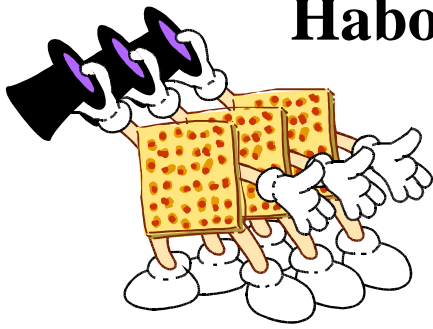
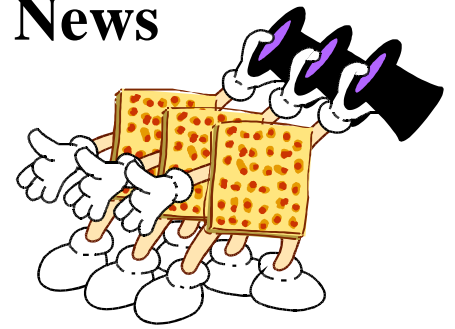


# Habonim Dror Foundation News



## חדשות



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### From the Foundation

As I write this note, we have just been numbed by the awful terrorist bombings in Israel. Although you will read these words a month later, I am quite sure that we still all feel the pain and will still be searching for answers and direction. I will leave the political analysis to other journals and rather reflect on the work of the Foundation.

A month ago I was approached by the central shaliach of Habonim Dror, Gil Matz, with a special funding request. The Progressive Zionist Caucus, a campus activist group spearheaded by Habonim Dror, is sponsoring a 21 campus tour of Israeli and Palestinian musicians and speakers. They have funding from a number of sources but due to turmoil in the whole structure of the World Zionist Organization, normal Zionist student funding is slow in coming. He asked, could the Habonim Dror Foundation grant an emergency allocation to help them implement this project?

Based on my own campus experiences of the late 60's and early 70's, I immediately recognized the importance of the tour. I am sure we can all appreciate the importance of educating college students, particularly Jewish students, on the current situation in Israel. In addition, one can not minimize the political importance of a tour of this type.

Following the tragedies in Israel, I wondered how the events would change the content and direction of this campus program. Considering that question emphasized to me once again the challenges the movement faces. The

message is not a simple one and does not lend itself to easy phrases. Supporting the continuation of the peace process will not be an easy task in the weeks and months ahead. It is our job, as supporters of Habonim and their message, to help fund the effort.

I call upon each of you to make your direct contribution to keeping the peace process alive. Please send your contribution immediately so we can fund this campus tour and support the movement.

In this issue you will find a wide of array of articles, including exciting alumni news, reports from the movement and some ideas to bring to your seder table. On behalf of the Foundation, I wish you all a happy, healthy and meaningful Pesach. Above all I wish for a peaceful holiday for all our chaverim and chaverot in Israel.

B'Shalom,  
Kenneth Bob

### News from Habonim Dror International

We have recently moved offices from the old building of Kibbutz Hameuchad to the main building of TAKAM in Tel Aviv. The offices are smaller, but we've settled in very well. The staff has also been cut, but we are able to carry out all of our old functions and as the World Movement grows, we are taking on new work as well.

**Kenes Mazkirim** - At the beginning of February, Mazkirim and representatives of almost all of the National movements, met at Kiryat Moriah in Jerusalem for the annual Kenes Mazkirim. Those attending represented North America, Great Britain, Australia, Holland, Belgium, France, Argentina, New Zealand, Mexico, South Africa, Ukraine, Hungary, and Germany.

A booklet about the Kenes has been sent to all of the National Movements. If you would like a copy, please write or e-mail to the World Movement, 10 Dubanov Street, Tel Aviv. [hdisrael@shani.net](mailto:hdisrael@shani.net)

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### Habonet Members Discuss Role of Judaism in the Movement

*by Shai Gluskin*

The role of Judaism in Habonim is on many people's minds. Indeed, there were resolutions at the last international and national conventions which addressed the topic. In February I started a discussion at our Habonet on-line forum discussion group. The discussion generated much response.

I started the discussion by wondering whether the founders of Habonim were

aware of the verse in Psalm 118, "The stone that the builders (habonim) rejected became the cornerstone." In that psalm, the builders are those without great insight, unable to discern what is most important.

