



## 2013-2014 programs & initiatives summary

As we approach the new Jewish year, we are proud to look back at our achievements and are honored to be continuing to play our part in creating and developing programs and initiatives that are having an impact in the northern Galilee region of Israel.

The following is a full description of the projects and programs that Galila has been engaged with during the past year.

Galila could not have achieved any of this without the continuing support and trust of our donors and supporters worldwide. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to them for their confidence and trust in supporting our vision and mission. We are truly blessed to have such friends.

We wish you and all your loved ones **Shana Tova**

Yael Barlev - Director



## Education & Empowerment

### ♥ **Docu Mail program - Year II**

We are in our second year of Docu-Mail initiative. The program connects between school children through "Documentary postcards", and is part of the Beren – Galila initiative. This year, the project focused on 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the 'Amirim' junior high school in Kfar Vradim and the Hyman Brand Academy in Kansas City USA.

During this unique project, the students exchanged short films which they produced and uploaded onto the specially developed Docu-mail web site ([www.Docu-mail.com](http://www.Docu-mail.com)). The topic of this year videos were derived from the Passover Haggadah's "Four Sons" - wisdom, evil, innocence and not knowing how to ask.



### ♥ **DocuLeaders**

The DocuLeaders initiative has grown significantly over the past three years. Due to a lack of budget resources, a number of applicants had to be turned away at registration for this year's group. The activities will gain more traction following the "The DocuLeaders Screening Festival" pilot project that will occur in October 2014. This program is a unique opportunity to teach and develop groups of teen documentary producers from the periphery region in Israel, who will have the opportunity to screen their films to the general public at an official and publicized film-festival. The impact on the teen DocuLeaders is that it exposes them to a new world of content that they engage with and the program encourages them to deal with a range of community-related challenges and issues. This project is part of the Beren – Galila initiative.



### ♥ **Girls giving back**

Now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, this model project is a joint venture between the Ma'ale Yosef Regional Council, the Galila foundation and is generously supported by the Rochlin foundation. The program incorporates volunteering in the community, along with a wide range of diverse and highly effective therapeutic enrichment activities throughout the year. This program enables the teen girls "to give and to receive" - providing them with fulfilling voluntary experience, raising their personal confidence, as part of a young sisterhood and increasing self-esteem through empowerment and self-development. This year, the program included a number of young girls not under the care of the social welfare agencies – so as to encourage integration and acceptance among this peer group who all emanate from the same rural communities in the Ma'ale Yosef Regional Council. A total of 40 girls participated this year, of which 25 girls are under the supervision of the social welfare agency, received stipends for their full participation in all of the activities. The Rochlin



foundation grant also provided 5 girls who graduated from this program and subsequently served in the army or national service, with scholarships for their higher education. In addition, a professional training course was provided to a number of the girls in the field of make-up artistry providing them with much-needed professional training thereby ensuring their economic independence.

#### ♥ **Professional training course for girls**

As part of our general welfare activities in the Northern Galilee region, the Galila foundation assisted girls from the rural periphery communities through the funding of professional training courses.

At the beginning of the year, Galila opened, together with "Sigal Tadmor School", a professional Makeup course. The course, attended by 20 girls all from the rural northern Galilee "moshavim" communities, was held at Erez College in Shlomi for a period of 5 months. At the end of the course, the graduates received a certificate that will enable them to work and develop their professional capabilities in that field and will enable them to become economically independent. The course is part of the "Girls Giving Back" project which has been supported by the Galila foundation for several years.



This program was assisted by a gift from the HOT ('Hands on Tzedakah') foundation.

#### ♥ **After school centers for kids in Mazra'a.**

The Galila foundation has refurbished and supported enrichment activities in the centers for those at-risk children, as identified by the Mazra'a municipality welfare department. Mazra'a is an Arab community located in the northern Galilee, between the towns of Acre and Nahariya.

The centers are a place that kids come to every day after school for a nutritious lunch, to get help with homework and to benefit from other enrichment activities. The Galila foundation purchased and installed new computers, games, recreational supplies, books and more. In addition, Galila supports the enrichment activities for these children in music, sports and the arts.



