



The Talia Trust for Children
קרן טליה למען ילדים (ע"ר)

Welcome to the December 2010 Newsletter from the Talia Trust for Children.

It has been a dramatic month in Israel so far, with the awful **Carmel fire** (pictured right) and terrific storms...excitement by the moment, and enough to distract any of us from other matters. So imagine what it is like to return to the concentration of classroom learning after the Chanukah break with the added difficulty of **attention deficiency** and **hyperactivity**.



A few months ago we told you about the Talia Trust's plans for a project at a **school in a deprived area of Kiryat Shemona**. The pilot project has now been running for three months, with four 8-9-year-olds who were all recommended by the school's psychologist to be urgently in need of the specialised extra help that the school was unable to provide. The children (pictured below) are being taught by Avital for one hour, three times a week, in accordance with the Feuerstein instrumental enrichment method.



On the day we visited, the group was concentrating on organization. We had been warned that one little boy had difficulty in sitting down and achieving anything. Suddenly, "the penny dropped" – he fulfilled the set tasks quickly and correctly, and was absolutely delighted with his success. In conversation with the headmaster, who stressed the necessity to enable each child to reach his personal potential, we heard that he has a similar number of children in each of the six year school levels in need of the same help. If only the Talia Trust had sufficient resources to do so!



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We would like to say a very special thank you to the **Oxford Jewish Congregation** in England, which is helping the Talia Trust towards this first stage of the Kiryat Shemona project through a specific fundraising effort.

For those of you planning to make charity donations before the end of this financial year, please do remember the **Talia Trust** and the **Kiryat Shemona** project. We would be pleased to provide you with further details, both of the project and of possible financing.

Finally, plans are underway for the next **Talia Trust UK supper quiz** on Sunday 6 March 2011 at Stanmore Synagogue. Full details will be emailed by us shortly, and we'll also include details in the January newsletter.

Best wishes and thank you for all your support

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