I thought that the founders may have been rebelling against the psalm to say, "The builders *can* make the best choices; we cannot wait for some God to overturn our situation - *we* must build our country. No divine intervention wanted or needed."

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# The HDF Chicago-area Chavurah: An Idea Who's Time Has Come?

In Chicago, Habonim Dror alumni recently founded a multi-tiered Chavurah (Habonim Alumni & Friends) that will provide those who choose to get involved (alumni and non-alumni) with much more than an occasional reunion. A separate article describing the inspired start-up of Chicago's chavurah can be found on page 5.

This event, *chevre*, is truly "mashehu chadash tachat hashemesh". Our Chicago *chevre* are using the term "Chavurah" to describe themselves, because that is the only currently recognized term to describe a small, grass roots association of Jewish families formed for the general purpose of "being Jewish" together.

The Chicago chavurah experiment is just beginning. With a bit of perseverance, however, they may gain for themselves a

unique berth in Habonim Dror history. They may prove to be the bleeding edge of a new force within the North American Habonim Dror community.

How many of us reading *Chadashot* do not have a Jewish "home"? Are not affiliated with a local Jewish congregation? Or are not comfortable with the affiliations we have made? How many of us have heard about the chavurah movement and never dared dream of creating chavurot based on Habonim Dror friends and Habonim Dror ideas and values?

The Chavurah concept is already 25 years old. There is a loose affiliation of Chavurot in North America and they even have a regular summer institute, which is known to be egalitarian, creative and inspiring. Chavurot come in all flavors and each organizes for the sole purpose of meeting the needs of its own members. The Recon-

structionist Movement actually went by the name "Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot" until this year when people finally tired of figuring out how to pronounce FRCH. As for Habonim Dror, there has been a suggestion that chavurot we organize be called "kvutzot" - so as to use the same *shoresh* (root) as "Kibbutz" and reaffirm our collectivist community ideals.

The time is ripe to reinforce and extend the efforts of our *chevre* in Chicago. (Believe it or not, if there is sufficient interest, we might even receive an organizing grant from a major Jewish foundation) Anyone interested in the chavurah concept for themselves? First, read about what we're doing in Chicago. Then, if you are interested in meeting with Habonim alumni from your own area to discuss the formation of a local kvutza please contact:

Steve Weinberg: 800/443-6587

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## JEWISH SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK

*Last summer, Leonard Fein was the guest speaker at the Tavor reunion. At that time, he shared with us some of the work he was doing in the area of Jewish social action. A new World Wide Web page appeared recently which offers resources in this area. Those with internet access can reach this web site at:*  
<http://www.shamash.org/hc/jsjn/index.html>

*Leonard can be reached regarding the new organization at: lfein@interramp.com. So far, no mailing address has been posted. A short excerpt from the home page appears below.*

As of January 1, 1996, a new voice: The voice of the Jewish Social Justice Network, a resource and a forum for all those who still believe that to be a Jew is to feel implicated -- urgently so -- in the work of *tikkun olam*, mending the world.

The JSJN Web site will offer information and links regarding what's going on in the Jewish social justice arena. At the most basic level, most of the folks "out there" who are active in one corner of that arena

or another are unaware of how many colleagues they have who are doing similar work. Accordingly, we neither learn from each other's mistakes/successes, nor do we even have the benefit of sustaining one another's morale.

In February, we will add an interactive forum to our armamentarium, inviting people of kindred disposition to share ideas, frustrations, and, above all, information -- that is, reports on projects large and small with which they are familiar.

And soon after, who knows? We proceed from the conviction that there are indeed very many people who seek in their own ways and through their own work to keep the tradition alive, to insist that it is at the core of our tradition. We begin this effort modestly, fully expecting that as more and more of us meet each other this way, people will have ideas as to what's missing, what wants doing, how we can best help and support one another in our work.

Note: This does not have nor do its organizers have any need for it to have an "exclusive" on issues of Jews and social justice. There are already a variety of other Web sites that are relevant, some more closely kindred to what we're about, others, though a bit distant, still worth checking out. We are very much of the "let a hundred flowers bloom" school.

JSJN is the brainchild of Leonard Fein, erstwhile political scientist and professor of contemporary Jewish studies at Brandeis, long-time community activist, and weekly OpEd columnist for the Forward.

