summer camp for special needs children enabling them to participate in an educational framework that is both fun and liberating. The camp is designed for people with special needs from a variety of medical, physical and mental challenges: intellectual, developmental, autism and others. Within the Merom Hagalil Regional Council, there are 95 special needs persons ages 3 to 21. Thirty-five of them come from disadvantaged families, supported by the Regional Council's social welfare department. This summer camp is run mostly by teenagers and volunteers from the region. Parents/Participants evaluation of this summer camp has confirmed its importance to this particular community: 1. Helping ease the burden on parents and siblings of children with special needs during the long summer vacation. 2. The community center has now expanded its operations to these special populations. 3. Integration of special needs individuals into the community center and the community at large 4. Expansion to new areas of volunteerism for youth and adults in Merom Hagalil. Most notably, the children had great fun and got to replace their isolation and loneliness for enrichment activities and fun experiences that were led by the youth volunteers of Merom Hagalil. The Galila Foundation is honored to have been involved in this important social initiative



### ♥ **Nature accessible to all! in conjunction with Orot HaGalil**

The Galila Foundation has supported the activities of the Orot Hagalil ("Lights of the Galilee") program 'Nature accessible to all'. This unique breakthrough program, aimed at a group of 40 men and women aged 21-45 with varying degrees of mental and intellectual challenges, who live in the Galilee region of northern Israel. The special character of this outdoor program impacts not only the participants themselves, but also their families and wider circles. The ultimate goal of the program is to enhance self-management, social development and learning through hikes in nature, as an effective therapeutic tool for adults with mental and intellectual challenges. Nature is used as an active partner, as a tool and a resource for the advancement process of personal growth, deepening of capabilities and forces. The program includes workshops and experiential nature tours, with individually tailored mobility capabilities.



## **Community and Welfare**

### ♥ **After-school program for Ethiopian-Israeli children**

The after-school youth club is a second home for impoverished Ethiopian-Israeli kids who live in Tsur Shalom, a neighborhood in the town of Kiryat Bialik known for the waves of immigration that have settled there over the years from communities around the world, and who study at the local 'Psagot' Elementary School.

Dozens of youngsters come every day to the club for activities including; Homework, enrichment classes, self-confidence courses, celebration of Jewish and National holidays and more. In addition, the kids that attend this program all enjoy a nutritious meal which – for most of them – is the only meal they will have on any given day. The Galila





Foundation thanks to the Sobell Foundation for assistance in financing this important project which has contributed significantly to the lives of dozens of young people studying at the Psagot elementary school.

### ♥ **After-School Kids Club in Mazra'a**

The two after-school club houses is a second home for children from welfare families residing in the Arab village of Mazra'a, located adjacent to the northern coastal town of Nahariya. The children come to the club every day at the end of school for a nutritious, cooked lunch, help with homework and provision of varied enrichment and social activities.

This year Galila has purchased and installed new computers, board and electronic games, art supplies, books, etc. In addition, the Hong Kong based Kadoori foundation provide support for additional enrichment classes for children in the field of music, sports and the arts. The project is in full cooperation with the Director of Social Welfare Department of the local council Mazra'a and funded by the generous support of the Kadoori foundation.



### ♥ **Volunteer Center Merom Hagalil**

A volunteer Center was established for communities in the northern Galilee 'Merom Hagalil' Regional Council. Last summer, the Galila Foundation helped finance a summer camp for children with special needs in Merom Hagalil. The camp was a great success and it was special due to the large number of volunteers - all of them youths from the Merom Hagalil communities. The success of the camp and the number of young people who volunteered with such devotion, inspired us to develop this new initiative, in association with the regional community center and help to establish this much-needed volunteer center.

The Merom Hagalil youth all study at a range of schools across the region and the volunteer center is a focal point which will allow them to connect all of the communities within their rural region. The activity is run by Uri Rosin, the director of the youth unit at Merom Hagalil community center. The youth had their first training session at Kfar Hayarden Special-Needs Kids Center and in the coming months each one could choose his preferred activities. The Galila Foundation supervises this initiative and the organization's specific activities for the benefit of the residents of Merom Hagalil.



