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The Association for
Conductive Education in Israel

A FEW WORDS FROM...

ANETE MOZES, CHAIRPERSON

Dear Friends,

Now that spring is here, I would like to take this opportunity, to congratulate all who are doing the blessed work for the children of *Tsad Kadima*.

For three years now, the well-trained and warm-hearted staff at *Tsad Kadima*, has been increasing its activity of raising additional funds for improving the rehabilitative services for the children and families of the organization.

The board members, committees, groups of friends and volunteers work for endless hours and thanks to them, two very successful fundraising events took place recently in Jerusalem and in Tel Aviv.

In addition, we held a “Hike for Hope” for the children of *Tsad Kadima*, initiated by the Render family in Chicago and Israel.

Many thanks to Alex Viterbo, for his work of founding “*The Italian Friends of Tsad Kadima*” group.

Also a special thanks to Ms. Gusti Braverman, who initiated and founded the “*New Circle*”, an additional group of “*Friends of Tsad Kadima*” in Israel.

And to all the wonderful

employees of *Tsad Kadima* - as always, I am proud of your work in the day care centers, kindergartens, school classes, at the varied inclusive programs in the complementary education, and in the training and permanent apartments.

May you all be blessed

for the great work you are doing for our children.

With much appreciation,
Anete Mozes



On the Cover:

Achinoam Nini celebrates a great evening with Miriam and Marc Render

FROM THE DESK OF...

YOSSI PINTO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Tsad Kadima,

Half a school year has gone by and a period of many challenges is ahead of us.

First, I would like to point out that the *Amuta* has opened all frameworks, classes and programs as planned.

We worked hard on preparing a 4 year program for the years 2005-2006 until 2009-2010, which was approved by the board on February 2005.

* This is the first year that we held the "Hike for Hope", a hike for the children of *Tsad Kadima* on the Israel trail until the outskirts of Eilat. Twenty-five hikers took part in the hike from Israel and abroad, who raised money for the *Amuta*.

* At the end of March we held the annual fund-raising event in Jerusalem with the singer, Achinoam Nini. The event was most successful with over one thousand guests.

* A new circle of friends was established, a second generation to the founding generation, which took upon itself as a primary goal, to assist in fund-raising for the summer camp for the adults.

Upcoming Activities...

- The organizing committee has begun planning the next Tel Aviv fund-raising event.
- The enrollment for next year's programs has begun.
- Operation of adolescent summer camp, August 2005.
- Absorption of a new cycle of students for the Conductive Education training program.
- Opening a first grade class for the kindergarten graduates in the HaSharon center.
- Continuing and improving program development in Beer Sheba.
- Placement of our highly devoted staff in the different programs planned for the upcoming year.
- Running summer programs in the different frameworks during July-August 2005.

On a different note...a few weeks ago, a very dear and good friend of *Tsad Kadima*, Mr. Samuel Sebba, passed away, one day after his 100th birthday. Mr. Sebba was a dear friend who contributed to *Tsad Kadima* for many years. May his memory be blessed.

Yossi Pinto



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FUNDRAISING EVENTS

IN TEL AVIV

This year, our faithful volunteers organized two fund-raising events for the benefit of our children.

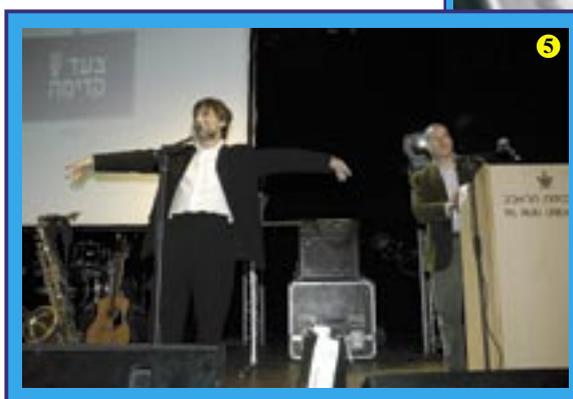
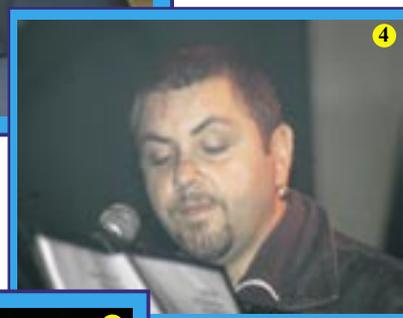
The annual fund-raising event in Tel Aviv was held at the elegant *Smolarsh* hall, at the Tel Aviv University, where the popular Israeli singers Meir Banai & Arkadi Duchin, entertained the enthusiastic audience.

