

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOUNDATION Vrienden van Tzofim
2012

Annual report 2012 - Stichting Vrienden van de Tzofim

The foundation "Vrienden van de Tzofim" was established in the Netherlands in March 2012 with the goal of locally supporting the activities of "Tzofim Tzabar" – in the Netherlands (hereunder referred to as the Tzofim). The foundation has been recognized by the tax authorities as ANBI (public benefit organization) and from that moment on it assumed the responsibility for all of the financial administration of the Tzofim from the London Chapter. The attached financial report refers therefore to the period April-December 2012.

Background: Tzofim

The Tzofim (scouts) is a well-known international youth movement with active chapters worldwide.

Establishment:

Founded in March 2011 the first chapter (In Hebrew – Shevet) of the Tzofim Tzabar (Israeli Scouts) in the Netherlands, first under the auspices of the London Chapter and later on as an independent non-profit organization.

The first and only Hebrew-speaking youth movement in the country.

The chapter named *Shavshevet* (*Weather Vane* in English) is the second one established in Western Europe, after our London chapter – *Halutz* (*Pioneer* in English).

Goals:

- Encourage young people to be active in the local Jewish-Israeli community.
- Provide equal opportunity for all children.
- Develop and maintain the Jewish and Zionist identity, emphasizing the values of Democracy, Pluralism and Tolerance - according to the Israeli vision of the Declaration of Independence.
- Empower young leaders and develop their capabilities.

Development:

Since the opening of the chapter we have observed a steady increase in awareness to our activities, awareness that is reflected in the creation of a communal core of Hebrew-speaking families. The activities of the Chapter are carried out by a coordinator & a team of instructors. The chapter obtains its funds mainly from activity fees & subsidies from our head-office in London.

Activities in 2012

Regular Activities

In 2012 we had 35 regular one day weekly activities, taking place during two hours on Sunday afternoons. These activities were held in the Regional Scouting Center in Amstelveen (Scouting Kantankye). Conducting our activities at the same place as other Scouting groups (e.g. Japanese Scouts, French Scouts and the Dutch Scouts) gives us an opportunity to communicate with different cultures, while at the same time enjoying the similarities we all share as scouts, and of course use facilities which were designated for scouting activities to begin with.

These activities contain the universal context of Scouting around the world (field-craft, camping, protection of nature, team-work, accepting the different and

more) infused with the special contents of the Israeli Scouts (Judaism & Zionism).

For many chapter members, these activities are the only opportunity to practice Hebrew language outside their home (only two schools in the Netherlands teach Hebrew), but except for language, it is also the way of experiencing and understanding Israeli/ Jewish culture.

There is a significant increase in the number of participants in the activity; while in January 2012 we had **24 registered members**, in December 2012 that number increased more than twofold to **56 registered members**, ages of 6 to 17.

Special Events in 2012

- Within the Tzofim activities we regularly celebrate the **Jewish & Israeli holidays**. This year we paid extra attention to the following holidays: Rosh Ha'Shana, Sukkot, Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Day, Chanukah, Tu Bi'Shvat, Purim, Passover, Israeli Independence Day, Holocaust Memorial Day, Lag Ba'Omer, Shavuot.
- The **winter Camp** is an annual highlight event. This year it took place over 2 days in December at our home scouting camp in Amstelveen. It involved motifs from the "Feast of Lights" (Chanukah).
- The "UK-NL" **young leadership seminar** took place for the first time in December 2012. It was a joint seminar for our leader teams of the Tzofim of UK & Netherlands. This seminar was a great success not only in professionally helping both teams with instructing and leadership methods but also in creating contacts between the two Jewish/Israeli communities in both countries.
- The **summer camp**: another annual highlight event in the Netherlands took place over 3 days in July 2012 at our home scouting camp in Amstelveen with the participation of our entire chapter. Carried out in the end of an entire school year of activity, and concluding the year in a very enjoyable and effective manner.

Management

The coordinator of the Tzofim activities in the Netherlands is Mr. Amit Rabin. Mr. Rabin conducts the daily financial administration of the foundation and together with a team of 8-13 young leaders/instructors (Madrachim), he plans and executes all the Tzofim activities in the Netherlands. The children and their families are very closely involved in the activities and many activities rely on the active contribution of the families.

The members of the foundation's Board of Directors are: Mrs. Hilit Schot-Shani (Chairperson), Mr. Tal Berlinski (secretary) and Mrs. Polly Bronstein (treasurer).

The following annual financial statement has been put together by Mr. Amit Rabin and reviewed by the board and by an independent committee (Mr. Micha Levy & Mrs. Ayelet Price-Givony).

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Bank Account Balance		Cash Balance	
Income	2012	Income	2012
Activity Fees	8.218,40	Activity Fees	4.166,50
London Subsidiary	5.277,89	London Subsidiary	4.475,99
Summer Camp	696,00	Summer Camp	447,00
Winter Camp	448,00	Winter Camp	250,00
Instructors Seminar	120,00	Leadership Seminar	147,50
		Chanukah Event	55,50
		Insurance Subsidy - London	400,00
Total	<u>14.760,29</u>	Total	<u>9.942,49</u>
Expenses		Expenses	
Accounting	45,88	Advertising	37,53
Food	4,13	Food	64,64
Uniforms	99,00	Uniforms	5,90
Bank Commissions	14,48	Educational Programs	169,11
Savings	1.330,00	Opening/Ending Activities	24,43
Legal	546,50	Post	124,79
Rent	1.814,25	Office Equipment	108,73
Coordinator Wage	9.632,79	Coordinator Salary	1.000,00*
Summer Camp	337,13	Volunteers Provision	6.435,00
Winter Camp	97,85	Summer Camp	669,11
Instructors Seminar	386,95	Winter Camp	329,78
Chanukah Event	38,00	Leadership Seminar	181,80
		Communication	103,80
		Staff Training	42,97
		Transportation	103,90
		Insurance	400,00
Total	<u>14.346,96</u>	Total	<u>9.801,49</u>
Difference	413,33	Difference	141,00
Bank Balances		Cash Balances	
Start Balance Regular Account	0	Start Balance	174,65
End Balance	413,33	End Balance	315,65

Increases/Reductions	413,33		Increases/Reductions	141,00
Start Balance Savings Account	0			
End Balance	1.330,00			
Increases/Reductions	1.330,00			
	0			
Difference	413,33		Difference	141,00

***1000 Euro were transferred in Cash for the month of March before the existence of the bank account (the salary was given in the beginning of April).**