

Bnai Zion Foundation Celebrates Its 2018 Highlights

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What an incredible year 2018 was for Bnai Zion Foundation, both in Israel and in the United States! Senior Vice President Rebecca Harary, Bnai Zion's dedicated Board of Directors and staff, and CEO Cheryl Bier have been working around the clock to help underprivileged people of all backgrounds, including Sephardic Jews in Israel live happier, healthier, and safer lives.



Yeshivah of Flatbush High School Hesed Club spends the day packing clothes for Israelis in need at Yad Leah, sponsored by Bnai Zion Foundation

Clothing the Poor

Yad Leah, a thriving organization which was recently adopted by Bnai Zion, has been better able to collect thousands of bags of new or like-new clothing here in America and ship them by the container-full to over 23 economically challenged communities in Israel.

Project Highlights

Some of our project highlights in 2018 include: the beginning of construction in Haifa of Bnai Zion Medical Center's new underground, bombproof Emergency Room, which will allow the doctors and staff to continue saving lives in the event of an attack from Lebanon or Syria, which both share a border with Haifa. The Ahava Village for Children and Youth's new therapy center—which will provide vital therapy to children healing from the traumas of abuse and neglect—also began construction this year and is near completion.

In Ma'ale Adumim, we're working hard to extend the Yuvalim Senior Center, which offers nourishing meals and constant support to hundreds of Holocaust survivors and other area seniors every day. All of our projects at Bnai Zion have a lasting—and often lifesaving—impact on the people of Israel.

Exceptional Events

Here in the Sephardic Community, Bnai Zion has hosted many exciting events to raise money and awareness for their projects in Israel.

At the Designs that Donate event in the stunning New York City home of Danielle and Mac Dabah, attendees shopped the latest fashions, while “Excessories Expert” Elizabeth Savetsky spoke about the latest accessory trends. Everything was 20% off and all proceeds went to Bnai Zion.

In August, Shella and Jack Sitt hosted Fall Forward in their beautiful home in Deal. It was a fabulous day of shopping, lunch, Chinese auction winners, and inspiring speakers, including author and Chef extraordinaire Poopa Dweck and Dr. Simone Hiday.

The afternoon’s 10 member event committee left no stone unturned when they planned this exquisite day.



Shoppers pack the beautiful home of Danielle and Mac Dabah in NYC for the Designs that Donate event



“Excessories Expert” Elizabeth Savetsky teaches guests how to accessorize for summer



Senior Vice President Rebecca Harary, Event Chairwoman Shella Sitt, and the incredible event committee who made Fall Forward a huge success.



Renowned Chef and author Poopa Dweck serves up a healthy dose of Syrian desserts as one of the Fall Forward guest speakers

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The stunning decor in the Sukkah of Rebecca and Joe Harary enhanced the mood during the Sukkah in the City event



Bnai Zion Senior Vice President Rebecca Harary with Guest Speaker Rabbi Doctor Hank Sheinkopf

Sukkah Spectacular
 Rebecca and Joe Harary hosted a Sukkah in the City dinner in their beautiful Manhattan townhouse, with Rabbi Dr. Hank Sheinkopf speaking about current events in Israel.



New York Gala Emcee Harry Adjmi, Alice Adjmi, Bnai Zion Senior Vice President Rebecca Harary, and Joe Harary



Special Guest Ambassador Dani Dayan is welcomed to the stage by Emcee Harry Adjmi



Rabbi Elie Abadie, M.D. accepts his award for his dedication to Bnai Zion Foundation

Our Gala
 Our Annual New York Gala at the Jewish Heritage Museum in New York City on November 4th honored four very accomplished and proud Zionists: including our esteemed Rabbi Elie Abadie, M.D. Throughout the Gala, our community's own Harry Adjmi captured our hearts as the emcee, and a heartwarming speech by Ambassador Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York moved everyone in the crowded reception hall.

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B'nai Zion at Carnegie Hall

In December, Bnai Zion brought in the Ma'ale Adumim Youth Symphony from Israel to perform alongside the Ramaz High School and adult choirs for a Jewish Unity Concert at Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall.



The Ramaz Choirs take full stage at Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall for Bnai Zion's Jewish Unity Concert



Bnai Zion Senior Vice President Rebecca Harary with Holocaust Survivor and Motivational Speaker Sami Steigman

More To Come In 2019

With Hashem's help, Bnai Zion Foundation will bring even more support in 2019 to the people in Israel who otherwise have no place to turn for help.

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered for our events, and to everyone from our community who reached into their hearts to help support the important work Bnai Zion is doing in Israel.

Check out our website at BnaiZion.org for more pictures and videos from our past events! □