Meir Banai also took the time to visit the *Tsad Kadima* center in Rishon LeZion before the performance, and a short video clip capturing the experience, showed the warm connection between him and the children.

Another special treat for the participants was the performance of actor Alon Abutbul, Master of Ceremonies for the evening, who not only introduced the performers, but conducted an auction for a football signed by the players of *Juventus-Italy*, selling it to the highest bidder, and increasing the income of the evening.

The one thousand guests had a great time, and we congratulate the volunteers for a great job.

Well done!



In the Pictures: 1. Anete Mozes; 2. Alon Abutbul auctioning; 3. Dancing to the music ; 4. Arkadi Duchin; 5. Alon Abutbul and Tal Barnoach

IN JERUSALEM

The internationally renowned singer Achinoam Nini (Noa) together with Zohar Fresko and Gil Dor, gave an unforgettable concert at the Jerusalem Theater. Prior to the event, Achinoam visited the children of *Tsad Kadima*, and her bonding with them added extra fire to her performance.

After the show, Achinoam met a group of *Tsad Kadima*'s most faithful donors, to express her admiration of the work they are doing for so long.

Master of Ceremonies for this evening was the charming television weather forecaster, Sharon Wexler, who helped make the evening pleasant and enjoyable.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in this wonderful event, and we hope to see you all next year!



In the Pictures: 1. Achinoam with school children; 2. Achinoam with kindergarten children; 3. Achinoam in performance; 4. Achinoam with Gil Dor and Yam Becher; 5. Anete Mozes congratulates Ira Sekliter; 6. Gil Dor with Prof. Shaul Hochstein

A SPECIAL EXHIBIT

OF YOUNG ARTISTS

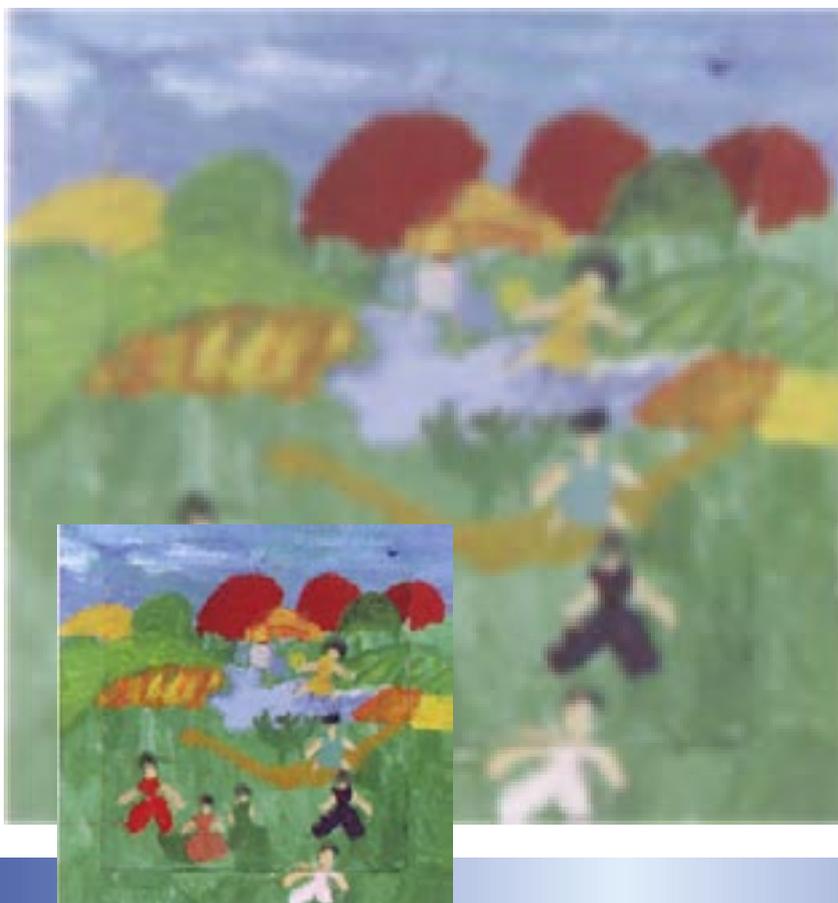
A special art exhibit titled “*Five Sharing A Flat*” was displayed at the Jerusalem Theater, as a joint venture of *Shekel* and *Tsad Kadima*.