The project was funded by the Hong Kong-based Kadoori Charitable Trust.

#### ♥ **"Aharai" groups**

This is the third year that Galila foundation is supporting the activities of "Aharai" in three northern Galilee towns: Shlomi, Kfar Vradim and Ma'alot.

"Aharai" is a national social-educational organization that encourages young leadership development by connecting these youths to Israeli society through preparation activities for a significant military service in the IDF; preparation for the school matriculation exams; new immigrant integration programs; one year of community service; pre-military academy



and alumni organizations; the program provides its youths with a sense of achievement and capability and encourages them to integrate as contributing citizens in the State of Israel.

The Galila foundation's impact in this program comes within the framework of the 'Beren Fellows' initiative for social entrepreneurship in the Galilee and is led by Rafi Buganim, a resident of Kfar Vradim. Rafi accompanies the group in journeys, field trips, ongoing activities and is referred to as the "father" of all. With his military background as an IDF paratrooper officer, he provides the teens with a true-to-life role model exuding values, comradery and warmth that will inspire and enrich the next generation of young and involved Israelis as they prepare for their military service.

#### ♥ NASA program

Within the Beren Fellows initiative of developing social entrepreneurs in the Galilee, the Galila foundation supports a social initiative engineered by Dr. Nili Gal Yam, director of the 'Center for Science and Knowledge for Gifted Children'.

In the northern Galilee town of Shlomi, about 200 students from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 9<sup>th</sup> grades - Jews, Arabs, Druze and Christians, religious and secular, come from schools all over the Western Galilee to learn together and become exposed to a variety of enrichment programs in the area of science, technology and the arts.

As part of the special study programs, since 2012, the school runs a curriculum in astronomy and space exploration, in cooperation with the Euro Space Center in Belgium, sponsored by the space agency NASA, bringing together groups of school teens from around the world who take part in this special summer program.

At the end of a full year's activity and study, youths from a select group of countries are invited to meet in a space camp designed by NASA in Belgium, for a week of experiential learning experiences in aerospace equipment, simulation systems for astronauts and of course, social meetings with schoolchildren who are partners in the project. This project is a one-time unique experience that allows periphery children to discover a world they could only hear about. The Galila Foundation helps finance the project, in the belief that providing equality of opportunities for children that have intellectual abilities living in the periphery of Israel, helps in developing the future generation for excellence in sciences and civil society.



#### ♥ The Gifted Children Schools Alumni Project

As part of the Beren Fellows initiative, school principal and Beren Fellow Dr. Nili Gal Yam initiated an Alumni program for all graduates of the Gifted Children Schools in the North of Israel. The idea behind this project was to enable these graduates to engage in additional extra-curriculum studies in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades without interfering with their school timetable and matriculation exams. The gifted children schools help to develop the intellectual capabilities of unique children from grades 4 through 9 from all over the country. These years, groups of gifted children are brought together, enabling them to enjoy not only advanced studies at these schools each week, but also the company of friends with similar interests that are nurtured during the years. At the end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade, their studies at these schools come to an end but the many friendships developed remain.

The purpose of this project is to enable these youths to continue to meet socially and to empower them through their challenges during their study years in the 'regular' high school system.

The project collects all of these youngsters from the north of the country and integrates them socially and, together with many 'familiar' teachers, they also engage in study-areas of special interest to this unique group of Israeli teens.

Through this specially-developed project, these children participate in enrichment classes and work on research projects together under the guidance and care of the staff. The Galila foundation supports this project as part of its leadership development and empowerment vision for the younger residents of the Northern Galilee region.



### ♥ **Embrace**

The 'Embrace' program for children and youth 'at risk' was a social initiative of the Kiryat Shmona Tennis Center Director, Saul Zohar.

There are over 100 'at risk' teenagers participate in the 'Embrace' project at the Tennis center in Kiryat Shmona. Boys and girls benefit from a number of originally-devised activities that are supervised by professional staff and students from the nearby Tel Hai College together with local volunteers.

Activities include helping children with homework, strengthening their self-confidence, enrichment programs. In addition, they participate in tennis practices, sightseeing tours of the country and more.