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# Habonet Members Discuss Role of Judaism in the Movement

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A personalized interpretation for me of the verse is that the stone - the religious/ritual/spiritual aspects of Judaism - that Habonim [Labor Zionist Youth] rejected, has become the cornerstone of my Jewish identity.

In fact, Habonim never did reject the religious, ritual, or spiritual aspects of Judaism. But there has always been a great ambivalence and often a lack of knowledge in those areas. My own opinion is that Habonim would benefit greatly [the movement itself as well as its adult groups] from devoting greater focus to Jewish study and ritual. I think Habonim often has lived in reaction to the coercion of Orthodox Judaism or the sterility of much of American liberal Judaism. But there is a lot of creativity and spirituality now. Habonim itself could have a lot to offer.

Derekh agav (by the way), it's likely that the namers of Habonim were not thinking about Psalm 118, but rather a Talmudic interpretation of Isaiah 54:13: "And all your children shall be taught by Adonai; great shall be the peace of your children." The Talmud says, "Do not read 'banayikh' (your children), but rather 'bonayikh' (your builders)." This play on words is the perfect slogan for a youth movement. Don't see us as mere kids; we are the builders of a better future.

*Following is a small excerpt from the responses posted on the Habonet. For a more complete digest of the Judaism in Habonim discussion, check the Habonet archive.*

[gopher://israel.nysenet.org:70/hh/lists/habonet](http://gopher://israel.nysenet.org:70/hh/lists/habonet)

Shai's posting reminded me of the time Tavor was hosting a maccabiah that included two other Jewish camps in the region. We had a big, general asepha on the kikar where campers compared their daily routines. The other campers, from USY or some other observant group explained how they spent each morning learning and reciting prayers. One of my bonim responded by saying, "While you're all sitting around praying, we're working, actually doing something and building stuff." Whether or not Habonim founders chose the name from Psalm 118, anybody passing through Habonim gets exposed to the idea that

labor is dignifying and itself perhaps a source of spiritual fulfillment. Habonim's relationship to Judaism as a religion does not appear to be written in stone (pun intended). It evolves with every generation. Habonim did help instill in me the notion that tangible accomplishment (for Zionism, the Jewish People, humanity, whatever) is one of the most admirable of the many possible paths to spiritual enlightenment.

Lonnie Golden

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At the Toronto Ken we always began our Friday night Ken meetings with candle lighting, and then followed that with 10-15 minutes of Shira which always began with Bialik's "HaChama merosh." I still sing this with my family every Friday night as part of our Kabbalat Shabbat service. (I even see that it has been included in the new Reconstructionist siddur.) Many of the other songs we sang were chasidik nigunim or had some religious reference. (Of course we also sang the usual "shirei sochnut", rousing labour hymns like "Techezaknah", and irreverent Habonim ditties).

When we had sichot about social justice, socialism, and social activism, we consciously related them to Jewish ethics and Jewish experience. My Habonim chevre often discussed such weighty issues as "The Meaning of Life" (no no - the Monty Python movie came out later!). I had more such meaningful discussions in and around Habonim than I did in 12 years of Orthodox Hebrew day school I attended.

I certainly viewed - and continue to view - my Habonim experience as a foundation of my overall Jewish identity - spiritually, culturally and politically.

Sydney Nestel

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The rituals that Shai spoke of in his posting are important to me too. We have been making Shabbat in our home every Friday night and do most of the rituals for the holidays. I do them with my family because I find them fun and because they add a little bit of irrationality in an otherwise terribly rational world. I am a devout agnostic with

atheistic leanings. My wife has no qualms about it, though she too she does not believe in God. But we are equally committed to continuing on with the traditions

I do not like English prayers because I can understand them. I can turn off my translation engine when doing Hebrew prayers and they become...yes more mindless ritual.

I think this enjoyment of the ritual without the commitment to a "leap of faith" is very Habonim. The Hashomerniks I knew thought it was pretty hypocritical to do the rituals without the belief in the Divine. I think it is kind of zen...or not zen...if you get my drift.

Ben Laden

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I think the flexibility towards Judaism upheld by Habonim and the spirituality I felt at machaneh about my Judaism was due to the community that I felt which I didn't feel through my synagogue. Habonim established for me what I see as the most important part of Judaism, the community.