Five young adults, graduates of *Tsad Kadima*, share an independent flat in Jerusalem. They also share the love and talent for art.

Shai Bublil, Miriam Render, Talia Kushnir, Ma’ayan Hazut and Ayelet Hazut exhibited their paintings. They prove that a physical handicap cannot

hinder talent. Their colorful and optimistic art works show that with enthusiasm and dedication, you can break through the barriers of handicaps and step forward towards a meaningful and rewarding life.

The artists were guided by Ms. Ahuva Arbeli from the *Ilanot* School and Ms. Yael Keter of the Israel Museum’s Youth Wing. The curator of the exhibition was Ms. Noga Arad Ayalon.



FRIENDS OF TSAD KADIMA

THE NEW CIRCLE – IN ISRAEL

By: Gusti Braverman

As a friend of Rony Schenker, I have observed the amazing work done by *Tsad Kadima*, for many years.

Each time I meet the children of *Tsad Kadima*, I feel so grateful. Grateful that my own children were born healthy in body and soul, and grateful that such an organization exists, to assist those who need it to help them to grow up and live a fulfilling and honorable life.

The last few years brought great hardship to Israel and its citizens. It seems, on many issues, that the state “washes its hand” from the citizen’s hardships, and refrains from providing solutions to social and health problems. It is a wake up call for us, to do what is needed to help.

“*The New Circle of friends of Tsad Kadima*” combines a group of very busy people from all areas of society; public, social and business affairs. In spite of hectic schedules, they are all adamant to help *Tsad Kadima*. Each of them will be contributing their talents, abilities and connections to benefit *Tsad Kadima*.

The primary obligation undertaken by the group for the 2005 is to help realize the very much needed Summer Camp, for the young adolescents.

Israeli poet, Yehuda Amichai, wrote the poem “*A Time of Grace*”:

***“It was a chance
to be close to one another,
To change all and start
a new world together”***



The New Circle has no pretension to start a new world, but we want to be close and help make a change for the better.

In the Pictures: Members of The New Circle visit Tsad Kadima’s facilities in Rishon LeZion.



FRIENDS OF TSAD KADIMA

OVERSEAS

Tsad Kadima has been blessed with groups of friends who, from afar, encourage us and reinforce us in our rehabilitative work with our children.

The first and most senior of the groups, one that has been with us with utmost dedication since the very beginning of *Tsad Kadima* and continues with relentless efforts to raise funds on our behalf, is the one led by Barbara and Henry Render, in Chicago.

The work of Mrs. Ruth Morris of London is also noteworthy. Working on behalf of the association since its earliest days, Mrs. Morris, a board member, has been relentless in her efforts on our behalf. She has visited us and is constantly up-to-date on the association's development and professional activities.

Yishar Koach!

Two relatively new groups are very active and have done much for the behalf of *Tsad Kadima*.

* The '***Friends of Tsad Kadima***' in Washington is led by Sara Avisar and Mery Portnoy and has been active in circles of Israelis living in the DC area.

Three social evenings to benefit *Tsad Kadima* have already been held. Additional fund-raising activities have been a Purim Party and an Israel Independence Day picnic. The group recently held an event with Mr. Mickey Levy, Jerusalem's former District Police Commissioner, who spoke about the complexities of the situation in the city during the Intifada.

The various activities have had wide appeal and have increased the base of *Tsad Kadima* supporters in the USA.

* The '***Friends of Tsad Kadima***' in Italy

For about a year now, Mr. Alex Viterbo, a member of the association's Executive Board, has been responsible for activities on behalf of *Tsad Kadima* among his friends and acquaintances in Italy, his native homeland. The responses to his appeals have been positive and have resulted not only in admirable financial support, but in activities on the part of both individuals and groups for the benefit of *Tsad Kadima's* children. A few months ago, a decision was made to

establish a formally recognized organization to be called '*Friends of Tsad Kadima in Italy*', to conduct activities in support of the association. This organization has received its official status, and is dedicated in its activities for the benefit of our children.

Congratulations and a heartfelt 'Thank You' from *Tsad Kadima!*



In the Pictures: 1. Mickey Levy, Rony Schenker, Sara Avisar, Grace Mozes; 2. Mickey Levy speaks to friends in Washington; 3. Representative of *Friends of Tsad Kadima-Italy* with Hanna Alagem and Alexander Viterbo

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

FOR THE YEAR 2004

This year, two prizes for excellence were awarded to outstanding employees at the Jerusalem annual fund-raising event, in March 2005.