For the fifth year in which this project is running, its success has succeeded above and beyond original expectations. Troubled youths, who are defined as 'at risk' are gradually drawn back to a normative life and get back on track, becoming productive citizens who contribute to their community, The most significant impact of the program is that the Israel Tennis Center in Kiryat Shmona has become a second home for these teenagers. Beyond the game of tennis game, the youths learn more about the community responsibility, and are able to expand their circle of friends as well as their own personal horizons.

Social workers participating in the project conduct home visits and try to involve the parents in the project. During the coming year we are planning joint trips of parents with their children, to strengthen the relationship between the parent and child. In addition, this year began activities with parents of the children who come to the center for two sessions to learn about healthy nutrition and correct living habits.



The Galila Foundation continues to be a partner in this project, as part of a joint initiative with the Beren SEA Foundation.

### ♥ **3DS**

In March 2014, a three day seminar at the Tefen Industrial Park, focusing on economic development and networking in the northern Galilee took place for the very first time. The seminar was initiated by Aliza Wills, a US volunteer and participant in the Gallia-SEE

Galilee volunteers program. A total of 30 regional entrepreneurs, developing their own economic/business vision participated in the conference. The event participants all presented their final business plans and a team of professional mentors and business experts responded with constructive advice and guidance. It is hoped that this single event will serve as the opening shot for many more 3DS operations in the north. Aliza, who initially arrived in Israel for a six months stint, decided to immigrate to Israel and work on developing Israel's business scene and we believe that we will be hearing more on this motivated young lady who came as a result of the ongoing Galila-Beren partnership.



This program was also assisted by a gift from various donors.

### ♥ Environment and Ecological enrichment program in Shlomi

70 children from Shlomi, Nahariya, Maalot, Kibbutzim and Moshavim from the area began to this year to learn at the Shlomi Center for Gifted Children. The children learn in groups in a number of courses – ecology, writing science fiction, economics, logistics, entrepreneurship, law and the arts. The activities at the center take place once a week. The children are divided into groups with each group having a program encompassing a number of courses that together create an enrichment package that develops the children's minds and exposes them to other areas that they would not learn in any other framework. This is the second year the program is being held in the afternoon hours with the parents being responsible for travel arrangements for the children to and from the science center. This seems to be obvious but it shows the responsibility and commitment especially when it involves the northern periphery. The Galila Association is happy and proud of a program such as this in our region. The contribution/donation to this project has taken place within the joint innovation of the Bren Foundation and the Galila Association. The latter believes that we have to assist in the development and advancement of tomorrow's generation of leaders in this region and this is for the benefit in future of the entire Israel society.

## Sports activities

### ♥ The Regional Squash Center in Kibbutz Matzuba

In Kibbutz Matzuba, located 3 km from the Lebanese border, a sports and squash center is being built for the welfare of the region's sports enthusiasts.

Ohad Fliederman, a kibbutz resident initiated, planned and persevered until his dream came to fruition. These days, Ohad is leading the project and until the New Year, we hope that the new structure will be up and operational.

The center will be a focal point for squash enthusiasts from the entire region. The center will run all day in a wide variety of activities and classes with an emphasis on the sport which will be led by certified squash instructors.

The Kibbutz, the local Authority and the residents all pitched in out of the clear knowledge on the immediate and significant contribution to the life of leisure.



The basis for the project is in the form of a regulation-size squash court and was built with contributions coming in from local Israeli donors and supporters.

The Galila Foundation provided the administrative support and has followed the project from day one. We see this initiative of Ohad as an authentic model of social entrepreneurship created by young adults living in the peripheral northern Galilee.

This program was assisted by a gift from various Israeli donors.

### ♥ **Mini pitch court in 'Galim' School**

The Galila Foundation is involved in the construction of a mini pitch/outdoor sports court for the school children of 'Galim' near Kibbutz Ein HaMifratz. The final preparations are underway and construction will begin by November 2014. The 'Galim' School is a regional center for children with special needs ages 6-12. Many students who finish their studies at the 'Galim' school are integrated into the regular education - something that would not be possible without the special teaching program only available at the 'Galim' school. This project was conducted in cooperation with the Mate Asher Regional Council.



