



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

## Welcome to the June 2011 Newsletter from the Talia Trust for Children.

### What's new at the Talia Trust?

We have been so busy here at the Talia Trust for the past couple of months that this is the first chance to write and update you, friends and supporters.

As you know, this is the time of year when organized schools begin to approach us with requests for the coming school year. Just last week we were contacted by a high school in a small Israeli town where we have not worked before, and begged by the school counsellor to help three 16 year olds, including a girl called M. The counsellor told us that the economic situation in M's home is very difficult. Despite real economic need in her home, M, whose parents immigrated from Ethiopia, is fiercely determined to succeed academically. She was tested in primary school and found to have specific learning difficulties. When questions are read to her, she succeeds in answering well, so her teachers know she would benefit from taking the psychological assessment test which will enable her to take her Bagrut (matriculation) exams with a reader, but there is no way that her parents can pay for this test!

This is just the kind of case for which the Talia Trust exists, providing help so that M can get out of the poverty cycle and have a full education. Now is her last chance to show that she is capable of taking a full Bagrut course and passing the exams. This will only be possible, as we have explained before, if she is allowed to do the assessment tests.

We are happy to announce that all three Talia Trust projects (in Kiryat Shemona, Kiryat Haim and S'dot Negev) involving groups of young children now have a local Talia Trust volunteer with experience in the relevant field, keeping an eye on what is happening. In this way, the committee can maintain contact and know that the project is advancing as expected, while showing that we and you are all interested in its progress.



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Finally, our friends at the Haifa English Theatre kindly gave a benefit performance in aid of our charity on June 16<sup>th</sup> which raised a good sum for the Kiryat Haim (Haifa bay) project . We are most grateful to them for their invaluable support.



Next month, on the 16<sup>th</sup> July, the Haifa Freemasons are organising an "Erev Shira/Gala" in aid of the Talia Trust at the Haifa Art Museum so let us know if you would like seats

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer.

Best wishes  
Marilyn Hyman