Avital Furlager

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I don't recall much of this kind of discussion happening when I was growing up in New York Habonim. I have lived in CA now for 15 years, and have become involved with Reform Judaism. Someone else commented that members of Habonim must be Jewish. Yes, we're a Jewish movement, but are we splitting hairs about who can join us if they want to? Are we stepping into the domain of Who is a Jew? Uh oh.

I guess it's the Reform Jew in me that has some problems with that, and sees great benefits in inclusion of interfaith families, etc. without having to compromise our Jewish education, values, etc.

Shifra Teitelbaum

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I always believed that one of the nice things about Habonim was that, while we didn't push religion (no required services at machaneh, etc.), we made a point of making it possible for people who were religious to participate.

Jennie Kay

# Midwest Habonim Dror 60th Anniversary Celebration

Save this Date: Sunday, May 26th, 1996  
5 P.M. to?

Spend the Holiday Vacation together with Habonim Dror - a once in a lifetime event. See friends from throughout the country!

On Sunday, May 26th a celebration will be held in the northern suburbs of Chicago to mark the 60th anniversary of Habonim Dror. The midwest anniversary celebration 10 years ago in the Chicago area was attended by approximately 350 people. We hope to exceed that number for this event which will have Bogrei Habonim coming from all over the country. A special dinner will be followed by Danny Mann, National President of the Labor Zionist Alliance, as our speaker and an evening of Israeli folk dancing to live music. See you there!

## Questions?

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# Seder Suggestions

1: Bring bowls of fish to the seder (you can hide them until reference is made to the crossing of the Red Sea). A midrash states that when the Israelites crossed, they could look through the walls of water and see the fish swimming.

2: A very powerful thing to do is to tack up roses or carnations above or on the sides of doorways as a zecher of the blood that was used to mark Israelite houses.

3: If you have internet access, consider incorporating some ideas from haggadot available on the web. Here's a few that we have found:

<http://www.computergeeks.com/haggadah/>

[http://www.ucalgary.ca/~elsegal/Uncle\\_Eli/Eli.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/~elsegal/Uncle_Eli/Eli.html)

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# Meracez Kenim Report

By Dan Krinsky

The Habonim Dror Foundation decided this year to give a grant of \$20,000 to the Mazkirut Artzit for the purpose of maintaining the position of Meracez Kenim. As the new Meracez Kenim, my goal is to convert your money into concrete, visible results.

In addition to the usual pattern of peulot and seminars in the Kenim, I have set two distinct goals for the Kenim, to be accomplished by the time I return to Israel in the fall, which I hope will boost the quality of the Kenim and their peulot to a much higher level.

The first goal is to create a system of central organization, which will allow the Meracez Kenim to have a detailed, updated, realistic picture of what is going on in our 18 active Kenim. For this purpose I created "KenCon," a computer spreadsheet which gives a detailed report on the Kenim at the touch of a finger. Data on each Ken includes: the name of the Rosh Ken; number of madrichim in the Ken; the size of the Ken mailing list; the number of

Chanichim who are involved; the average attendance at the peulot; the numbers of peulot per month; funding information, and more. In order to ensure constant contact with the Kenim, and to update the data, there is also a column which lists the most recent contact between the Meracez Kenim and the Rosh Ken. Contact is kept on a biweekly basis.

The second goal is to improve the frequency and quality of the peulot in those Kenim. For this purpose I have developed another system, called "KenPulse." KenPulse is just a fancy name for a record sheet for each Ken, in which I record data on each peulah. Whether its the goal of the peulah, the method used in the peulah, or the self-critique of the Rosh Ken after the peulah, KenPulse can be used to receive a clear picture of the specific peulot in the Ken, and then as a base to improve them. KenPulse just went into effect this week.

Having organized the network of Kenim, I have the opportunity to lead them somewhere. My main message is a return to chinuch in the Kenim -- not just singing songs

with the word "Israel" in them; but serious, thought-provoking informal education, like in the good old days. It is a long process, but I feel that this message is already getting across.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon and Bennett Lovett-Graff announce the birth of Shoshana Lovett Graff, born August 23, 1995.