### ♥ **Tennis Tournament**

A first-of-a-kind tennis tournament between the kids from the Shlomi tennis program and their peers from the Kiryat Shmona tennis center took place in March 2014 in the northern Galilee border town of Kiryat Shmona. A total of 80 kids played a 200 game marathon tournament on eight courts throughout the day, which included social interaction between all of the participants. The Center Director Shaul Zohar, accompanied by additional coaches ran the day's event and, for everyone, this was a very special occasion. They relished watching all of these kids get together – for the very first time and saw how easily and respectfully they engaged together. Many parents from both towns also participated in this event.



This meaningful tournament was sponsored by the Beren-Galila initiative and is the perfect example of how to integrate communities of children together under the banner of sports.

### ♥ **Summer Camp at the Tennis Center in Kiryat Shmona**

The Galila Foundation is a partner in the funding of a tennis summer camp and training group held at the Tennis Center in Kiryat Shmona, which opened early August for a period of 10 days with 32 children participating. Activities at the summer camp included: professional tennis training, sports competitions, cooking workshops, lectures on nutrition, leisure and recreation, paintball and much more. The camp is run and organized by the Tennis Center Director, Shaul Zohar, a social entrepreneur who came through the Beren Fellows initiative sponsored by the Galila-Beren Initiative.



### ♥ Tennis in Shlomi

For the fourth successive year, the Galila Foundation is supporting tennis activities in the border town of Shlomi. During the first year of activities, a total of six groups with more than 70 children and teenagers participated. At present, a total of seven groups will participate in competitive tennis activities in the town. The program is organized by professional tennis coach, Moshe Azulay, who is a fantastic coach and role model for the participating children and has received accolades both from the children and their parents. The entire program is run in cooperation together with the Shlomi Community Center, led by its manager Michelle Ben-Shitrit, as well as the director of sports programs, Avi Hajaj. The program is planned to continue and expand in the coming years. The support for this program has been made possible thanks to funding by the SEA Beren Foundation. The Galila Foundation is also involved in a number of other tennis program initiatives across the Galilee region.



## Holocaust survivors

### ♥ House repairs in Holocaust Survivors Homes throughout the Galilee

We all hear about the poor condition of Holocaust survivors in Israel. In light of their economic challenges, the Galila foundation decided to step up to the challenge of helping this group of people in great need. A home “make over” project for Holocaust survivors is the way we decided to address this need. There are a few hundred holocaust survivors living in the Galilee region today. Some are childless, lonely and lack the means to afford basic repairs in their homes. These people have already survived through so many hardships and feel helpless and ashamed to continue living in such an impoverished state. Their inability to help themselves sometimes means staying at home, living in poor conditions, sinking further into sorrow and despair.

Thanks to a generous contribution from two US-based philanthropic foundations, The Anne & Henry Zarrow foundation and Florida-based ‘Hands on Tzedakah’, the Galila foundation has been able to immediately start with this wonderful Home Repairs initiative. This project is being completed in collaboration with the Municipalities of Ma’alot and Shlomi.



### ♥ The Fifth Question

The “fifth question” is a values-based, educational initiative dealing with Jewish identity and making the educational connection between Israeli nationalism and the Holocaust. This project enables the participants to formulate their memory and test their individual and group national identity and how the Holocaust impacts their lives living in the Jewish, democratic State. This initiative is the brainchild of Osnat Ur-Leurer and is incorporated as part of the Beren Fellows program for social entrepreneurship in the Galilee region of northern Israel.

This program will be incorporated into the 'Amirim' high school's 11<sup>th</sup> grade school trip to Poland. The students are challenged to ask questions and to take responsibility of their surrounding communities – in school, in the home-village and the Western Galilee. The students undergo numerous activities leading up to their school trip including lectures and hands-on activities in their community. They are encouraged to learn and answer the question who is the Holocaust survivor in my community? What was their part in nationhood, building the State and more specifically, the Western Galilee?



The students also interview local survivors and document their epic personal narrative. These testimonies are uploaded onto a dedicated website and the students use this as a teaching tool to other kids at the 'Amirim' high school on Israel's Holocaust Memorial Day. These personal testimonies will also be dominant with the students during their Poland school trip.

