

October 2009 newsletter

This is the time of year that we try to do most of our fund-raising for the Talia Trust in anticipation of renewed demands as the school year gets under way. We on the committee are most grateful to all of you who have sent in donations from all over the world in the last few weeks.

Locally, we hold an annual awareness-raising event every October during the festival of Succot which also helps our project in Kiryat Haim to a modest extent.

This year's very successful fun event, held in the beautiful Mishmar HaCarmel nature reserve on Mt. Carmel, attracted a good turnout of over 300 participants of all ages and from all over Israel. Toddlers played on soft climbing equipment whilst older children and even adults had a fantastic time in the challenging rope park that was erected especially for the event. Artistically inclined kids enjoyed the crafts corner which was run by experts from the Kiryat Haim learning centre as volunteers. Others had great fun in the drumming circle. Participants aged from 5 to 75 enjoyed the guided hikes with a ranger from the local field school. Strauss ice-cream contributed ice-creams so the participants could cool off after their activities on this rather hot morning. We are also grateful to Bank Leumi, Denia Branch, for their sponsorship.

For those of you living in England, please look at the details of the Talia Trust UK's annual event. It promises to be a great evening and proceeds will go to help our projects in Hadera and S'dot HaNegev. In our next newsletter we hope to update you on the Hadera project with news of the actual children.