### ♥ **School-year assistance for impoverished children**

At the beginning of the school year, the Galila foundation distributed vouchers to assist the most impoverished families emanating from rural and urban communities across the northern Galilee region, to purchase school equipment for children so that they are able to commence the school year with all of the necessary paraphernalia in line with their classroom school-peers.



### ♥ **The Western Galilee Region Assistance Fund**

The Galila foundation has been managing over a number of years the regional assistance fund earmarked for residents of the Western Galilee. Requests are submitted for review to the Galila "special assistance fund committee" by the various municipal welfare agencies once each month. This fund is designated to help families in financial distress, focusing on the elderly, Holocaust survivors and single-parent families.



### ♥ **The Sloviter Assistance Fund for Mate Asher residents**

With the help of an US-based donor who wished to designate the contribution to benefit the Mate Asher Regional Council residents, Galila Foundation established together with representatives of Mate Asher regional council a special assistance fund. After a thoroughly examination of the need and finding the best way to assist, a committee of volunteers and professionals in social services and health established criteria's which local residents will be able to receive the appropriate assistance for their plight and under the supervision of Mate Asher Regional Council. All donations for the project will help more and more families and individuals which we are their last resort.



### ♥ **Holocaust survivors**

For several years, the Galilee Foundation aids Holocaust survivors who live in the north and responds to the varied needs of this frail population. As part of Galila's emergency aid fund, we provide funds enabling the purchase of medical equipment, home appliances or any other support needed by the survivors - where there is no other source of financial aid. Twice a year, Rosh Hashanah and Passover, representatives of the foundation, joined by volunteers and youths from schools in the region, all participate in a festive ceremony with the holocaust survivors where they receive a holiday gift – shopping vouchers to assist the survivors in celebrating the holidays with some joy. In addition, the Galila foundation has renovated and equipped a day center for Holocaust survivors in the town of Shlomi and continues to assist in all other activities for this population.



### ♥ **Simcha La'Yeled (happiness for the child)**

This year Galila reached out to the 'Simcha LaYeled' organization that helps chronically-sick children in hospitals throughout the country. The connection enabled us to finance the activities of 'Simcha Layeled' at the Western Galilee Regional Hospital. As of September 2015, the hospitalized children of the Northern Galilee will also enjoy the beneficial activities of this remarkable and award-winning non-profit organization.



## **Constructions and Renovations**

### ♥ **Renovation of a Center for lone soldiers in Kibbutz Yehiam**

The regional Acharay group ("Follow me") has initiated a community project as part of its end of the year activities. The project was selected by the participating youths and included a general renovation and refurbishment at the "Lone Soldier's Center" located in Kibbutz Yehiam. The Galila Foundation supported and financed the renovation and refurbishment project.



### ♥ **Setting up a mini pitch court at 'Galim' School, Ein Hamifratz**

The 'Galim' school is a regional school for children with special needs ages 6 - 12. Many of the students who finish their studies at the 'Galim' school are then integrated into the mainstream education system, something not possible without the unique curriculum framework of "Galim". The Galila Foundation has funded the construction of a mini pitch sports court for the enjoyment of schoolchildren, and this was implemented with the full cooperation of the Matte Asher Regional Council and the council's engineer Shaul Dukas. The new court allows children to play various outdoor sports and is a focal point at the school



### ♥ **Building a Squash court at Kibbutz Metzuba**

As part of a major overhaul at Kibbutz Metzuba, the number of residents there has now doubled. One resident's dream was to establish a new squash court at the kibbutz which will introduce a new sporting activity in the North. The center will serve as a focal point for all residents of the community and squash enthusiasts from the entire region. The Center will operate throughout the day in a wide variety of activities and classes emphasizing of centrality of Squash – a sport for most age groups. The Central Kibbutz Authority and local residents all donated funds towards the project with the understanding of the immediate and significant contribution of this project to the communities of this Kibbutz and surrounding villages. Today, there is no indoor sports building in the community, the elderly and children have their classes in buildings that do not fit there purpose, and this new structure will resolve this issue. Contributions were raised from various donors - all Israelis, who cherish the promotion of sports in the periphery regions of Israel. The Galila foundation provided the administrative support and project supervision from day one. We see the initiative of this project a shining example of social entrepreneurship in Galilee.