In addition to this primary goal and as a supplement to their education on this important subject, the 'Amirim' students will participate in the annual Galila foundation events with the region's Holocaust survivors taking place across the northern Galilee communities in the month leading up to the festival of Passover.

The finale of this creative initiative will be that the students, upon their return from the Poland school trip will be in charge of organizing and implementing the annual Holocaust Memorial day ceremony held in the community of Kfar Vradim and with the full attendance of the community.

The 'Fifth Question' initiative is a new way to inculcate the younger Israeli generation with the critical importance of blending memory together with education and activism.

#### ♥ **Happy holidays with students and Holocaust survivors.**

Every year, the Galila foundation celebrates with Holocaust survivors from the North of Israel the Jewish holidays of Passover and Rosh Hashana. As part of these festivities, the survivors receive a gift voucher enabling them to purchase food, clothing and essential necessities. This year, students from the "Amirim" school in Kfar Vradim participated in the preparations of this festive event. The students baked cakes and put on a small performance of songs and dances.

The most important aspect of these participating students was that they got to know those very special seniors who live among them, yet they do not know about their tragic and heroic past. Bringing the two generations together will assist to narrow the gap between the generations and enrich the lives of all involved.

The meeting was very exciting for the school students and survivors alike and we at Galila will be continuing to support this model of engagement for years to come thanks to the gift from HOT and Sobell foundation.



#### ♥ **Day Care Centre for the Elderly, Hatzor Haglilit**

Galila received a donation from the UK-based Sobell Foundation to help the Day Care Centre for the Elderly in the northern Galilee town of Hatzor Haglilit. The Day Care Centre

serves some 42 elderly and frail members on a daily basis and many others who are not able to leave their homes are provided for by volunteers and staff at this Center. The Day Care Centre provides both transportation to and from the center, two hot meals a day and various on-site social, cultural and health related activities. In addition, the center provides outreach services to bedridden and home-bound elderly residents, including responding to distress call button calls, hot meals, home visits and maintain contact for those who are now alone at home. Galila is honored to help maintain the multiple needs of this Day Care Centre for the Elderly and will continue to support the needs of the elderly and impoverished residents living in communities across the northern Galilee.

## In the community

### ♥ **Reaching Out for Tova**

The “Reaching Out” project - in Memory of the late Tova Raouchberger, is a special scholarships program for younger dancers’ troupe made up of students from all over the country, participating in a two-year Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company program at the ‘Dance Village’ in the northern Galilee Kibbutz Ga'aton.

The cost of this intensive arts education program is quite costly and this special scholarships program enables these young prodigies to be able to fulfill their lifelong ambition of dancing with the KCDC senior dance troupe.

The Galila foundation was honored to be able to help initiate and develop this scholarships program with the family of Tova.

A special dance event took place at the Kibbutz during which family members and friends all gathered to pay tribute to Tova and celebrate her life’s achievements through this artistic event performed by the young dancers at the KCDC.



### ♥ **Avnei Derech (Milestone)**

A new, pilot project, supporting a group of high-functioning autistic young adults, integrated into the community, has been launched by the “Avnei Derech” (Milestone) Association. This project, in conjunction with the National Insurance Institute is supported by the Oklahoma-based Zarrow family foundation through Galila.

The group of young adults will live, work or study in the northern town of Kiryat Shmona, under the supervision of the Avnei Derech counselors, social workers and other specialist care givers.



The future success of this first-of-a-kind program will help to pave the way and will become a milestone for more groups all over the country to break the stigma and limitations on autistic people and will help to fully integrate them in the community.

### ♥ **Volunteering and Zionism days at 'Ein Kamunim' farm**

The Galila Foundation has initiated a new and exciting collaboration with "HaShomer Hahadash" in activities which include educational enrichment and youth hospitality in the educational agricultural farm at Ein Kamunim in the northern Galilee. Within these activities, the youths are hosted in Ein Kamunim for 3-4 days of volunteering at the farm. During the days, the youth work all over the farm, sleeping 'rough' outdoors, and participating in lectures on various topics such as the importance of living in the periphery regions of the country, mutual responsibility, the pioneers spirit and modern interpretations of classic Zionism. During the summer months, many groups arrived for volunteering and educational enrichment activities and the Galila foundation sees great importance in assisting the promotion of these activities. During the coming year, it is expected that Galila will intensify its collaboration with this special organization in the area of values education.