*(If you would like an announcement to appear in future issues of Chadashot, send it to the editors with a contribution.)*

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR NY CELEBRATION

The Foundation would like to hold a 60th anniversary celebration in the New York area either in the spring or fall of this year. This event would provide a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and get that movement spirit again. If you would like to join the organizing committee, drop us a note at the Foundation.

## Chicago Habonim Alumni & Friends

In the Fall of 1995, five Habonim alumni got together with the idea of forming a group to meet both the ideological and the social needs of many of our chevreh in the Chicago area. Over a period of several months our steering committee grew to 12, with ages represented from the early thirties to early fifties. We developed the concept of a group to support the peace process in the middle east and the Labor party in Israel. We all felt that it was time for us to stand up and be counted and take some action to fulfill our beliefs.

January 27th, 1996 the first meeting of the "Habonim Alumni & Friends" group was attended by 55 Chicago area individuals. The attendees had varied interests and backgrounds. Some have been actively involved in the Jewish community, others have not affiliated or participated in any formal way. Some identify with Judaism as a religion, yet others relate to Judaism as a culture and/or nationality. All support the idea of a socially just Israel and everyone enjoyed seeing old friends they had not seen for many years, as well as meeting new friends.

Our guest speaker for the evening was the Consul for Press and Information of the Israeli Consulate. Our interest was captivated by various insights into the current political situation in Israel, especially in the aftermath of the tragic assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. As the evening progressed into a brief organi-

zational meeting, the group decided to have three or four large meetings per year, with the concept of beginning several chavurot to meet in the interim. Some chavurot were formed that evening, at least in concept, which was followed by a social hour that would not end. After a 3 hour meeting we were all nudged out of the building, as people seemed not to want to leave.

At present, a number of people from our group have joined others to work on the 60th anniversary celebration of Habonim for the Midwest. Others are working on beginning several chavurot. 3 chavurot are currently in formation. One for families with younger children, another for singles, and a third to be an "All Purpose" chavurah (discussions, speakers, kumzitzim + ?). Some of these chavurot are rather specific, although others will overlap with members of the larger group attending more than one chavurah.

As our group develops in Chicago, it will be interesting to note the development of similar groups in other cities. This appears to be a time when many of us feel a need to identify and create a group for ourselves, that can also strive to act upon our beliefs.

Aleh Uvneh as someone once said.  
B'Shalom,  
Marty Rabinovitz

## Na'aleh Revival

Work has begun in the effort to have Na'aleh up and running in the summer of 1997. After the successful reopening of Machaneh Gilboa last summer in California we saw the possibility before us of creating the opportunity for even more kids to get involved in Habonim Dror. A series of meetings have already been held in order to build adult and alumni support for our latest machaneh venture. We are very excited about the prospect of putting Na'aleh back on the map, because it has been far too long that a strong Habonim Dror presence has been absent from the Greater New York area. In addition to the reopening of Machaneh Na'aleh it is our hope to create a multi-generational Habonim Dror community, with activities for the whole family, both

as a unit, and also separately for parents and children. With the creation of the Habonim Dror Foundation, it has become increasingly evident that there is a place and a desire for Habonim Dror Alumni activities, and that these activities do not need to be independent of Habonim Dror traditional movement activities, but rather that the two can be combined.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Na'aleh revival effort, please contact: Trilby Smith, Habonim Dror North America, 27 West 20th St., 9th floor, New York, NY 10011 (212) 255-1796 email: hdna@panix.com

## Galil Reunion

There are already 160 People attending Labor Day Reunion! Have you registered? Spread the word!

We need to hear from you soon. Accommodations will be decided on a first come first served basis (we have indoor sleeping space for a large but limited number of people). We've deliberately tried to keep the prices as reasonable as possible. Please send a fifty per cent deposit as soon as your plans become clear. Your deposit is refundable until August 1st.

Also, please send us names, addresses and phone numbers of the Galilniks you know. We'd like to have as complete and accurate a list as possible. We're also looking for Galil memorabilia. We're interested in photographs, lists, letters, and other memorabilia, which we will duplicate and return if you request.

Childcare and activities will be provided for all school-age children for several hours a day. Children under five may attend for free but must be supervised by an adult.

We are reserving outside hotel space for those who do not wish the rustic camp accommodations. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like a list of local hotels (tent camping on Galil grounds will be available).