### ♥ **Renovation and equipping senior citizens center in Shlomi**

The senior citizens center in Shlomi is the center of life for about 100 elderly survivors of the Holocaust, living in this town. The center, under the direction of Luda Heskelevitch, has become a vibrant facility in which the elderly arrive by buses every morning and leave in the late afternoon. The center was renovated by Shlomi Local Council and with the assistance of the Galila Foundation (A gift by HOT from the US), it serves the elderly a nutritious breakfast and follows on with a variety of activities- art, sports, jewelry, lectures on nutrition. It also contains a computer room, a library, a treatment room, hair salon and more. After a hot lunch that is served to the elderly, they continue with their varied enrichment activities until late afternoon when the buses arrive and return the elderly to their homes. In a small town like Shlomi, where mobility is not commonplace, together with a lack of spacious activity centers, the day center for the elderly is a critical need that allows the seniors to meet with other people and to engage in activities that significantly enhances their life quality.

### ♥ **The establishment of an amphitheater at Sulam Tzor school**

The Regional High School "Sulam Tzor", located on the outskirts of Kibbutz Gesher Haziv, was established 54 years ago and serves the students who come from kibbutzim and moshavim in Western Galilee. The school serves students of the 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades and



the school management are careful in their selection of, and investment in, educational innovations and new initiatives. The Western Galilee's demographic growth, which is reflected in the various extensions in the kibbutzim, has created an increase in the number of pupils at the school, which currently has about 750 students in 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades with an additional 100 staff members. To this day, the school doesn't have a gathering place for all the students, therefore it was decided this year to set up in the school grounds an amphitheater, which will enable all of the school students and teachers to come together for various events during the school year. The Galila foundation, supported this project through a gift from the Livne family in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

### ♥ **Renovation and Equipment at day clubs – Kadima and Tabor**

The Kadima and Tavor clubs are a home to children aged 6-12 and run by the municipality's social welfare department. The children come to the club at the end of the school day, eat a hot lunch, do their homework and benefit from enrichment activities. The clubhouse is located in an old building and the conditions were unsuitable and unsafe for the children. Intensive work with the Department of Social Welfare of the municipality, and in full cooperation with all relevant parties, the after-school club house was completely renovated, including the courtyard spaces. In addition, the club was equipped for the welfare of the children and adapted to their needs (new computers, TV, board games and books.)



### ♥ **Renovation of the dorms for girls, Shirat Hayam (song of the sea) – Nirim Youth Village**

The youth village "Nirim" is the last resort for youth at-risk before their final deterioration to a life of crime, drugs and excommunication from the normative society. In 2014, the first pilot project called "Song of the Sea" was launched. The project was dedicated to four Nirim girls that were all "on the verge of dropping out." Throughout the program, the girls lived in a 'yurt tent' that provided them the most basic living conditions. The success of the pilot and the return of the girls to 'Nirim' school track brought the Nirim staff to the decision to expand the project and transfer these girls into a permanent structure that will also enable the absorption of additional girls. Project "Song of the Sea" enables Nirim to provide these girls with a sense of a home and stable environment. The option of establishing the "Song of the Sea" girls dorm as a permanent facility that enables the absorption of up to 12 girls and provides them with a greater sense of protection, belonging, warmth and family - provides a real-time solution to the existing needs and allows the staff at Nirim to assist the girls who are in distress in a far better way. The Galila Foundation participated in the establishment of this must-have facility.



### ♥ **Renovation at the tennis center, Kiryat Shmona**

Renovation of the training room at the Tennis Center in Kiryat Shmona. The center hosts many international competitions this year and has increased its diverse activities.