### ♥ **Supporting Ethiopian-Israeli children in Kiryat Bialik**

Over the past two years, a large number of new immigrant children from Ethiopia, who completed the absorption process in the regional immigrants' absorption centers, arrived with their families to settle in the town of Kiryat Bialik. Many families are having difficulties to assimilate into Israeli society due to many gaps (cultural, mental, educational, economic, etc.) and the result is that they are unable to cope with providing their children with all their needs. The municipality of Kiryat Bialik took upon itself to help the children as much as possible and provides afternoon informal frameworks, but due to budgetary constraints, the children are given a basic lunch meal at these facilities. The Galila foundation provided a grant from the Sobell Foundation (UK) which understands the importance of providing a daily nutritious meal for the health of these children.

The Galila foundation collaborated with the local community center and the local ASHAK association and has provided nutritious meals to over 100 new immigrant Ethiopian-Israeli children every day after school. This initiative will enable the children to continue with their after-school activities in a healthy and content environment, until they return home in the evening. The meals will be prepared by senior volunteers who are paid for their time spent preparing these meals and who need this supplemental income. The additional benefit from this venture is the elderly residents feeling that they are included in the community effort to support these kids who come from the most impoverished Ethiopian immigrant families living in the town.



### ♥ **SEE Galilee III in Kfar Vradim**

The third session of the 'See Galilee' overseas volunteer program with eight MASA program volunteers took place in Kfar Vradim this year. These young adults all from the US, lived in Kfar Vradim for 5 months and volunteered in the community and the surrounding communities. They volunteered in the local High School, Sports groups, the special needs population day-center and hostel. In addition to their volunteering work they all studied Hebrew, enjoy enrichment activities, took a social entrepreneurship course, toured the Galilee and experienced Israel through their stay with the community of Kfar Vradim. The Galila Foundation supports this program and believes that these young adults will strengthen their Jewish identity and their connection to Israel through their experience in Kfar Vradim. This program is made possible thanks to the Beren-Galila initiative, in collaboration with the Jewish Agency MASA Israel program and was operated by 'Israel Way'.



### ♥ **Dental Hygiene Awareness Campaign**

The Galila Foundation continues to support the Dental Health Awareness Campaign in the Bedouin communities living in the jurisdiction of the Mate Asher Regional Council. For a number of years, the Galila Foundation and the Mate Asher Regional Council have been working jointly on raising awareness on the importance of oral hygiene in the Bedouin villages of Sheikh Danun and Aramsheh. The 'Healthy Tooth' Campaign is funded by donations from the Galila Foundation provided through a Charitable Trust in England. The program provides dozens of school children with regular check-ups and the importance of proper dental hygiene. The children undergo individual dental check-ups by a licensed dentist and learn about the importance of oral hygiene with an emphasis on how to brush properly in small group settings. The program's activities and informational pamphlets are geared towards children. The project is now in its fourth year and the feedback received from the parents is very positive and noteworthy. The 'Healthy Tooth' Campaign has proven to be an invaluable project – by targeting children a chain reaction has developed whereby we have seen a significant increase in dental hygiene awareness extending to the core family – siblings and parents alike. The campaign is managed and supervised by the Mate Asher Regional Council's Department of Health.



### ♥ **Breast Cancer Awareness Program in the Northern Galilee**

This is the second year that The Galila Foundation has partnered up with the Ma'ale Yosef and Mate Asher Regional Councils' Breast Cancer Awareness Program, targeting Israel's northern rural communities. The project scope involves the production and distribution of information booklets to raise breast cancer awareness and the importance of self-examinations. The booklets are distributed as background information to lectures given on the topic in various northern communities. The lectures, all delivered by breast health specialist Dr. Roizman, exposes hundreds of women to the importance of self-examination and early detection of the disease, as well as explanations of available treatments. The promotion of breast cancer awareness is life-saving work. The Galila Foundations highly regards this program, which



embodies its core mission of advancing the northern communities through a set of targeted informal education and enrichment initiatives and is supported by a UK donor.