Send your deposit to:

**The Labor Day 50th Anniversary  
Reunion Headquarters  
429 W. Waverly Road  
Glenside, PA 19038**

### CAMP GALIL REUNION PRICE LIST:

	Adults	Kids 5-12 years old
Friday night only or Monday only	\$25.00 each	\$10.00 each
Saturday or Sunday only	\$60.00 each	\$20.00 each
Full Weekend	\$150.00 each	\$50.00 each

Children under 5 years may attend the reunion at no cost.

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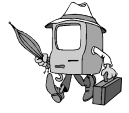
We need volunteers to help put out Chadashot. All you need is a little bit of time and creativity. Contact Ken Bob at [ken@lightstone.com](mailto:ken@lightstone.com) or at the Foundation mailing address if you would like to help out.

Please return to:

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- Attached are the names & addresses of families who may be interested in sending their children to a Habonim Dror summer camp. Please send them camp brochures.  
 I'm willing to volunteer to help the Habonim Dror Foundation. Call me.  
 Enclosed is a check made out to Herzl Press for a copy of Builders & Dreamers, the recently published history of the first 50 years of Habonim Dror. (Paperback - \$14.95 Hardcover - \$29.95)  
 Below  Attached are the names of additional alumni and supporters who should be on the Habonim Dror Foundation mailing list and receiving חודשות. (Please type or write clearly)

**Chevre Who Should Also Be On The Habonim Dror Foundation Mailing List**

Name	Verified Current Address	Phone, EMail	In touch within last 6 months?*	Habonim Dror History (Camp, Ken, Workshop #)
			Yes / No	
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			Yes / No	
			Yes / No	

\* Please verify name and address data if you're not sure it's current. We're mobile and mail forwarding expires after 6 months. Verifying names and addresses now will minimize the need for painstaking follow-up work by Foundation volunteers. Please send in all the alumni names that you have (copies of old camp rosters, Ken lists, etc.). Please send copies, originals will not be returned. Thank you.

## News from Around the World

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**North America** - The movement is growing. The ken in Los Angeles is operating again after a lapse of several years. The winter and summer camps have a good number of chanichim and great programmes. There is a new shaliach in the Mid West and plans for starting up the camp in New York State. And for all of you who have been worried about the future of Zionism in the North American movement, there is a group of 15 bogrim who plan to come on aliyah as a group next year.

**South America** - The Brazilian Movement got its third shaliach a half a year ago and they have just sent 42 chanichim to the Shnat - Machon programme. The Argentinians and Uruguayans will be joining them in March. The Mexicans are already more than half-way through their year.

The Argentinians have sent a representative from their Garin Aliyah to Israel in order to find a suitable kibbutz for the group which plans to come this summer.

**Europe** - the European Mazkirut has begun to meet with representatives from Britain, Hungary and Sweden. The countries with larger and stronger movements have agreed to help the smaller and newer movements.

The Mazkirim from Germany came to Israel to interview young shlichim to work in their country. They found at least two good candidates. The Turkish Mazkira came to find out about starting a professional folk dancing troupe which will be a source of revenue for their movement.

The Southern Africans, Australians and New Zealanders have arrived with over 50

participants for their year programmes which take place in kibbutzim and at the Machon in Jerusalem.

Eastern Europe continues to develop as a site for the movement in Hungary and the Ukraine as well as Croatia and Serbia. The camps that we ran this winter in Hungary were very well attended, but those chanichim coming from the former Yugoslavia need lots of help overcoming their war experiences and getting into the proper framework for a Youth Movement.

We are all proud of the support that the North American movement gets from its bogrim. We follow the discussions on Habonet, watch (with envy) the development of the home page and wish the Habonim Dror Foundation success in mustering support for the movement.

Aleh v'hagshem,  
Barry Solomon, Mazkir Olami, H.D.

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## Habonet: Habonim Dror Alumni on the Internet

Currently almost 200 Habonim Dror Alumni "talk" to each other daily via Habonet, the Habonim Dror Foundation listserv. Topics range from the hilarious to the somber. The vibe has been wonderful. We average about 8 messages per day. For information on a free subscription to Habonet, send email to Brian Cooper, Habonet coordinator, at bc@lightstone.com

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