Now in its 6th year, the ***Eve Harrison Outstanding Conductor Prize*** was awarded to Ruth Merhav, who before immigrating to Israel, just 10 years ago, had worked at the *Peto* Institute.

Below is an excerpt from the committee's recommendation:

Ruth works as part of the multi-professional staff of the HaSharon Pre-School. She has served as tutor to many generations of Conductors-in-training.

Her work with the children is marked by professionalism, steadfast adherence to objectives, and endless dedication. She relates to the children with an abundance of love and respect and uncompromising faith in their ability to progress and succeed. To the parents she communicates a confidence in their capabilities to deal with their child's needs, as well as hope, and certainty for a better future. Ruth serves as a source of strength and support for the children, their parents, and

her co-workers.

This year, for the very first time, an award has also been granted to an outstanding, non-Conductor employee. The Render family of Chicago, always a source of encouragement and support for the Association since its inception, has decided to grant an award in honor of the 75th birthday of the head of the family, Mr. Hank Render.

The first ***Render Family Foundation Annual Award for Excellence*** has been awarded to Ira Skaliter, a communications-speech therapist.

The following is an excerpt from the committee's recommendation:

Ira is a member of the multi-profession staff of the Rishon LeZion Educational Rehabilitative Center. She has been g r a c e d with a remarkable ability to bond with the children and staff, to elicit

attentiveness, and to deal with complex professional issues in the spirit of open and honest dialogue. Ira is skilled in sharing her extensive professional knowledge to people from other professions, while she herself continually seeks additional training, skill development, and keeping up to date in her own profession. In her pleasant and intelligent manner, Ira has made the staff and parents mindful of the extreme importance of communication and of the 'Talking Computer', both of which have become an integral part of the rehabilitative process at the Center.

In the Picture: Ms. Ira Skaliter speaks after receiving the Render Family Foundation Annual Award for Excellence.



FAMILY DAY

IN RISHON LEZION

By: Lilach Ben-Aharon, Social Worker, Rishon LeZion center

“Mother’s day” has changed in the last few years in Israel, and has become “Family day”, when the children enjoy themselves with their parents at school.

This year, we decided to broaden the boundaries, and open this event to all family members: grandparents, uncles and aunts, brothers and sisters.

Seventeen family members attended this event, starting with a short introduction about the professional approach operated in the center, continued by an open conversation among the

participants.

Most family members expressed their gratitude for this chance to learn more about what their relatives are experiencing in the process of rehabilitating a CP child. They now feel closer and have more understanding of the parents who are preoccupied with their child and who usually have little patience to explain or share their feelings with others.

One grandmother said: “Thank you for opening a pathway to my daughter, who until now I didn’t know how to reach”.

The participants finished the day by sharing an hour of fun and

joyful activities with the children.

We hope to continue these meetings, for the benefit of all family members.

Mazal Tov on the birth of:

Meital Gueta-Dayan - a daughter

Hila Fisher - a son

Susan Groner - a son

Michal Noiman - a son

Naomi Rotem-Dagan - a son

Karen Sagie - a son

Sharon Meir - a son

Sigalit Daniel - a son

Edna Silver - a daughter

Limor Halevi - a daughter

Anete Mozes - 2 grandchildren



IN MEMORIAM... MICHAL KORLANSKY

By: Shula Weiss & Rachel Navon

Six months ago, we lost a dear friend, Michal Korlansky, one of the founders of *Tsad Kadima*. She passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Michal was one of the first Israeli parents to travel to Budapest and to discover the Conductive Education method, and for whom we are indebted for establishing *Tsad Kadima* in Israel. The strong desire to advance her daughter and her openness to experiment new methods

of rehabilitation, despite the hardship of traveling to a distant country, were strong features in Michal’s character.

Volunteering together on the board of *Tsad Kadima* and in the *Ilanot* school in Jerusalem, we had the opportunity to get to know an energetic and strong-willed friend with determination and intense devotion to the cause of giving our children the best chance for rehabilitation.

Her integrity and ability to face reality, came together with optimism

and a great sense of humor. The love and patience that she showed so generously to everyone who approached her, will be greatly missed by all.

We share with Arik and the kids the grief and great void that opened in their lives, but we hope that with the love and optimism Michal left with them, they will be able to rebuild their lives again.