### ♥ **'Na'aman' Community Medical Center**

The Galila foundation has partnered with the Mate Asher Regional Council in establishing a new Medical Center serving the community of two neighboring Kibbutzim, Masaryk and Ein Hamifratz, as well as the Regional Schools located adjacent to this facility. This joint venture includes the Clalit Health Fund, the Mate Asher Regional Council as well as the two Kibbutzim with a special donation channeled through the Galila foundation to this project by Lady Beryl Steinberg from Manchester, England. The 'Na'aman' Medical Center is dedicated in memory of her late husband. The 'Lord Leonard Steinberg Medical Facility' and will be operated by the Regional Council. It is expected that construction will be completed by the end of 2014.



### ♥ **Krembo Wings summer camp**

Krembo Wings is the only youth movement for children with special needs in Israel and the world, providing weekly social activities for over 850 youth with all types of cognitive, inter-personal and physical disabilities.

The summer camp is a family holiday for families with a child with complex special needs. The camp is accessible and adapted to our special pupils, their families and tutors. Three cycles of three days each, containing thousands of participants enjoyed fun activities, moments of laughter, happiness, joy and excitement.



This program was assisted by a gift from the HOT ('Hands on Tzedakah') foundation.

## ***Renovations and equipment for children***

### ♥ **Ethiopian Youth Club renovation in 'Tzur Shalom'**

The Galila foundation has recently begun to remodel the youth club in the impoverished 'Tzur Shalom' in Kiryat Bialik. The youth club is a daily activity center for more than one hundred Ethiopian youth living in the neighborhood and is run by the 'Hayut' Association for Ethiopian-Israeli Youth. The club is run 6 days of the week with a variety of programs aimed at youth ages 8-18.

The renovations includes the comprehensive remodeling, renovation and refurbishment of the building, creating new and expansive activity spaces, installing computer stations, TV, games, meeting rooms, an open kitchen and more. In addition to renovating this youth



club, the Galila foundation will purchase new equipment transforming this club into a lively and 'fully-loaded' activity center. At the end of the renovation, the youth will return to a 'new' and inviting youth center.

The project was initiated, developed and managed by the Galila foundation in collaboration with the Municipality of Kiryat Bialik. This project was made possible with the generous support of the Clore Israel Foundation.

#### ♥ **Meitar Regional School for Children with Special Needs**

The Galila Foundation is happy to announce the completion of a new school playground in the 'Meitar' Regional School for Children with Special Needs, located in Moshav Bustan Hagalil near the coastal town of Akko. The children spend many hours in the school and having a specially-designed playground is essential to their physical and emotional development. The playground was built and modified for the children's needs through a collaborative effort between the professional staff at the school and the Galila Foundation.

The construction of the playground was made possible by a gift provided by an anonymous donor.



#### ♥ **Renovation of a "Safe House" for kids in kiriat Bialik.**

Galila Foundation is happy to be part of yet another renovation project of a safe house for children at risk. The Kiryat Bialik municipality allocated money for the use of a bomb shelter and the necessary equipment to give the children the most appropriate conditions, but due to budgetary issues was unable to renovate the club house and furnish it with new and modern equipment. Representatives of the "Hands On Tzedakah" Foundation have visited the club house and joined the renovation project. Thanks to HOT's generous contribution, the Galila Foundation has already started to renovate the clubhouse and equipped it with the newest equipment, which will enable the children to arrive to a warm and welcoming place after school hours. This wonderful project was made possible in full cooperation of the welfare and resource departments of the municipality.

Galila would like to thank and acknowledge the HOT Foundation for its amazing gift and is proud to be a part of another project that helps and improve the life of the children in northern Israel.



#### ♥ **Emergency Fund**

Thanks to a gift from the HOT ('Hands on Tzedakah') foundation, the Emergency Fund project of the Galila foundation now is able to expand to more communities in the Galilee – particularly the towns of Hatzor Haglilit and Shlomi. The recently expanded fund will be based on the same criteria and model of the current assistance fund "The Galila Charitable Trust". This fund is already assisting many impoverished families and individuals in the northern Galilee region.