TSAD KADIMA HIKE

THE "ISRAEL TRAIL"

The mountain goats and the hyraxes of the southern Eilat Mountains observed at length the group of people in their prime, trekking from Shaharut to Eilat and seemed to be wondering "What in the world are these folks doing here?"

"These folks" were the participants in Israel's first hike for the children of *Tsad Kadima*.

23 people, from both Israel and abroad, left their work and their homes and set out for a 3 day walk in the Eilat Mountains, sleeping in tents at night, with the purpose of raising funds for the well-being and rehabilitation of children who cannot walk.

Each of these outstanding people, aside from contributing their time and energy, raised at least \$1,000 for the children of *Tsad Kadima*.

The hike, sponsored by *Maine Plastics* of Chicago, was organized by *Tsad Kadima* with the help of a number of dear friends and volunteers: Asher Arbit, who was both the living spirit and primary driving force for the participants; Ilan Garusi of Jerusalem's *Chakra* Restaurant, who became a mobile chef and with his buddy Nadav

saw to it that the participants were served fine food; *Hertz Auto Rentals* contributed the use of a van and Mr. Deddi Meshulam of Eilat contributed the use of a jeep. Both

vehicles traversed the desert paths, bringing the trekkers supplies and water at every one of their stops.

At the end of the hike, on Friday, the teenagers of *Tsad Kadima* joined the trekkers for a colorful parade along the Eilat promenade.

The trekkers and the young people then spent a weekend of rest and recreation in Eilat, at the Laguna Hotel. The mayor of Eilat, Mr. Meir Yitzchak HaLevi, honored the group by his presence at the closing ceremony, where he presented certificates to the participants.

The spectacular desert scenery and the relationships that developed with the young people made a lasting impression on the participants as they bid farewell exclaiming: "See you at the next hike!"



Tsad Kadima Hike, 2005

Quotes from the Hike...

Robert Render of Skokie, Illinois commenting on his experience stated “I especially enjoyed the great camaraderie among the hikers in accomplishing the physically challenging tasks of the hike. We were inspired by the children of *Tsad Kadima* who face challenges, large and small, every day of their lives”.

Barbara Render of Deerfield, Illinois - “At seventy four years of age, I was excited to be on my first camping and hiking trip.

I found hiking in Israel physically challenging and spiritually uplifting. It meant so much to be sharing this event with our children and grandchildren, all participating for this most worthy cause. I encourage overseas families and friends to make next year’s hike a definite destination”.

Ellen A R Sims -“At the start of the *Hike for Hope* I was a middle-aged, reasonably fit walker with a cause. At the end I was not the same person (apart from the dust). I amazed myself (and my mother!) by meeting unexpected physical and mental challenges. The easiest part of the hike (the seafront at Eilat, where we were joined by *Tsad Kadima* young adults) was also the most rewarding. It was the experience of a lifetime, until next year!”



צעת "צד קדימה", 2005

הצועדים מספרים...

בוב רנדר, מסקוקי אילינוי, מסכם את השתתפותו בצעדה "...במיוחד נהניתי מהחברות שהתגבשה בין המשתתפים במהלך האתגר הפיזי של סיום המסלול הקשה. כולנו קבלנו השראה מילדי צעד קדימה, המתמודדים עם אתגרים קטנים וגדולים בכל יום ויום".

ברברה רנדר, מדירפילד אילינוי, מסכמת: "בגיל 74 התרגשתי לחוות את הצעדה הראשונה שלי, שכללה אתגרים פיזיים לא קלים, יחד עם התרוממות רוח גדולה. היה לי מאוד חשוב ומהנה לחלוק חוויה זו עם ילדי ונכדיי, כולם משתתפים במאמץ למען מטרה כה נעלה. אני פונה לידידים ומכרים החיים עמנו בארצות הברית, לסמן לעצמם השתתפות בצעדה הבאה – כמטרה".

אלן ר. סימס כותבת: "בתחילת הצעדה הייתי אישה בגיל העמידה, בכושר הליכה ממוצע עם מטרה. בסוף הצעדה לא נשארתי אותה אישה (למעט האבק). הדהמתי את עצמי (וגם את אמא שלי!) בכך שהתמודדתי עם קשיים פיזיים

ונפשיים לא צפויים. החלק הקל ביותר של הצעדה (על חוף אילת כאשר הצטרפו אלינו הבוגרים של צעד קדימה) היה גם המרגש ביותר. זו הייתה חוויה של פעם בחיים, להתראות בפעם הבאה!"

